

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ~ June 22, 2025

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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

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,

As Christians, we must always be grateful. As they say, we should "count our blessings." Most especially so because God has granted us his graces. To grow in our relationship with God requires that we pause from time to time and simply thank the Lord for what he has already done and for what he will do for us.

This Sunday's celebration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a perfect example of this. The Eucharist is called out in thanksgiving to God. Through it, we receive God our bodies and souls, and we offer ourselves to him in doing so. We thank God by receiving him in a relationship of love and gratitude.

Let us today count the Body and Blood of Christ as our greatest blessing. To have God is to have all, since every blessing flows from him. May our loving reception of Jesus in Holy Communion drive out depression and sadness from us, since we are a people who have been truly blessed. In giving himself to us, God proves his love, for his with us in a wonderful way.

Fr. Ben

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

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

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mail it to the Rectory.***

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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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☐ Send Sunday Envelopes

☐ St. Monica ☐ St. Thomas the Apostle

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we observe the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This beautiful feast celebrates the gift of the Eucharist, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches is the source and summit of our Christian faith. "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself" (CCC paragraph 1324).

The very word, Eucharist, means "thanksgiving" or "gratitude" and so this feast is especially meaningful to all of us who are striving to live as grateful stewards of all God's blessings to us. The Eucharist is the greatest of all blessings because it is not only from God, it is God — the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today's second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians reminds us of the depths of love our Lord has shown us in the gift of the Eucharist, recalling Christ's words at the very first Eucharistic celebration. "The Lord Jesus... took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you.'" In that moment, and at every celebration of the Mass thereafter, Jesus gives us His very self in an act of complete humility and perfect love. How can we possibly show our gratitude for such a sublime gift?

We can receive the gift of the Eucharist with the greatest possible reverence and love. And, following our Lord's example, we can give ourselves generously to others in the week ahead.

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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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, May 21st. 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, June 18th 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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MASSES AND POTLUCK CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF OUR PATRON SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Join us the weekend of July 5th and 6th to honor our Patron Saint Thomas the Apostle. All the Masses at both St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle will be in honor of St. Thomas the Apostle.

We warmly invite you on **Sunday, July 6th**, to a potluck following our 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle. You may drop off your potluck items in the vestibule before Mass. Please contact Vera Rodkewich at verarodkewich@gmail.com should you have any questions or would like to help out with the event.



**“In the Sacred Heart,
every treasure of wisdom
and knowledge is hidden.
In that divine heart beats
God’s infinite love for
everyone and for each of
us as individuals.”
~ St. John Paul II**

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 PRAY FOR US



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	06/23	8:30 AM	Dusan Rmus †	Mon.	06/23	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	06/24	8:30 AM	Flor & Cel Tacdol †	Tue.	06/24		No Mass
Wed.	06/25	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Wed.	06/25	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	06/26	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	06/26		No Mass
Fri.	06/27	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	06/27	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	06/28	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Sat.	06/28	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	06/29	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †	Sun.	06/29	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
June 15, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
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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.

- ♦ **Hospital Chaplaincy** - a patient at a hospital in our Archdiocese was suffering from a serious illness that caused depression, anger, and even violence towards hospital staff. He asked to see a Catholic Priest. The caregivers asked the Priest to bless them for their safety and with the virtue of patience. The visit helped heal the patient spiritually and emotionally; it enhanced the relationship with the care givers and thus the healing process as well.

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

We have reached 60% of our goal.

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