

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles ~ June 29, 2025

St. Monica Catholic Church

470 24th Avenue
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Tel: 415-751-5275

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
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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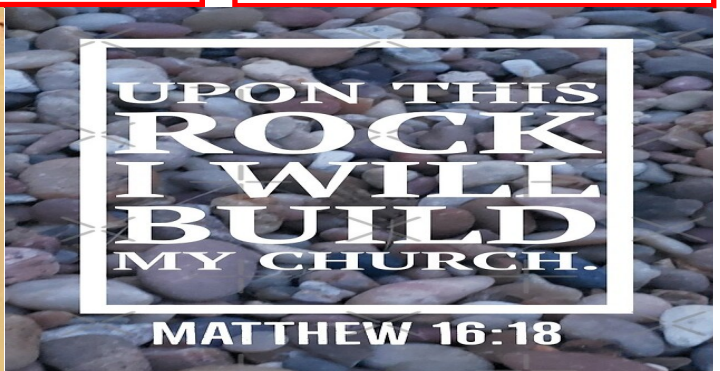
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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,

With Summer in full swing, I want to take this opportunity to write to you about rest. This is important to have, especially in this fast-paced, busy world of ours. I am, in fact, writing this while I am on my vacation! We need to have a good balance of work and rest to be a whole and healthy person. Summer allows us to do this, as school is out and the warmer weather calls us to get out of the house, to take a break from our normal routine.

Our Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass accomplishes this as well. Sunday is the New Sabbath, the new day of rest for the Christian people. God knows that we need rest for our minds and bodies, and that is why he instituted this day for us. The Scripture says that even God rested on the Sabbath, giving us an example to follow. Each Sunday, we have a special opportunity to put work aside and to reflect on the deeper meaning of our lives, which the Mass calls to mind in wondrous ways. If we allow it, our Sunday rest and time for prayer can refresh our souls, and with them our bodies and minds.

Let us determine to take proper rest this Summer and each Sunday. If we do, then we will find a new peace in life. It will be a peace granted by God, a peace that comes to those who heed the commandment "*Be still and know that I am God.*" May we find God in our stillness and our needed rest.

Fr. Ben

God loves us beyond
comprehension, and we cannot
diminish God's love for us.

— Saint Peter —

OFFICE HOURS

Throughout the summer the office will be closed on Fridays. Please feel free to leave a message and Jessica will return your call when she is back in the office.

***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

You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

During June, we have celebrated key moments in the life of the Church — Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi and culminating today with the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Though very different men, they are united in faith, mission, and martyrdom, and the Church has honored them together since the third century.

St. Peter, the first Pope, was chosen by Christ as the rock on which the Church would be built. The Catechism tells us that because of the faith he professed, Peter remains the “unshakeable rock of the Church.” Despite his human weaknesses, Peter's loyalty, repentance, and leadership make him a powerful model of stewardship.

St. Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, became one of the Church's greatest evangelists. In today's second reading, Paul reflects on his mission, saying, “I have finished the race... the crown of righteousness awaits me.” The Greek word he used for “crown”, *stephanos*, refers to a victor's crown, not a royal one, showing his view of faith as a race well-run for the sake of Christ.

Though they were martyred separately, tradition holds that Peter and Paul were in Rome at the same time, and their shared witness and sacrifice tie them closely together in Church history. They embody two vital aspects of stewardship. Peter in his faith and leadership, and Paul in his zeal and wisdom.

As stewards, we are called to follow their example, to build the Church through our commitment, to overcome our failures through God's mercy, and to proclaim the Gospel with courage. Like Peter and Paul, we are invited to give all we have for the sake of Christ and His Church.

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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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, June 18th. 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, July 16th 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.

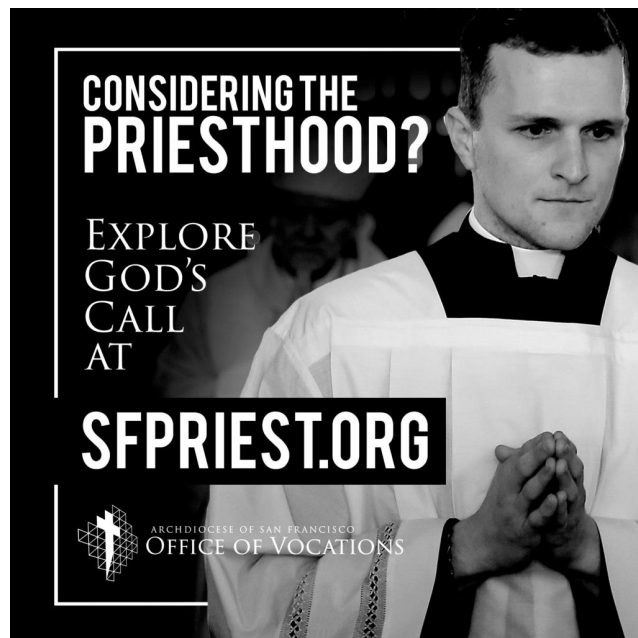


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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, our Father, In Your love and providence, You call each of us to a holy life. We pray for our young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow you as a Priest, Brother, or Sister, give them a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them. May families desire to please you by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.



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OFFICE OF VOCATIONS



“Do not let the past disturb you. Leave everything in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and begin again with joy.”
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

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.	06/30	8:30 AM	Neonita Salapare †	Mon.	06/30	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	07/01	8:30 AM	Patricia Grangoff †	Tue.	07/01		No Mass
Wed.	07/02	8:30 AM	Sr. Noreen O'Connor, Happy Retirement!	Wed.	07/02	8:30 AM	Julie Johnson, Good Health
Thu.	07/03	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	07/03		No Mass
Fri.	07/04	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	07/04	8:30 AM	Thomas Family, Special Intention
Sat.	07/05	8:30 AM	Eleanor Louis †	Sat.	07/05	8:30 AM	Parishioners
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	07/06	11:00 AM	Bany Woo †	Sun.	07/06	9:00 AM	Eleanor Louis †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
June 22, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,455.00	\$452.00	\$1,302.00

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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.

- ♦ Several products of our **Faith Formation** program are now involved in the Church in a variety of ways, including as youth group leaders, Confirmation catechists, as a Choir conductor, a Deacon, and as DREs. In addition, many others serve in active ministerial roles – e.g., as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, hospitality ministers, etc. Someone noted that their experience in Faith Formation was what propelled them into later active involvement in the Church.

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

We have reached 64% 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.

Thank you for your generosity!

