

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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**Pentecost ~ May 19, 2024**

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## ***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

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

Sunday  
9:00 AM

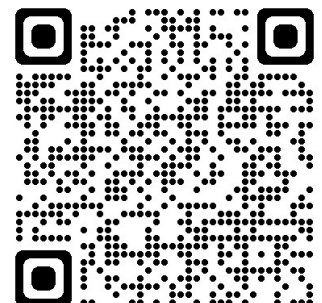
Weekdays  
8:30 AM  
(*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday*)

First Saturday  
Mass  
8:30 AM

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



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Come Holy Spirit! Today is Pentecost which marks the conclusion of the Easter Season. There is a fine brief reflection on today's solemnity that we are including in the bulletin from my former seminary professor and fellow seminary faculty member Father Kurt Belsole, OSB. One aspect of today's feast which I believe we may reflect upon is how God continues to accompany us as individuals and the Church in our lives. The Holy Spirit is here to guide us because we need guidance. Of course, to be guided means we must listen and be open to following the Lord. That is easier said than done. I know I am still working at it and have not yet reached perfection in this part of my life. I suspect many of us are in the same boat. Let us keep asking the Holy Spirit to come upon us and help us listen and respond in faith.

As we have been putting in the bulletin, today is the beginning of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage which is part of the larger National Eucharistic Revival. The pilgrimage is not really one pilgrimage but four, all beginning today from four corners of the U.S. San Francisco has the privilege of being the starting point for the route coming from the west, aptly named the St. Junipero Serra Route. Sunday morning there is a big Mass at the Cathedral and then the grand Eucharistic Procession begins as we process from the Cathedral north to the Marina and then west to Crissy Field and across the Golden Gate Bridge. As I have been telling people, this will be an iconic event for us as a local Church and God-willing, one that offers to us a witness of faith and the transformative presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Since I am involved in the planning of today's event, you will not see me at the Masses this weekend. I will also be away the following weekend. Don't think I have left the parish just yet! It just happens to be two weekends in a row.

Father Schunk

### **Reflections on the Mass and Sacred Liturgy Pentecost Sunday**

Pentecost Sunday concludes the Easter Season, and on that day, the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. It is the celebration of the Father's sending of the Holy Spirit, and not of the Holy Spirit himself. Just as the Church does not have a feast of God the Father or God the Son, neither does she have a feast of God the Holy Spirit. The feast of Pentecost needs to be seen in light of the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

So, on Pentecost, we hear in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles about what happened on Pentecost day itself and how the Spirit descended upon the disciples and how they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Another reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians speaks of there being different gifts, but the same Spirit and of how all were baptized into one body and how all were given to drink of one Spirit. Another reading speaks of the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Then, the gospel, which in all three cycles is from the gospel of John, speaks of various dimensions of the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, the preface for the Mass of Pentecost speaks of how it is right to give thanks to God for bringing the Paschal mystery to completion, for bestowing the Holy Spirit, and for uniting his adopted children with the Only Begotten Son.

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, OSB, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA  
[www.liftupyourhearts.church](http://www.liftupyourhearts.church)



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**WE INVITE ALL OUR  
PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP.**

**ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY** will be held on the 1st & 3rd 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](mailto: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](mailto:chriscrk6@gmail.com).

**ROSARY**

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary every Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM at St. Monica Church.

**ADORATION**

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

**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.

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**Mass Intention**

**MASS INTENTIONS** may be offered in honor of loved ones, living or deceased, for Masses at either St. Monica or St. Thomas the Apostle. For scheduling and additional information, please stop by the parish office or call Jessica at 415-751-5275 during office hours.

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## 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 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.

## 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 Josemaria Escriva*



**ST. MONICA 8TH GRADE PARISH CONFIRMATION STUDENTS. CONGRATULATIONS!**




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## Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/20	8:30 AM	Jean Winn †	Mon.	05/20	8:30 AM	Charlie, Special Intention
Tue.	05/21	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Tue.	05/21		No Mass
Wed.	05/22	8:30 AM	Fr. Enda Hefernan †	Wed.	05/22	8:30 AM	Alliance Intention
Thu.	05/23	8:30 AM	James J. Yates †	Thu.	05/23		No Mass
Fri.	05/24	8:30 AM	Jessica Ho †	Fri.	05/24	8:30 AM	Fr. Te Van Nguyen, Birthday
Sat.	05/25	8:30 AM	Vien Minh Nguyen †	Sat.	05/25		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Lian Eng Po †				
Sun.	05/26	11:00 AM	Simon K. Lee †	Sun.	05/26	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
May 5, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,930.00	\$1,002.00
2ND COLLECTION -	\$619.00	\$471.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$431.00	



### Catholic Communication Campaign

Today, we 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 today! Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Update**

Dear Friends, Thank you to all the households who have contributed to the AAA. With our most recent update from the Archdiocese, we are at approximately 83% of our monetary goal. As I stated when we kicked off the Appeal, our goal is to have 100% **participation** from all the households of our parish. We have been including in our bulletin the past several weeks stories of some of the ministries that are benefited by the Appeal so you may get a sense of the ways your contributions support various ministries in the Archdiocese. If you have not yet made a contribution, you may pick up a brochure or one of the white envelopes at the doors of the churches which includes my letter about the AAA. Thank you all for your continued support.