

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ~ June 2, 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)

Confessions
4:00 PM - 4:40 PM Saturday

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Chaplain Kaiser Hospital

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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 Sisters and Brothers,

This weekend we celebrate at Mass the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, commonly known by the older name of Corpus Christi. In our celebration today, we are mindful of the privilege we have to gather for Mass and receive the Eucharist frequently as this is not always possible for various parts of the world. May all of us always recognize this privilege and the opportunities to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord on a frequent basis.

Last week, our 8th Graders of our parish school of Saint Monica’s celebrated their baccalaureate Mass and graduation. Even though I have only had the past year to get to know them, I find them to be very fine young people who are compassionate, joyful, and intellectually astute. I have no doubt this is because all of them have been well formed and prepared by our school faculty and staff. Now they head off to fine high schools in San Francisco and beyond. As they graduate, we pray the Holy Spirit continues to lead and guide them as they continue their educational endeavors.

As we enter into June, I will be working in a more intentional way with the transition of our parish leadership. Our incoming Administrator, Father Ben Rosado has begun to make his transition to the parish by meeting with the preschool, school, and parish staff. He is very excited about coming to the parish and looking forward to meeting all of you. I have been doing the same with my new parish of Saint Stephen so hopefully, the transition will be smooth and he will have the summer to get settled into the life of the parish.

On a housekeeping note, we are working to complete a few small projects around the parish so things are ready for Father Rosado when he arrives. One project I have been working on the entire year is getting our parish its own email addresses. Until this time, the parish office has been piggybacking on the school’s email system, but we have begun to finally transition to our own email address. This makes for a proper segregation of parish and school systems and creates a more professional relationship with how the parish communicates with others. So during this month, we will be updating our parish office email to: parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org While email will continue to arrive on our old email address, we will be using the new email address for future correspondence.

Father Schunk

***Welcome to all who worship with our parish family,
whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish.***

If you are not registered, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Remove from List
- Send Sunday Envelopes
- St. Monica St. Thomas the Apostle



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**Reflections on the Mass and Sacred Liturgy
The Solemnity of Corpus Christi**

On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, which is commonly known as Corpus Christi, we are, in a sense, transported back to Holy Thursday as the Church celebrates once again the solemn commemoration of the institution of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

“Why,” one might ask, “do we have a second feast observing the Lord giving us the Eucharist?” Fundamentally, it seems that the answer lies in the fact that what we commemorate on Holy Thursday is just too much for one day. In a sense, Holy Thursday overflows with grace and blessing too abundant for a single day of celebration. On Holy Thursday, in order of importance, the Church celebrates the giving of the Eucharist, the gift of priesthood, and then fraternal service in the washing of the feet. Consequently, the Church today celebrates another feast which focuses specifically on the gift of the Eucharist.

Also, this feast is so characterized by a focus on the Blessed Sacrament and the devotions that accompany it, for example, Eucharistic Exposition, that it has also appropriately been termed a feast of devotion. This devotion can be understood in a certain sense in what is called the composition of place. Other devotional practices throughout the liturgical year employ the composition of place: the Christmas Crib, for example, fosters our meditation on the Nativity of the Lord; the Stations of the Cross foster our meditation on the Lord’s Passion; but Eucharistic Exposition on Corpus Christi, in a sense, completes and goes beyond these. It sets before us not the Nativity and not the Passion, but the very Kingdom of God. With the Lord himself before us in the Blessed Sacrament, the composition of place is of the Kingdom where the Lord reigns triumphant and the People of God are joined in adoration. Quite properly, the gifts of the Three Kings are present as well: the gold for the King and the incense for our God, only the myrrh, which foreshadows the tomb, is missing because Christ is risen and dies no more.

Source: Rev. Kurt Belsole, OSB, Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA
www.liftupyourhearts.church

**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.

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.



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.

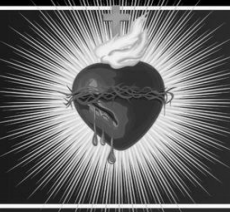


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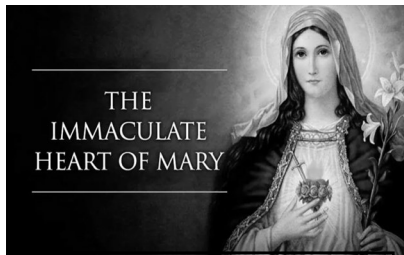


The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA, on the Sunday following that feast. This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of him, especially in the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church. The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.
~ Catholic News Agency

12 PROMISES OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



- ✓ I will give them all the graces necessary
- ✓ I will be their secure refuge during life, above all, in death.
- ✓ Lukewarm souls shall become fervent
- ✓ I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- ✓ I will establish peace in their homes.
- ✓ I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- ✓ Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- ✓ Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my heart.
- ✓ I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- ✓ Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- ✓ I will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.
- ✓ I will grant final perseverance to those who receive Holy Communion the first Fridays in nine consecutive months.



O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen Of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Our King.

In His Presence The Eucharistic Revival at St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle Focus for June – Being in God's Presence in the Eucharist

Throughout the year of our Eucharistic Revival, we have been pondering various ways we are in the Lord's Presence, whether it be in other people, the experiences of our lives, or in the wonder of creation. For this final month, we may consider a way of the Lord's Presence that we encounter every time we come to Mass, and that is the Lord's Presence in the Eucharistic. On the night of the Passover before he died, Jesus took the bread and wine and gave them to his disciples saying this was his Body and Blood and eat and drink this in remembrance of Him. Every time we come to Mass, we continue to do what he commanded us to do in remembrance of Him. In this our Eucharistic gathering, we enter into His Presence in a very particular way that does not come from natural relationships like with other people or our natural world, but from a supernatural outpouring of God's power into our lives. To behold the Lamb of God, as the priest says at Mass, and to eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ when we receive the Eucharistic, is to share in the very life of God. We use the term Real Presence for the Eucharist because through faith, we believe God is with us in a very real way, the same as sitting next to another person. This is not something we decided would happen, but something the Son of God told us would happen. From the very first days after Jesus Christ's rising from the dead, the community of disciples gathered together and broke bread in remembrance of him. We continue to gather even to this day because we desire to be In His Presence when we share in the gift of the Eucharist.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	06/03	8:30 AM	Ann Maria Morales †	Mon.	06/03	8:30 AM	Olivia John, Birthday
Tue.	06/04	8:30 AM	Shirley Tesch †	Tue.	06/04		No Mass
Wed.	06/05	8:30 AM	Nimfa Pedro †	Wed.	06/05	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Nott †
Thu.	06/06	8:30 AM	Cathy Vonderhey †	Thu.	06/06		No Mass
Fri.	06/07	8:30 AM	Rev. David Schunk, Gratitude	Fri.	06/07	8:30 AM	Liisa Belway Macaulay †
Sat.	06/08	8:30 AM	Maria Pranee Sukwiwa †	Sat.	06/08	8:30 AM	Mariama John, Good Health
		5:00 PM	Rev. David Schunk, Gratitude				
Sun.	06/09	11:00 AM	Mary Flanagan †	Sun.	06/09	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
May 26, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$1,932.00	\$858.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$513.00	

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 84% 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.

**“Throw yourself into God’s arms. He will carry you when the road is rough.”
~ St. John Baptist de La Salle**



Hold prayer in high esteem. It is the foundation of all the virtues, and the source of all grace needed to sanctify ourselves and to discharge the duties of our employment.

(Jean-Baptiste de La Salle)