

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 14, 2024

St. Monica Catholic Church

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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM



St. Monica Catholic Church MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:00 AM (Vietnamese)
11:00 AM

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy at
Our Lady of Fatima Byzantine

Weekdays
8:30 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Rosary
8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confession
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

Administrator

Rev. David Schunk

In Residence

St. Monica Rectory
Rev. Paulinus Iwuj, SMMM
Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

3835 Balboa Street
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St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

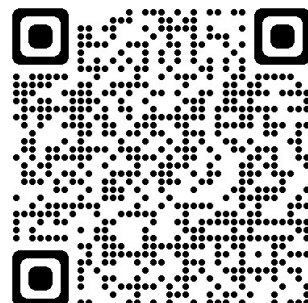
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

First Saturday Adoration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



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the Apostle
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This past week, I was down in Garden Grove, CA (Orange County) for part two of the new pastors workshop for priests from throughout California, Nevada, and Utah. Some of you may recall I was away for a few days for part one in the fall. It was a time to gather with brother priests and share our experiences of the past year as well as hear presentations to assist us in shepherding our various and diverse communities. No matter our experiences and situations, there is always something new to learn and this past week was no exception.

Last Friday, our 8th graders who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, along with their classmates who have already received Confirmation, had an on-campus retreat during their school day as a way to prepare themselves for Confirmation. I ask that we all continue to pray for them. On May 11th, they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Saint Mary’s Cathedral. The grace of the Sacrament will help them live the gifts of the Spirit and guide them for the rest of their lives.

On a different note, you may be aware of the Geary Blvd. improvement project that the SF MTA is slowly rolling out in the Richmond. With one of our parish churches and our school prominently placed on Geary Blvd., we as a parish have a strong interest in what is happening and the development of the plans for Geary Blvd. For those of you interested, the MTA is having an Open House on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 from 5-7 p.m. at Presidio Middle School Library, 2nd Floor, 450 30th Ave. to discuss and show their plans. One part I would like to draw to your attention is an online community survey for boulevard beautification ideas. When I took the survey, I noticed that one of the options was artwork that highlighted iconic buildings on Geary which included churches! I am hoping that Saint Monica’s would be included as an iconic church. You can find and take the survey on the MTA website: SFMTA.com/EnhanceGeary.

Finally, next week is Sister Noreen’s Jubilee celebration at the 11:00 AM Mass with reception to follow. I hope all of you are as excited as I am! We will have some of her Sisters with us for Mass as well as some of the Carondelet Associates who will all renew their Vows and Promises at Mass as part of the celebration. It will be a loving and memorable event.

Father Schunk

***Welcome to all who worship with our parish family,
whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish.***

If you are not registered, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Remove from List
- Send Sunday Envelopes
- St. Monica St. Thomas the Apostle



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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be held on Sunday, May 5th during the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Monica Church for the students of St. Monica School and our Religious Education Program.



CONFIRMATION for our 8th grade students and parishioners will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, May 11th, at 10:00 AM.

All are welcome to attend.

Anointing of the Sick

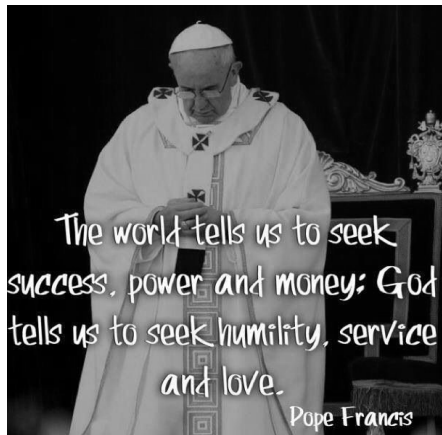
Join us on Tuesday, April 16th after our 8:30 AM Mass for an Anointing of the Sick at St. Monica Church.



 * We pray for the repose of the soul of *
 * Elizabeth Nott *
 * and offer our sympathy to their *
 * family and friends. *
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 * Funeral will be on Monday, April 15th at 11:00 AM *
 * at St. Thomas the Apostle. Rosary will begin at *
 * 10:30 AM. *
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ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember your friends and loved ones in a memorial space in the vestibule of each Church. For a donation of \$250.00, a brass nameplate will be engraved with the name(s) of your choice with a maximum of 50 letters. If you wish to order a plaque, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.



WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP.
ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month in the Small Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass. To volunteer please email Deacon Dana Perrigan at perrigan2000@yahoo.com.
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH - SOCIAL SUNDAY will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the vestibule of the Church after the 10:00 AM Mass. To volunteer



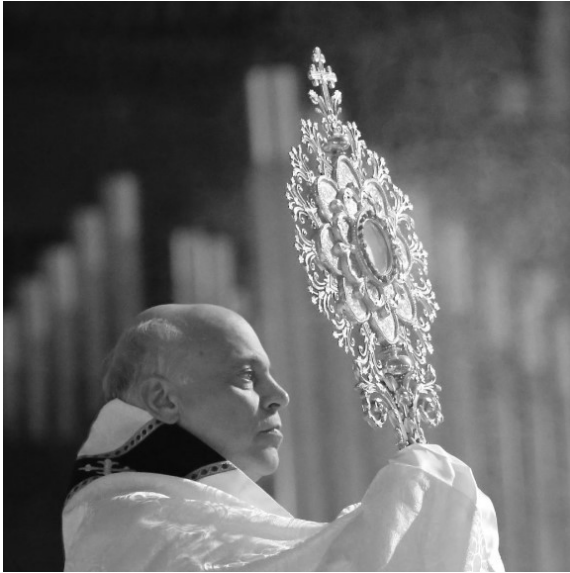
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**Walk with Jesus Across the Golden Gate Bridge!
Sunday, May 19, 2024**

Join us for the launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West on the St. Junipero Serra Route. Lead by Archbishop Cordileone and the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims. The event begins with an 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption followed by a pilgrimage walk with the Blessed Sacrament across the Golden Gate Bridge.

See the Archdiocesan website for more detailed information on the event.

<https://sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival/>



**In His Presence
The Eucharistic Revival at St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle
Focus for April – Being in God’s Presence in Joy**

Last month, our focus of reflection had a more somber tone as we reflected on being in God’s presence in our suffering and pain. In the season of Lent, this may have been an appropriate time for that focus. Now that we enter the Easter season, we should look to the opposite, in how we see ourselves in the Lord’s presence in joy. In a way, it is ironic because we find Easter joy in the empty tomb, the place where the Lord is not. Setting that ironic detail aside, I offer to us a particular example of being in the Lord’s presence in joy and one involving new life, literally. I propose us to reflect on the newborn baby. It is just fascinating that when a baby is born, we can just sit there and watch him or her do nothing but breathe and perhaps scrunch up their face. For me and I suspect most of you, it is an experience that fills us with wonder and joy. Here is new life, here is a miracle where before there was nothing but now a new human person. And this person came into existence because God allowed it to be so. In this moment when there is so much joy, we are In His Presence as we behold his life-sustaining work. Now a child is just one example. There are other situations and things that can cause us joy. Entering our churches at Easter and seeing the beautiful decorations or gathering with family and friends may cause us joy. These blessings are reminders to us of the constant work of God in our lives and how he is entering our presence with his grace. May all the joys of the Easter season allow you to recognize the closeness and presence of the One who is the source of all joy.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	04/15	8:30 AM	Mary Jo Wisneski †	Mon.	04/15	8:30 AM	Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Living & Deceased
Tue.	04/16	8:30 AM	Msgr. John Coleman †	Tue.	04/16		No Mass
Wed.	04/17	8:30 AM	Joseph Ngo †	Wed.	04/17	8:30 AM	Msgr. John Coleman †
Thu.	04/18	8:30 AM	Msgr. Labib Kobti †	Thu.	04/18		No Mass
Fri.	04/19	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Fri.	04/19	8:30 AM	Sr. Noreen O'Connor, Jubilee
Sat.	04/20	8:30 AM	Matthew Siu †	Sat.	04/20		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Msgr. Labib Kobti †	Sun.	04/21	9:00 AM	Parishioners
		11:00 AM	Sr. Noreen O'Connor, Jubilee				

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
April 7, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$1,932.00	\$1,519.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$389.00	

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Update

Dear Friends, Thank you to all the households who have contributed to the AAA. With our most recent update from the Archdiocese, we are at approximately 72% of our monetary goal. As I stated when we kicked off the Appeal, our goal is to have 100% **participation** from all the households of our parish. We have been including in our bulletin the past several weeks stories of some of the ministries that are benefited by the Appeal so you may get a sense of the ways your contributions support various ministries in the Archdiocese. If you have not yet made a contribution, you may pick up a brochure or one of the white envelopes at the doors of the churches which includes my letter about the AAA. Thank you all for your continued support.

Beneficiary Stories from the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)

- **Teacher Incentive Grants** - one teacher notes, “The Incentive grant has helped me become a more responsive educator. It’s helped me assess my students’ needs and respond to them more effectively by providing a nurturing environment where they can continue to learn and grow as a whole person. It has made a tremendous impact on my life and the lives of my students.”
- **Ongoing Education for our Priests** - in the words of one Pastor, "Our world is a challenging place to live in and to minister in. As priests we are called to be ministers of God's Word in the world that we find ourselves...and that world is very different from what it was when we went to seminary, whether it was five years ago or 50 years ago. Continuing education for priests is important to understand the world and how to best minister in it. And we wouldn't be able to engage in this continuing education if not for the support of the Annual Appeal."
- **Restorative Justice** - the Restorative Justice program assists crime victims and their families, offenders, the incarcerated, and their families. The family of one young man killed in San Francisco said that without the Restorative Justice ministry, they "...would not have been able to meet other families already supported by this ministry, and through this support group they find comfort in the journey of their healing."