

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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**Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 27, 2025**

## ***St. Monica Catholic Church***

470 24th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
Tel: 415-751-5275

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

Weekdays  
8:30 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Rosary  
8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions  
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

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## ***St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church***

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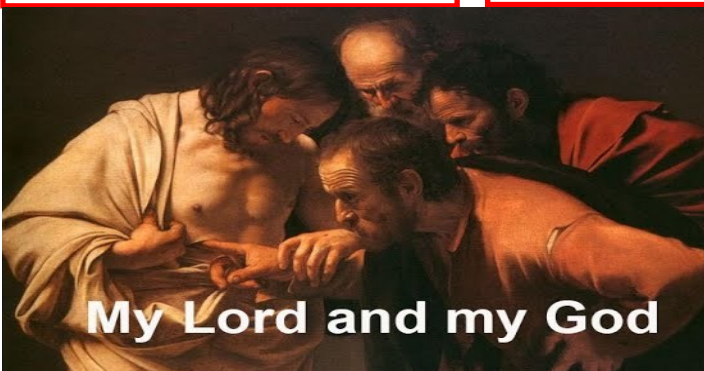
## ***St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE***

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



*Jesus,  
I Trust in You.*





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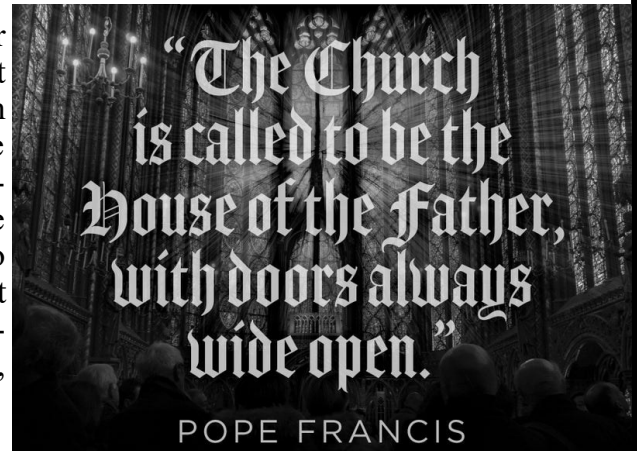


Dear brothers and sisters,

A Happy Easter to you all, as we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection during this holy time. Thank you to all who helped make our Easter Liturgies beautiful. I am truly grateful to everyone who stepped in to decorate, make purchases, rehearse, serve, and give of themselves to make our Triduum memorable. The work you did made this possible and we all owe you a debt of gratitude.

Let us continue to honor our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in these holy days. He has broken the bonds of sin and death and restored us to God's friendship. He has made life forevermore a reality and our hope.

We also take this time to pray for the soul of our Holy Father Pope Francis. He was a shining light given to us. We pray that the Lord rewards him mightily for all that he did to promote God's love and beauty in our world. We also pray that the college of cardinals be guided by the Holy Spirit in the selection of our next Pope. It is God himself who chooses and so we pray that his will be done, that we the flock of God may have another holy shepherd to lead us rightly along paths of truth, peace, justice, and above all love.



Fr. Ben



MAY THE SOULS of  
*the* FAITHFUL DEPARTED,  
THROUGH *the* MERCY  
of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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In his statement on the passing of Pope Francis, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone wrote:

"Upon learning the news of Pope Francis' passing, let us join together in prayer that the Lord may grant him safe passage to the heavenly Kingdom, and give him the reward of God's good and faithful servants. The outpouring of prayers, good will and love for our Holy Father not only from Catholics but from people of different faiths all over the world is edifying and personally fills me with gratitude.

Pope Francis called on us all to give more, sacrifice more, and care more about the poorest and most vulnerable, from the tiny infant in the womb, to the elderly and infirmed, to the migrant and the refugee. Let us take inspiration from his words and example and put that inspiration into action. That is the greatest tribute we could give to him.

Born Dec. 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pope Francis was ordained in 1969. He served as a Jesuit provincial and seminary rector before Pope St. John Paul II appointed him auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires in 1992. He became Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998 and was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 2001. In 2013, he was elected Pope.



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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

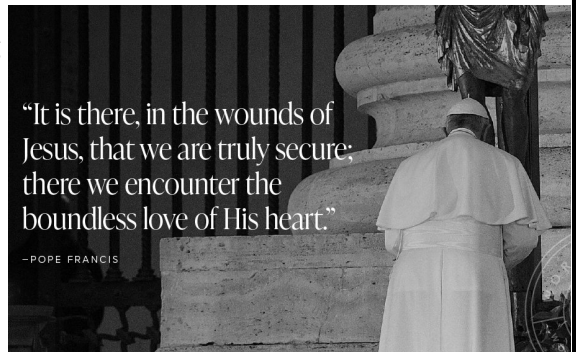
Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of “Doubting Thomas” but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt. But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let’s commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ’s mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” — in His merciful love. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants



### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

*Thank  
you*

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank our generous Lenten soup and bread donors, our Sacristans, our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, our Deacons and Priests, our Faith Formation volunteers, Godparents, our volunteers who work hard to make the environment at both our Churches look incredibly beautiful. Also, to our staff of both our School and Parish, and all those who contributed their time and talents. And to our parishioners and visitors for your presence. Thank you! We are all blessed to have you as part of this wonderful Parish.

We congratulate and pray for all our students who received  
the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on  
Saturday, April 26th at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Clarissa Griffin  
Victoria Kelly  
Caitlin Lan

Eliana Morales  
Maria Morales  
Ilse Mui

Kylie Ramos  
Kyra Ramos  
Meilani Suchovsky  
Quilaziti Vargas





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### SAVE THE DATES

**May Crowning** - Thursday, May 1st at 8:30 AM - St. Monica Church

**8th Grade Confirmation** - Saturday, May 3rd at 10:00 AM - Cathedral

**St. Monica School Gala** - Saturday, May 3rd at 6:00 PM - Check out the flier for details

**First Communion** - Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 AM - St. Monica Church

**Xristopher Compagno Diaconate Ordination** - Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 AM - Cathedral

**School Play** - Friday, May 16th at 1:00 PM and Saturday, May 17th at 7:00 PM - St. Monica Hall

**8th Grade Graduation Ceremony** - Friday, May 30th at 7:00 PM - St. Monica Church

**Last Day of School** - Thursday, June 5th - St. Monica School

**BROTHER XRISTOPHER COMPAGNO, Obl.OSB.Cam will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. Mary. All are welcome to attend.**

Brother Xristopher Compagno is an Oblate brother of the Camaldolese Benedictine hermits in the New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur and Incarnation Monastery in Berkeley. A cradle Catholic, Compagno served as an altar boy in his childhood parish, San Carlos Borromeo Cathedral in Monterey. A love for the arts, fostered by his mother, a writer, and his father, a musician, paved the way for a career in the music industry. After majoring in literature and humanities and studying Japanese at San Francisco State and UC Berkeley, Compagno began working for a major record label. The Holy Spirit led him to the hermitage and eventually to St. Dominic Parish in San Francisco. Here he celebrates devotions to St. Jude the Apostle, the Blessed Mother, St. Francis of Assisi and St. T  r  se of Lisieux. A lover of animals and nature, Compagno can often be found praying a rosary as he walks the beaches at Fort Point in San Francisco's Presidio. Upon ordination, he will continue his service at St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and his ongoing work in grief ministry at St. Mary's Cathedral. ~ Catholic San Francisco



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025** may be offered in honor of loved ones at either St. Monica or St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For scheduling and additional information, you can either stop by or mail your list to the parish office at 470 24th Ave. SF, CA 94121. Please list all your Mass intentions and requested dates. You can also call Jessica at 415-751-5275 during office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

### 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.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, April 16th. A special thank you to those who volunteered to help with shopping for supplies and delivery to the shelter the next day. Future sandwich making will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The next opportunity will be on **Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall. For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at megmared@comcast.net or 415-515-6945.



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## Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	04/28	8:30 AM	Matthew Siu †
Tue.	04/29	8:30 AM	Dan & Romie Rocamora †
Wed.	04/30	8:30 AM	Barbara Siu Chow †
Thu.	05/01	8:30 AM	Cathy Voderhey †
Fri.	05/02	8:30 AM	Fr. John Sakowski †
Sat.	05/03	8:30 AM	Andy † & Nieva Pons, Wedding Anniversary
		5:00 PM	Lucia & Gregorio Alewjan †
Sun.	05/04	11:00 AM	Parishioners

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	04/28	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	04/29		No Mass
Wed.	04/30	8:30 AM	K.C. John †
Thu.	05/01		No Mass
Fri.	05/02	8:30 AM	Fr. John Sakowski †
Sat.	05/03	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	05/04	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
April 20, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
EASTER COLLECTION	\$8,610.00	\$722.00	\$3,546.00

### CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Today, our second collection is for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of diocese in the United State are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. This appeal assists our brothers and sisters here in the United States, who do not have access to pastoral service, such as the Mass, the Sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these missions in dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### JOIN THE SUCCESS!

If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Appeal, we ask you to do so today. We invite everyone to share a portion of God's blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. Your gift has a great impact. We hope for **100%** participation from our parish family this year. Thank you for supporting our Archdiocesan ministries and the people who need and depend on our programs and services.

- ♦ Your generosity supports **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 in which 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."

**Our 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$46,186.00.**

**We have reached 51% of our goal.**

**Donate online:** <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/> or by using the QR Code

**Donate by mail:** Fill out the form inside the Church and mail the form to the Archdiocese.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

