

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 11, 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

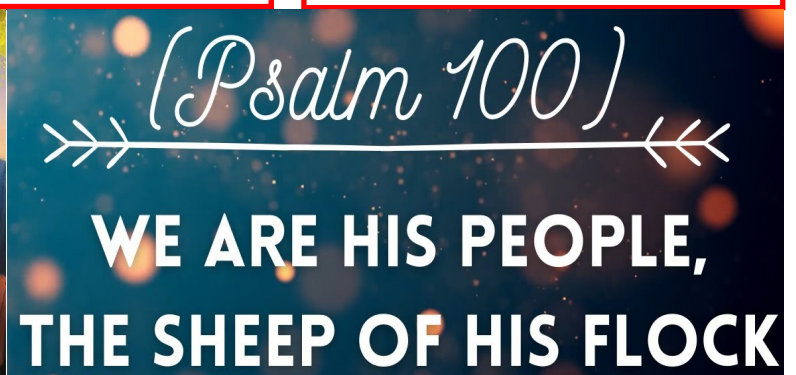
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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



"My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me" (John 10:27).





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Dear brothers and sisters,

I would like to wish you and your mothers a Happy Mother's Day. It is good that we reflect upon and give thanks for the gift of our mothers. Who would we be without them! We owe them so much for all the hard work they have done for us: for bringing us into this world, for rearing us, for showing us love and care, and even for the times they had to correct us from our waywardness. A mother's love is one that has shaped us in many ways. I am sure that we can all attribute many of our good qualities to what we learned from our own mom.

In our faith this was the case with Jesus himself toward his mother Mary. He received from her, his earthly body and he received from her motherly love and care. She helped him grow into the Savior who would be given up for us. Her yes to God, her fiat, was the turning point in the history of our salvation. Through Mary, Jesus came into our world.

We are so grateful for her in our own lives as well. She is the mother that was given to us all by Jesus on the cross when he said to the disciple whom he loved "Behold your Mother." That disciple then took her into his home. We too, as disciples who are loved by Jesus should take Mary as our Mother into our own home and into our hearts. We should love her and pray for her help.

May God bless us all as we give thanks for our mothers. The Lord has blessed us on the journey of life through them. May we show them great love on this day and everyday, thanking them for who they are to us. Although, we could never pay them back for all they have done, let us try! Let us strive to pour out our love on our mothers, who have poured out so much love upon us.

Fr. Ben

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty Father,
You have created for us some definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path
You have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous "Yes."

Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts
fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.

May our young people respond
to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and
the strength to be good and holy priests.

Bless us with consecrated religious and
those called to a chaste single life,
permanent deacons,
and faithful husbands and wives,
who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.

We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father,
through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***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

You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Throughout the Easter season, our readings have given us glimpses into the life of the newborn Church and the bold witness of the early disciples in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who would listen.

The disciples were the first to live a stewardship way of life, and their example is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we catch up with Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. While they certainly have some success in reaching many people, there with the message of salvation, others are downright infuriated by their words and send them packing. Yet, we read that “the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” Overall, it seems as if Paul and Barnabas had failed in Antioch, but seeing failure has not robbed them of their joy. What’s more, they are filled to the brim with the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit. How is this possible?

It is only possible because Paul and Barnabas saw themselves as nothing more and nothing less than stewards of Christ and His Good News. This realization brought them freedom — to offer themselves and their lives to others for the sake of the Gospel. The “results” of their efforts were up to God.

This Spirit-filled, joy-filled life is available to us all today. It can be achieved when we recognize, as did Paul and Barnabas, that all we have and all we are is a gift from God, meant to be shared with others for His glory. Of course, living as God’s stewards does not guarantee a life of ease or a life free of sacrifice. Sometimes the steward’s life involves challenges, requiring all the strength and love one has to give. In the end, there is simply no more satisfying way to live.

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HONORING THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND MOMS IN MAY

A Mother's Day Blessing



*Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.*

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Prayers and devotions to Mary can be found by visiting: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/mary>.

“She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us.” - Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

HAPPY
Mother's Day ♥



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SAVE THE DATES

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 “Mean Girls” - Friday, May 16th at 1:00 PM and Saturday, May 17th at 7:00 PM - St. Monica

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 NEXT 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. Tèrese 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.

WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP.

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on the 1st 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 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer (clean up and refreshment donations) please email Christine Aguerre at: chriscrk6@gmail.com.

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.	05/12	8:30 AM	Cathy Vonderhay †
Tue.	05/13	8:30 AM	Claire Louise Diependbrock †
Wed.	05/14	8:30 AM	Chantilly Garvey, Birthday
Thu.	05/15	8:30 AM	Barbara Siu Chow †
Fri.	05/16	8:30 AM	Jessica Ho †
Sat.	05/17	8:30 AM	Pol Murrillos, Good Health
		5:00 PM	Elena & Mars Rocamora †
Sun.	05/18	11:00 AM	Parishioners

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/12	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	05/13		No Mass
Wed.	05/14	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	05/15		No Mass
Fri.	05/16	8:30 AM	Teresita Ruiz †
Sat.	05/17	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	05/18	9:00 AM	Sandra Kuplinski, Birthday

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,832.00	\$384.00	\$1,484.00
APRIL ONLINE DONATIONS	\$1,950.00		

TODAY IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY. The second collection during Mother's Day weekend is an opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to support families and individuals in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. Every day, Catholic Charities serves the most vulnerable members of our community — our brothers and sisters in Christ — often through the most difficult times in their lives. Your gift provides hope and can keep families housed and off the streets, provide kids with opportunities to learn and grow, aid immigrants through the legal system, and help seniors to age with dignity. Help support the merciful works done by Catholic Charities this Mother's Day weekend by placing a donation in the second collection basket.

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.

- ♦ **Diaconate** - There was an aspiring Deacon whose family encountered severe financial difficulties. Because of your support of the AAA, the fees associated with his studying to become a Deacon were waived and he is now a practicing Deacon at the Sisters of Charity hospice in Pacifica. A Deacon now sits with people close to passing away who have no one else - a "Ministry of Presence."

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

We have reached 55% 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.

