

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 5, 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)

Confession
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

Administrator

Rev. David Schunk

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Jerome Murphy
Chaplain Kaiser Hospital

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St. Monica Rectory
Rev. Paulinus Iwuji, SMMM
Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
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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

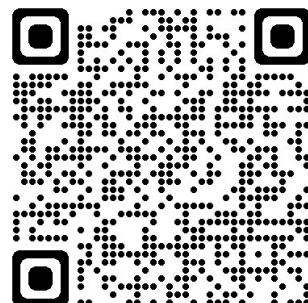
Love one
ANOTHER
as I have
LOVED
you
-JOHN 15:12

Jesus said to his disciples:
"As the Father loves me, so I also
love you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept
my Father's commandments
and remain in his love."

John 15:9-10



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we celebrate in joy for our young people who are receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Sacrament of Sacraments for the first time. I think we all recognize that this is a special moment in their lives. But this is also a reminder that receiving the Eucharist is a special moment for all of us as well. For us who are able to go to Mass on a regular basis and receive the Eucharist, we receive the same gift and graces that our young people have the opportunity to receive today. This is not always the case for everyone in the world. There are people who are homebound who cannot come to church on a regular basis, there are areas of our world where Catholics are directly threatened and harassed for going to church, and there are also areas of the world where general violence or other disasters threaten and prevent people to gather for prayer and worship. We should always be mindful of our freedoms and opportunities in our nation and in our parish for receiving the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

Now after this joyful news, I need to repeat some news that is less than joyful. In the event you were away last week, I announced that I just learned I will be transferred to lead Saint Stephen's Parish in San Francisco on July 1. This means I will be departing SM-STA. The Parochial Vicar (assistant) of Saint Stephen's, Father Ben Rosado, will come here and take up the position of Administrator of Saint Monica – Saint Thomas the Apostle at the same time. The current pastor of Saint Stephen's is going to become the full-time chaplain of SF State Campus Ministry, which he has been doing part-time for the past couple of years. I had requested to stay at our parish but part of being a priest is being available to the mission of the Church wherever it may lead. I believe you will find Father Rosado to be a very welcoming priest with a love for the Lord. Though I am not departing for two months, please know how much I value our brief time together and my continuing prayers for all of you.

Father Schunk

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.



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We congratulate and pray for all our students who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion today, Sunday, May 5th during the 11:00 AM Mass. at St. Monica Church.



Philip Concepcion

Adrian Higuera

Eleanor Hires

Desmond Magana

Dominica Magana

Baker McLean

Claire Pigott

Ashley Schepers

Dakota Smith

Paul Emil Statom

Madison Wetzel

Ethan Wong



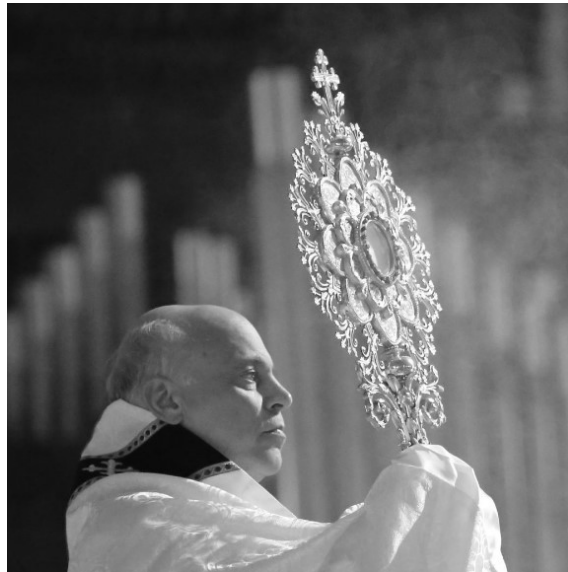
CONFIRMATION for our 8th grade students and parishioners will be held at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption on Saturday, May 11th, at 10:00 AM.
All are welcome to attend.



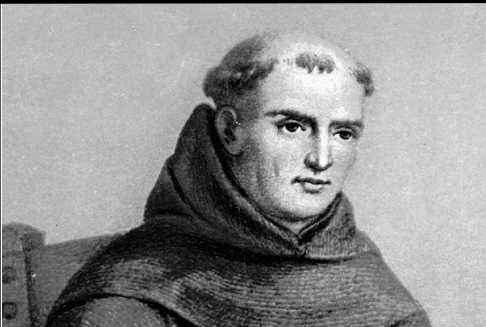
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**WALK WITH JESUS ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE!
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**

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.	05/06	8:30 AM	Ring Family †	Mon.	05/06	8:30 AM	Charlie, Special Intention
Tue.	05/07	8:30 AM	George Lau †	Tue.	05/07		No Mass
Wed.	05/08	8:30 AM	Shirley Tesch †	Wed.	05/08	8:30 AM	Julio & Balbina Magana †
Thu.	05/09	8:30 AM	Christina Filomena Barretto †	Thu.	05/09		No Mass
Fri.	05/10	8:30 AM	Anita Proske †	Fri.	05/10	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Nott †
Sat.	05/11	8:30 AM	Fr. John Balleza, COSJ †	Sat.	05/11		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Hale T. Concon +				
Sun.	05/12	11:00 AM	For All Mothers Living and Deceased	Sun.	05/12	9:00 AM	Helen Cahill, 90th Birthday

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
April 28, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,753.00	\$1,129.00
2ND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS	\$559.00	\$326.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$399.00	
APRIL PARISH ONLINE DONATIONS		\$775.00

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 78% 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.



Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who YOU ARE

Mother Teresa

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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.

You can visit CatholicCharitiesSF.org/Love to donate online.
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