Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 23, 2017

St. Monica Catholic Church
聖莫尼加天主堂

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San Francisco, CA 94121
Tel: 415-751-5275 Fax: 415-751-0440
Office Hours:
Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

St. Monica Catholic Church
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. *in Cantonese*

Weekdays
8:30 a.m.
12 noon *Latin Mass (Mon-Sat)*

Family Mass (School Year)
1st or 3rd Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Confession
Saturdays 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Holy Days
8:30 a.m. • 5:30 p.m.

Pastor
Rev. John J. Sakowski
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Rev. Kevin Kennedy
Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima
Russian Byzantine Catholic Church

Vietnamese Ministry Director
Rev. Te Van Nguyen

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Rev. William Young

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
聖多默天主堂

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Tel: 415-387-5545 Fax: 415-221-0868
Office Hours:
Mon-Wed 9:30 a.m. - Noon

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil—4:00 p.m.
1st Saturday 8:30 a.m.
Mass and Adoration

Sunday
8:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m. *in Vietnamese*

Weekdays
8:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

Family Mass (School Year)
2nd Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Confession
Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Holy Days
8:30 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, and we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. Pope Francis wrote in his declaration for the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others.

May God bless you and your family with Easter blessings of peace.

Sincerely yours,
Fr. John Sakowski

Reflection on the Gospel

My Lord and My God!

The Gospel reading is the first Resurrection appearance of Jesus to the disciples, and we hear the well-known "doubting Thomas" story. Thomas' initial doubt is transformed into a deep faith, resulting in him speaking one of the most Christ-centered statements about Jesus in the Gospel of John: *"My Lord and my God."*

Jesus' response to Thomas' confession of faith resonates throughout history: *"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

This week, we are called to reaffirm our faith in Jesus' resurrection. *"Peace be with you"* are words our merciful Jesus speaks to us, words that express His desire to be one with us in peace and love.

Are YOU a doubting Thomas?

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RUSSIAN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join us on Sunday, April 23 for Thomas Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am; and Sunday, April 30—Myrrh Bearing Women Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10 am. All are welcome! For more information, please visit byzantinecatholic.org or call 415-752-2052.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS - St. Monica - Fr. Bill Young celebrates a traditional Latin Mass, Monday through Saturday at 12:00 Noon at St. Monica. All are welcome!

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND - Please call the Parish Office if you or someone you know is ill, facing surgery or in the hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Eucharist. Additionally, call the office if you would like to be added to our prayer list in the bulletin.

***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 _____ *Phone* _____ *Email* _____

Address _____ *City* _____ *Zip* _____

☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address ☐ New Phone Number

☐ Remove from List ☐ Send Sunday Envelopes ☐ St. Monica ☐ St. Thomas

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on May 6, 2017 at St. Thomas the Apostle and May 7, 2017 at St. Monica.

Keira Bromwell
Isabella Castro
Brady Denker
Ishan De Silva
Anna Feroz
Matthew Foley
Grace Groh
Annabelle Kennedy
Robert Kennedy
Hannah Kim
Roisin Morales
Kailah O'Doherty
Eleni Olla
Joaquin Ovalle
Olivia Pach
Melania Paslay
Carl Weaver
Ian Wonder

THANK YOU ALL for your generous service to St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle during Lent and Easter. I am grateful for your partnership and support. Thank you to each person who was part of creating a very artistic Church environment, the gift of music, for servers and cross bearers, for providing flowers, and donations of socks for the homeless at St. Dominic Church and food for the women and children at Star Community Home. May God bless you!

We joyfully welcome into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church, Nick He, an eighth grader at St. Thomas the Apostle School and Izabel Walker, a fourth grader at St. Monica School. They were received into the Church at the Vigil on April 15.

The Lamp in the Sanctuary - St. Thomas the Apostle

Notice that the wick is growing stronger and taller each week of Lent symbolizing what has been happening in each of us. During the past six weeks, the light of Christ in our lives has been growing stronger and taller through the gift of our Lenten prayers and sacrifices. In this Easter Season, reflect on the clay oil lamp of your life.

In the Parishes

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Tel: 415-221-2711/Fax: 415-221-8611
www.sfsta.org
Principal: Ms. Judith Borelli

St. Thomas Pre-School/Pre-K
Tel: 415-387-5511/www.sfsta.org
Director: Ms. Jessie Men

***Anointing of the Sick*: At St. Monica on the 1st Tuesday after the 8:30 am Mass and at St. Thomas on the last Friday after the 8:30 am Mass.**

***Baptism*: Parents and godparents have to participate in the Baptismal preparation program. The next Baptism class is on May 13 at 10:30 am. Contact Sr. Noreen at noconnor@csjla.org.**

***C.C.D./Religious Education*: Contact Sr. Noreen at noconnor@csjla.org.**

***Holy Hour:* at St. Thomas on the 1st Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass.**

***Matrimony*: Couples are required to make arrangements with the parish six months prior to the desired date and to schedule marriage preparation classes.**

***R.C.I.A.:* for those who want to become Catholic or are baptized Catholic, but have not received all the sacraments. Contact Sr. Noreen: noconnor@csjla.org.**

Rosary: 8:00 am, Mon-Sat at St. Monica.

***St. Monica Choir* - Practice at 7:00 pm on Thursdays in the choir room.**

***St. Thomas Choir* - Practice on Sundays at 10:30 am. Email Max Dzul at maxdzu1357@hotmail.com.**

***St. Vincent de Paul*: A 2nd collection for the needy is taken every 5th Sunday at St. Monica. Monthly meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Foudy Hall (beneath the Church). Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches for 300.**

Prayer Requests

Voltaire Abordo* Pauline Assali * Mary Chan* Zhuan Chen * Connie Concon * Jacques Derderian* Ramon Dychitan
Maria Fanara * Dan Fingal-Surma * Olivia Fisher * Gianna Rose Fedorczak * David Gamarra
Toby Goold * Colleen Granero * Mary Guy * Virginia Lou Hartmann * Frank Marino
Henry Maskowski * Virginia McGowan * Ann Murphy * Kaitlyn O'Connor * Dave Oliverio * Lourdes Olza
Kerry Parker * Tanya Ratliff * Alexa Rosario * Anna Seidler * Cynthia Seto * Teresa Spremich * Maria Wong

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM - A Children's Liturgy Program for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Children ages 3-6 experience God's word in an age-appropriate way. Before the readings, the children will be invited up for a blessing and dismissed to hear the message of the Gospel in a more meaningful way. Children will rejoin their family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. For more information or to volunteer contact Father John at frjohnpastor@aol.com.

RESPECT FOR LIFE - The Archdiocesan Respect Life Program is sponsoring a conference at St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday, April 29, on "Restoring Affordable Catholic Health Care in the San Francisco Bay Area." The seminar will introduce developments occurring at the grassroots level to allow Americans to find affordable and ethical health care solutions. Conference begins at 8 AM with celebration of Mass at the Cathedral's Altar of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Continental breakfast in St. Francis Hall, and opening prayer and welcome by Archbishop Cordileone at 9 AM. Adjournment is at noon. Cost is $20. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Vicki Evans at 415-614-5533 or evansv@sfarch.org.

OUTREACH AT ST. MONICA AND ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

STAR COMMUNITY HOME - provides housing for homeless women and children. Please bring your gifts of non-perishable food items such as cereal, canned food, beans, rice, tuna, etc. and place them on the table by the side door in St. Thomas Church.

ST. BONIFACE HOMELESS - They are in need of socks for the homeless who shelter in the Church during the day. Please place the socks in the baskets at St. Monica and St. Thomas.

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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Sat.	4/22	8:30 am	Christine Lombella †
		5:00 pm	Mary, John and Jack Hanley †
Mon.	4/24	8:30 am	Deceased Members of Mary Chan Family †
Tue.	4/25	8:30 am	Bernard Smith †
Wed.	4/26	8:30 am	Natasha Kaplin (Special Intention)
Thu.	4/27	8:30 am	Tanya Ratliff (Special Intention)
Fri.	4/28	8:30 am	Bernard Smith †
Sat.	4/29	8:30 am	Pedro Dimapasoc † (In Memory of B-Day)
		5:00 pm	Michael G. (Special intention)

St. Thomas			
Sat.	4/15	8:30 am	NO MASS
		4:00 pm	Bill Olinger †
Mon.	4/17	8:30 am	Mercedes Kow †
Tue.	4/18	8:30 am	Maggie Robertson †
Wed.	4/19	8:30 am	Victor Tham †
Thu.	4/20	8:30 am	Maggie Robertson †
Fri.	4/21	8:30 am	Mercedes Kow †
Sat.	4/22	8:30 am	NO MASS
		5:00 pm	Mila Rivera - Thanksgiving

ST. MONICA - April 29-30

LECTORS
5:00 pm Jean Winn
8:00 am Mike Guglielmino
10:30 am Josephine Smith

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
5:00 pm J. Gerardo/M. D'Silva/S. Sermsakul
8:00 am G. Dempsey/N. Estonina/C. Pogosian
10:30 am T. & S. Sermsakul/N. & H. Concon

ST. THOMAS - April 29-30

LECTORS
4:00 pm Gerry & John Paul Jacinto
8:30 am Andrea Iida
11:00 am Jim Crim

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
4:00 pm Doree jacinto/Lourdes Olza
8:30 am Andrea Iida/Christine Aguerre
11:00 am Jim Crim/Terry Lai/Elizabeth Hall

OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF
MAXINE DENHOLM
THE ROSARY WILL BE HELD AT ST. MONICA
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29 AT 10:00 AM
FOLLOWED BY THE MEMORIAL MASS AT 11:00 AM

ST. MONICA
EASTER FLOWERS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LUDWIKA NOVAK

THIS WEEK (4/22-23) THE 2ND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR BLACK AND INDIAN HOME MISSIONS AND CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS. NEXT WEEK (4/29-30) THE 2ND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AT ST. MONICA AND THE ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL—AAA AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE.

THANK YOU 4/14-16/2017	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS
1ST COLLECTION	$1133.00 (Good Friday) $12,112.00 (Easter)	$483.00 (Good Friday) $3355.00 (Easter)
2ND COLLECTION	$ 750.00	$ 721.00
SPECIAL	$ 541.00 CANTONESE	$ 415.00 VIETNAMESE