

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 4, 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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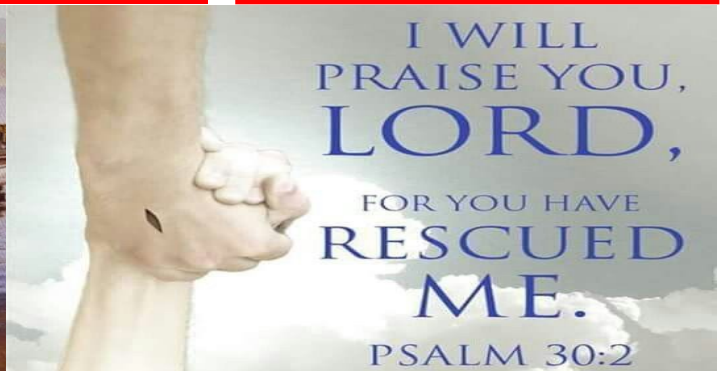
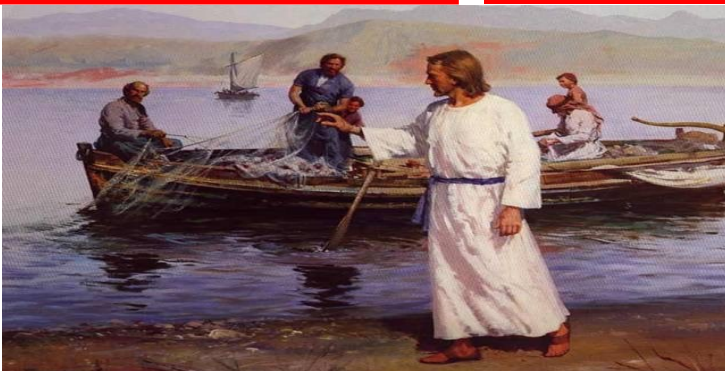
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Through the resurrection of Jesus, we have been made new. His power has brought us from death to life. It has granted us the grace of becoming children of God, of receiving God's Holy Spirit within us. He is risen and he is with us always!

Now in this Easter Season, which lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, we are called to continue to reflect on the resurrection and what it means to us.

Through our readings at Holy Mass, we see how Jesus appears to his apostles, how he shows them in many ways that he is indeed alive again. He helps them to understand more deeply the significance of his defeating death. In the weeks ahead, let us try to discover what the first disciples were like after Jesus rose from the dead. Let us strive to be more like them.

May we be a resurrected people even now in this life. May we live through him, with him, and in him, allowing Jesus to truly be in our hearts and minds. May we proclaim his Good News to others through both word and deed. Let us be grace-filled people, graceful people, and people who are God's own. We are not merely living for ourselves but for the one who lives for us.

Fr. Ben

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, "I'm going fishing." Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their "backslide." He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them!

He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves "out at sea" — discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering "do-overs" if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.

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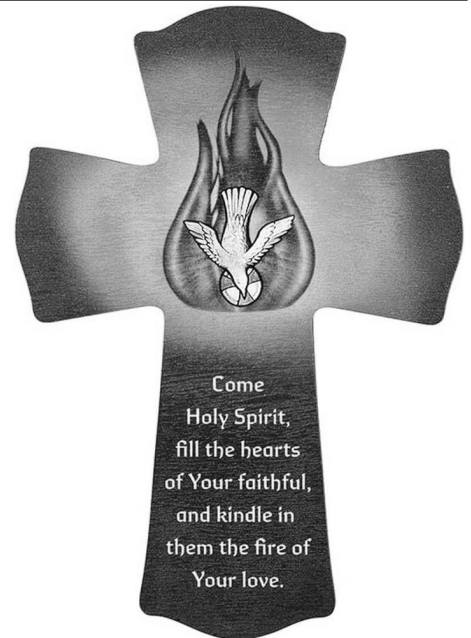
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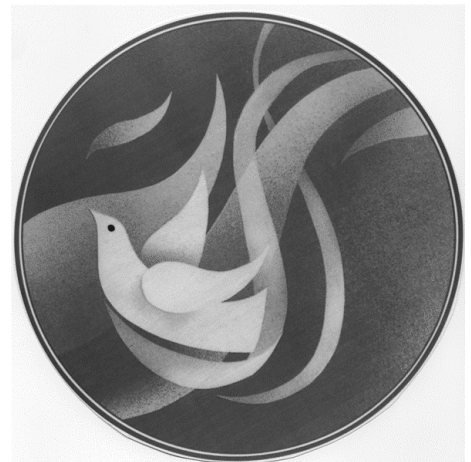
**We congratulate and pray for all our Confirmation candidates
who were Confirmed on Saturday, May 3rd by
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
at the
Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption**



**Sarah Anderson
Joseph Derick Bui
Joseph Vincent Bui
Peter Gabriel Bui
Maximilian Chapin
Evan Choy
Daithi Egan
Joel Garat
Charles Groh
Joseph Liam Ho
Jerzy Inquito**



**James Khon Van Lam
Maria Thuy Lam
Peter Khai Van Lam
Alexis Lee
Noah Lin
Amanda Pach
Lawrence Pimentel
Paul Statom
Evan Xu**





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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 - Friday, May 16th at 1:00 PM and Saturday, May 17th at 7:00 PM - St. Monica Hall

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 on 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

We congratulate and pray for all our students who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 26th at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



Victoria Kelly
Eliana Morales
Ilse Mui
Kyra Ramos
Quilaziti Vargas

Caitlin Lan
Maria Morales
Kylie Ramos
Meilani Suchovsky
Emily Zoglman

Thank you to their teachers Terry Lai and Agnes Tung!

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.	05/05	8:30 AM	Thomas, Una, Aislin, and Kathleen Smith †
Tue.	05/06	8:30 AM	Nimfa Pedro †
Wed.	05/07	8:30 AM	Harold Helen Grangoff †
Thu.	05/08	8:30 AM	Julio & Balbina Magana †
Fri.	05/09	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Parish
Sat.	05/10	8:30 AM	Jeannie Stevens †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sun.	05/11	11:00 AM	Hale T. Concon, Sr. †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/05	8:30 AM	Mechthild Schneider †
Tue.	05/06		No Mass
Wed.	05/07	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	05/08		No Mass
Fri.	05/09	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	05/10	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	05/11	9:00 AM	Lynn Louie, Birthday

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
April 20, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,529.00	\$486.00	\$1,047.00
2ND COLLECTION :Catholic Home Missions	\$699.00	\$216.00	\$468.00

**SERVING
WITH
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Catholic Charities

NEXT WEEK 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.

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 has helped a young woman through the challenge of a **marriage annulment**. Your support of the Appeal changed her life by helping her fulfill her dream and be married in a Catholic church.

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

We have reached 51% 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.

