

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 25, 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



Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give you. I do not
give to you as the world
gives.
Do not let your hearts be
troubled and do not be
afraid.
John 14:27



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Dear brothers and sisters,

We are still in the season of Easter, with all of its graces and joys. Through Jesus' resurrection from the dead, all is made new for us. We are to celebrate this victory, rejoicing that Jesus has been raised and lives forever. This was not just for himself, but for us!

We celebrate this awesome truth not just during Easter but every Sunday throughout the year. Every Sunday finds its source in the first Easter Sunday, when Jesus rose again. Each Sunday, we are to recall that Jesus is living and with us. We are to be resurrection people, a people who live now in this world with our eyes set on the Kingdom of Heaven. Like Jesus was, we are pilgrims here on earth, awaiting our promised land.

Let us remind ourselves of this when life becomes challenging. No matter what difficulties, burdens, and trials come to us, we can always cling to the promise of resurrection. And we should! It is the promise given to us as the fruit of Jesus' mission. He has unlocked the gates of paradise for us! May we live in this hope and rejoice now at such a gift awaiting us.

Fr. Ben

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen



RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS FOR SISTER NOREEN O'CONNOR, CSJ



The St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish community warmly invites you to our retirement celebrations for our beloved Sister Noreen O'Connor. We are so grateful for the years that Sister Noreen has given to our parish and to the religious education of our community and the parish school students. To celebrate her retirement, there will be two separate gatherings, both of which offer a chance to come together as a community to express our gratitude and wish her all the best in retirement. All are welcome to attend!

Sunday, June 1st, following 11:00 AM Mass: Potluck Celebratory Luncheon

Join us on Sunday, June 1st, immediately following the 11:00 am Mass in the St. Monica Small Hall for a potluck luncheon as we celebrate Sister Noreen's retirement and thank her for her guidance, wisdom, and unwavering faith in our parish and our children. Please bring your favorite dish to share – appetizer, main course, salad, or dessert. Cake and refreshments will be provided. You may drop off your potluck items in the Small Hall before or after the 11:00 am Mass. Let's make this a memorable occasion! Contact Vera Rodkewich at verarodkewich@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Sunday, June 8th, following 8:00 AM Vietnamese Mass: Retirement Celebration

Join us on Sunday, June 8th, immediately following the 8:00 am Vietnamese Mass in the St. Monica Small Hall as we continue the celebration of Sister Noreen's retirement. A reception will be held in the Small Hall, where we will share memories, offer our gratitude, and wish her a blessed and joyful retirement.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings.

To keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make the study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.

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ROSARY, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, MASS, AND HEALING SERVICE

Please join us on **Friday, June 6th at 6:30pm at St. Monica** for the Rosary, Praise and Worship, Mass, and Healing Service hosted by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the San Francisco Archdiocese. The Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) is a spiritual movement within the Catholic Church that emphasizes the Holy Spirit's power and gifts in the lives of believers, fostering a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Our Administrator Fr. Ben will be the main celebrant for this Holy Mass, which will be followed by a reception in the hall. We hope to see you there.

*****SAVE THE DATE***JUNE 6, 2025*****



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470 24th ave, San Francisco, CA 94121

Main Celebrant: Fr. Ben Rosado

Concelebrants: Fr Raymund Reyes and

Fr. Andrew Ibegbulem, OSA

Assisting: Deacon Ernie von Emster

Visit SFSpirit.com for Info on Upcoming Events.

*Note: Changes in Time Schedule

Information:

6:30 pm: Recitation of the Holy Rosary

6:45 pm: Praise & Worship

7:00 pm: Holy Mass and Healing Service

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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 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. 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.

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.



BAPTISM INQUIRIES

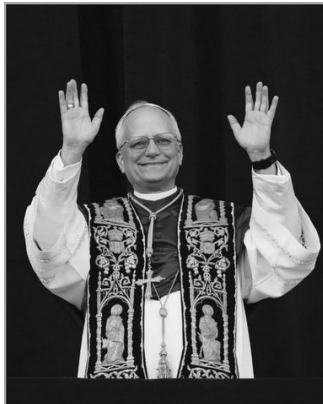
For Baptismal inquiries, please contact the Parish Office:
415-751-5275 or email parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Rev. Anthony McGuire

and offer our sympathy to his family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



We pray that Pope Leo XIV be strengthened in his ministry. May he continue building bridges that connect us to one another. May he be an example of faith, hope and love. We pray that you give him joy in his work and a renewed fervor for your Gospel message. May he never lose sight of Christ who walks before us and among us - particularly in the most vulnerable, the forgotten and the outcast. Christ Jesus, bless Pope Leo XIV - and bless us, your holy people, as together we strive to be your Body in our wounded world. Amen.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	05/26	8:30 AM	Patricia Grangoff †
Tue.	05/27	8:30 AM	Cesar & Ofelia Rocamora †
Wed.	05/28	8:30 AM	Richard Stevens †
Thu.	05/29	8:30 AM	For The Family of Barbara Siu Chow
Fri.	05/30	8:30 AM	Estrelle Abuan †
Sat.	05/31	8:30 AM	Vien Min Nguyen †
		5:00 PM	Catolos & Custodio †
Sun.	06/01	11:00 AM	For Sr. Noreen O'Connor, Happy Retirement!

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/26	8:30 AM	Dr. Socoro De Mendes †
Tue.	05/27		No Mass
Wed.	05/28	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	05/29		No Mass
Fri.	05/30	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	05/31	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	06/01	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
May 18, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$2,504.00	\$377.00	\$1,611.00

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Next weekend, is the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Support the Catholic Communication Campaign at Mass to help our local communications efforts. Half of the funds raised remain here in the Archdiocese. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Please prayerfully consider how much you can give to spread the Gospel in the United States.

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.

