

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 18, 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 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

*Behold,
I make all
things new.*

Revelation 21:5

*A new commandment
I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.*

John 13:34 (NIV)



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Our Christian faith calls us to be good stewards of God's gifts. Stewardship means we use the blessings that the Lord has given us in a way that builds up our families, communities, church, and world.

We have all received many gifts, that is certain. If we really consider all that we have, it is more than we can count. God has given us talents and treasures to enjoy in this life. These are given not just for ourselves though, but to be shared. If we look around, we will discover people who need the particular help we can give.

Here in our parish we recently asked people to sign up for various ministries in the church. I am grateful for the response that we received and would be happy to have even more people sign up. Generosity is a sign of God's presence in one's heart. Of course not all can devote time to serving in the church but we can all find ways to build up our community. Let us all prayerfully consider what we can do to help our parish of St Monica - St Thomas the Apostle.

May our patron saints give us the inspiration and strength to serve our Lord just as they did. May our stewardship lead us all into holiness.

Fr. Ben



We pray that our new shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, be blessed with the wisdom and compassion needed to guide the Church. May he, in communion with his fellow bishops, serve you and your people with dedication and joy, deep compassion, and profound faith, hope, and charity so that the light of the Risen Christ will continue to dispel the darkness of this world.

As in the church's early years, so also today, the mission given by Jesus to Peter continues in the church. As the bishops succeed the apostles to carry on the apostolic mission that Jesus gave to his church, the bishop of Rome succeeds Peter to continue the specific ministry Jesus assigned to Peter among the apostles....The successor to Peter is the church's bridge builder, serving to establish and protect the unity of the church for which Jesus prayed. He is truly the rock on which the church is built, the one who strengthens his brother bishops, and the universal shepherd.

~ Excerpted from *Saint Peter: Flawed, Forgiven, and Faithful*
by Stephen Binz

ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAY FOR US



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter contain inspiring but challenging messages for us.

The Gospel from John includes this well-known verse: "My children...I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

It sounds so simple. But simple does not necessarily mean easy.

How exactly is Jesus Calling us to love? As He, Himself loved. Jesus loved (and loves) by serving us and by making a sacrifice of His very life for us. That is a tall order.

Living a life of service and self-sacrifice is not easy because it requires us to continuously fight against our selfish inclinations. But the more we empty ourselves of "self" by serving others, the more room we make in our hearts for God to pour His grace into us. Amazingly, the more we give our lives away to others, the more He fills us up with Himself who is love itself. Amid the inevitable challenging moments this way of life entails, we can be assured that the Lord who loves us so much that He died for us and established the Eucharist to be our strength and nourishment, is right here with us every step of the way.

As we face the hardships that come with living as Christian, we can continue to rejoice in the wonder of the Resurrection this Easter season, finding great joy in following in our Lord's footsteps and in loving as He loves.

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 * We pray for the repose of the soul of *
 * John Minjiras *
 * and offer our sympathy to his family and friends. *
 * Vigil, Rosary, and Funeral: Wednesday, May 27th at 11:00 AM at St. Monica *

BAPTISM INQUIRIES

For Baptismal inquiries, please contact the Parish Office:
 415-751-5275 or email parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org

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>.

"Love our Lady. And she will obtain abundant grace to help you conquer in your daily struggle." ~ Saint Josemaría Escrivá



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SAVE THE DATES

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

Sr. Noreen's Retirement Party - Sunday, June 1st after the 11:00 AM Mass

Vietnamese Community Sr. Noreen's Retirement Party - Sunday, June 8th after the 8:00 AM Mass

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

We congratulate and pray for all our students who received
the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on
Saturday, May 17th at St. Monica Church.



Alicia Alcala-Cubas
Clarissa Griffin
Emma Herlihy
Noah Herlihy
Claim O'Doherty
Zoe Pang
Natalie Tran
Otto Wallace

All are welcome to join us every
Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM to pray the
Rosary at
St. Monica Church.



&
All are welcome to join us on the
First Saturday of every month for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



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.	05/19	8:30 AM	Maria Gloria Rando †
Tue.	05/20	8:30 AM	Gloria Jeanne Stevens †
Wed.	05/21	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †
Thu.	05/22	8:30 AM	Barbara Siu Chow †
Fri.	05/23	8:30 AM	James J. Yates †
Sat.	05/24	8:30 AM	Jessica Ho †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sun.	05/25	11:00 AM	John Francis Leahy †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/19	8:30 AM	K.T. Anthony †
Tue.	05/20		No Mass
Wed.	05/21	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Parish†
Thu.	05/22		No Mass
Fri.	05/23	8:30 AM	Leonor Evangelista †
Sat.	05/24	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	05/25	9:00 AM	Kathleen Hayes †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
May 11, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,230.00	\$557.00	\$1,044.00
2ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CHARITIES	\$888.00	\$240.00	\$478.00

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.

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 Archdiocesan **Communications**, particularly enabling us to communicate in the digital realm. Digital communications have become increasingly important; they were imperative during the pandemic and continue to be. Livestreamed Masses, mass communications via text, and our social media channels have been important connections to the faith, and they've also proven to be a very successful way to reach the unchurched.

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

