

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Ascension of the Lord ~ May 12, 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)

Confessions
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jerome Murphy
Chaplain Kaiser Hospital

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Rev. Paulinus Iwuji, SMMM
Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

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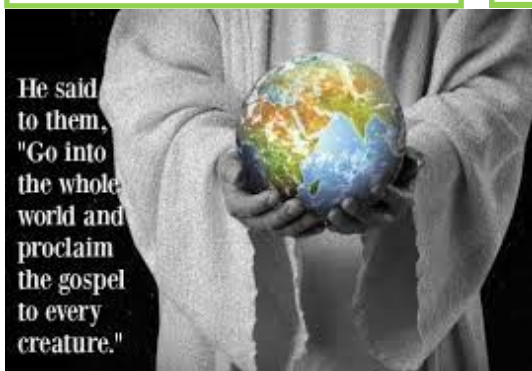
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

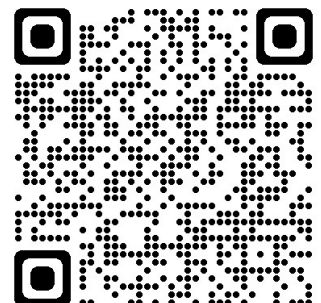
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our parish has another reason to rejoice as Saturday morning at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, a group of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is a Sacrament that completes their Christian Initiation with a special and particular outpouring of the grace of the Holy Spirit upon each one of them. It is also a very important Sacrament because as they continue their lives, there is the assurance that God, the Holy Spirit is accompanying them, especially as they make decisions large and small for the rest of their lives.

Today, we also celebrate Mother's Day as we pray for all of our mothers living and deceased. We give thanks to God for our mothers and all the women in our lives who take on motherly roles of nurturing and caring for us throughout our lives. It is fitting that our civil celebration of our mothers comes during the month when we remember the blessings we receive from our heavenly Mother Mary. This coming week, our school students will have a special Mass with the traditional crowning of Mary. It is a reminder for us that the Queen of Heaven is the most powerful intercessor we have in her Son's heavenly kingdom.

Father Schunk

Honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and Moms in May

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

In His Presence

The Eucharistic Revival at St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle Focus for May – Being in God's Presence in Creation

By now, spring is in full effect. I suspect many of you enjoy spring as the days grow longer, the weather warmer, and plants bud and blossom. Here in the northern hemisphere of the world, this matches very well with our Easter Season of last month and which conclude this month. We tend to see new life and renewal even in our natural world and there is something that causes us wonder and awe as we look upon the world God created. While we certainly do not say animals, vegetables, and minerals are divine in themselves, they do in a certain way contain a "spark" of the divine as they point us in the direction of our Creator who brought them all into being. We certainly did not create the oceans, birds of the sky, the flowers in the fields, or the mud of a swamp. When we are around and in Creation, we are surrounded by the work of God who brings everything into being and sustains all. We cannot separate God from our universe. His purpose is in every rock, blade of grass, and human being. So when we are out on a walk or drive and see something amazing like the sunset or ocean waves or another human person, we may recall that we are In His Presence because it is the Lord who by his will creates and sustains all of Creation.

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.

HAPPY
Mother's
Day



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**We congratulate and pray for all our Confirmation candidates
who were Confirmed on Saturday, May 11th at the
Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption**

Andrew Au

Cindy Linh Nhi Au

Joseph Brendon Au

Maria Au

Ravi Altman

Ace Archuleta

Philip Concepcion

Liam Devine

Kilian Gibbons

Aiden Ignacio

Aksel Jensen

Nelson Knuth

Tyler Knuth

Carter Minh Nguyen

Julian Minh Nguyen

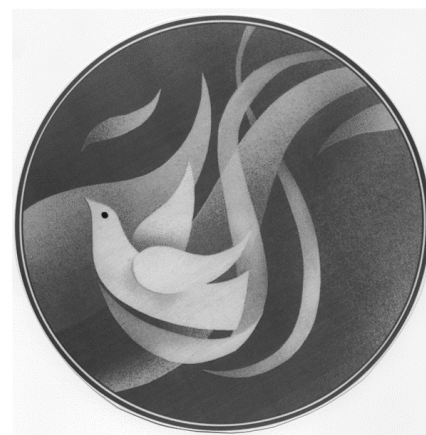
Preston Minh Nguyen

Kenzeey Ramos

Milin Reichmuth

Dominic Rodkewich

Andrew Wright

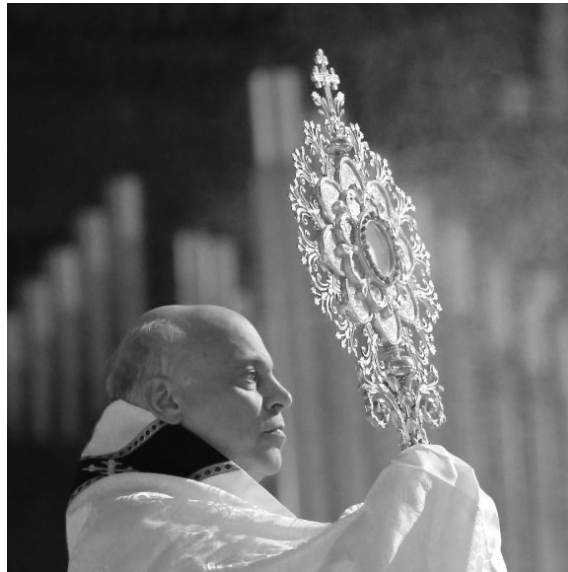




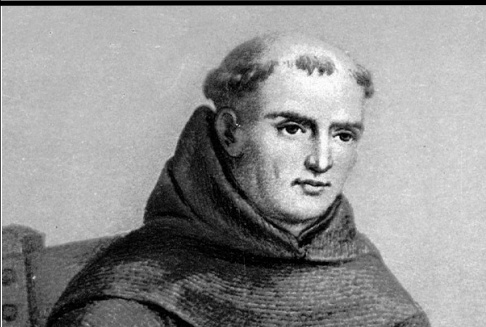
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**WALK WITH JESUS ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE!
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims for the launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West on the St. Junipero Serra Route. 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/>



This route is named after the “Apostle of California,” St. Junipero Serra, a missionary priest who dedicated his life to administering the sacraments to indigenous people and Spanish settlers across the west coast of our continent. He traveled approximately 24,000 miles throughout his ministry, mostly on foot. Join us in asking for his intercession as we respond to the Holy Spirit’s invitation to revival.

St. Junipero Serra, pray for us!

Shortly after his Resurrection, Jesus accompanied two disciples on their journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus-walking with them in their grief, offering hope, and finally revealing himself through the breaking of the bread. Jesus wants to do the same for YOU!

This will be one of the largest Eucharistic pilgrimages in history. Just as crowds followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord through cities, along highways, and past rural towns on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/13	8:30 AM	John & Mary Hanley †	Mon.	05/13	8:30 AM	Maria Pranee Sukwiwa †
Tue.	05/14	8:30 AM	Chantilly Garvey, Birthday	Tue.	05/14		No Mass
Wed.	05/15	8:30 AM	John Y. Ip †	Wed.	05/15	8:30 AM	Kathryn Doubek †
Thu.	05/16	8:30 AM	Jessica Ho †	Thu.	05/16		No Mass
Fri.	05/17	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Nott †	Fri.	05/17	8:30 AM	Teresita Ruiz †
Sat.	05/18	8:30 AM	Maria Pranee Sukwiwa †	Sat.	05/18		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Jaime Campo Dionisio +				
Sun.	05/19	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	05/19	9:00 AM	Leonor Evangelista †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
May 5, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$2,261.00	\$1,268.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$430j.00	

TODAY IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY. This second collection is an annual opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to support mothers and their families in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. Every day, low-income mothers are struggling to make ends meet. Many in our community have no option but to move money around, choosing between paying rent and utilities, buying food, and medicine, living from emergency to emergency. With your help, Catholic Charities provides life-affirming services so mothers and their families can flourish, without difficult choices. Please give generously and dedicate your Mother's Day donation to at-risk mothers that need hope and resources. You can visit CatholicCharitiesSF.org/Love to donate online. For more information, contact Bridget Mahoney at BMahoney@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

SERVING
WITH
LOVE
Catholic Charities

Catholic Communication Campaign

Next weekend, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in our Archdiocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection

Connect with Christ

Support the Catholic Communication Campaign