

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 30, 2024

St. Monica Catholic Church

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San Francisco, CA 94121
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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

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

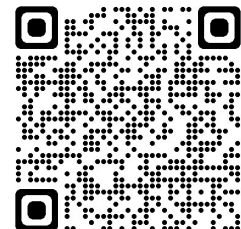
Don't be
afraid.
Just have

faith

Mark 5:36



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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This being my last weekend at the parish I would first like to conclude my expression of gratitude which I began last week. I would first like to thank the leadership of our parish community: Jessie Men who is the Director of our Saint Thomas the Apostle Preschool, Principal Vincent Sweeters of Saint Monica School, and Sister Noreen O'Connor, CSJ who is our Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Associate. In addition, I am grateful for all of the hard work of our parish staff: Jessica, Ray, Joe, and Ryan, plus our musicians Alix, Jenny, and Debi, who work hard to make our parish a place where people want to come to worship and grow. Finally, I am grateful for the ministry of the fellow clergy of our parish: Deacon Dana, Father Te, Father Paulinus, Father Jerry, and Deacon Candidate Kristopher Compagno.

We have scheduled for next weekend the annual Missionary Cooperative appeal for both of our parish churches. Since this was scheduled before I knew I would be leaving, Father Ben Rosado's appearance will be delayed by one weekend. Father Ben is actually celebrating Mass for one more weekend at Saint Stephen's since I had made plans to be away this weekend so I am grateful for his flexibility. At Saint Monica, we will be visited by Father Paul Hoang, CSSp (Spiritian, aka Holy Ghost Father). He will be celebrating the 5:00 PM and 11:00 AM Masses, along with preaching at the 8:00 AM Mass with the Vietnamese Community. At Saint Thomas the Apostle, our missionary is Brother Henry Gaither, of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. He is not able to be with us in-person, but Kristopher Compagno will be delivering Brother Henry's reflection and missionary appeal in his place at the 9:00 AM Mass. We have included in the bulletin some of the information on both of their congregations' missions. For the second collection next week for the missions, we will have special yellow envelopes available for the contributions.

It is now time for us to say our farewell. It is not something easy for any of us to do, but saying goodbye is a part of being a human. I have thoroughly enjoyed our time we spent on pilgrimage together in the Richmond District as we grow in our faith, coming to know and realize our identity as Beloved Sons and Daughters of God. I thank you all for your prayers and I ask that you continue to pray for me as I take up my new assignment at Saint Stephen's. God bless you all.

Father Schunk

FEAST DAY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

On July 3rd, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle. Best known for his initial unwillingness to believe the other apostles in their claim that Jesus had risen from the dead, St. Thomas can teach the faithful about believing without seeing. As an apostle, Thomas was dedicated to following the Lord. Upon hearing that Jesus was returning to Judea, an area that would pose dangers due to the growing animosity of the authorities there, he immediately said to the other apostles, "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (Jn 11: 16).

Yet despite this determination, Thomas proved not only too weak to stand beside Jesus as he faced his crucifixion, but also doubted the Lord's Resurrection when he was told about it by the other apostles. Denying their story, he told them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn 20:25). A week later, Christ appeared and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." When Thomas did so he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

In his general audience on September 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of St. Thomas, explaining that we can learn from his doubts, which show us "that Jesus can now be recognized by his wounds rather than by his face."

"The Apostle Thomas' case is important to us for at least three reasons," said the Pope. "First, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second, because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and, lastly, because the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of adherence to him."

After Pentecost, St. Thomas is traditionally believed to have preached the Good News to the Persians and Medes, until he reached India, where he evangelized and was eventually martyred in 72 A.D. St. Thomas is the patron of architects and builders.

~ Catholic News Agency





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**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CCD) FOR
ST. MONICA-ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH**

Religion classes for students in grades K-8 in Catholic, private or public school begin on Sunday, September 8, 2024. The class time is from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. The class provides curriculum for each grade level and preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. The 9:00 AM Mass is included as part of the class as a continuation of the instruction and practice of the Catholic faith. Classes are held at 720 40th Avenue. Registration papers and a class schedule are on the tables. Please put the registration form in the Sunday collection or mail it to Sr. Noreen at 470 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121.

For additional information: Sister Noreen O'Connor at noconnor@csjla.org.

**MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN COLLECTION
JULY 6TH & 7TH**

ST. MONICA CHURCH - Rev. Paul Hoang, CSSp, will be visiting our Church next weekend to speak about the missionary work of the Spiritans. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activities in over 60 countries throughout the world. Next weekend's missionary, Fr. Paul, came to the U.S. as at 18 year old immigrant from Vietnam more than 35 years ago. Today, he serves as Chaplain in the Texas Department of Corrections.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH - The second collection next weekend is for the missions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Brothers, who staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries, are asking for your prayers and financial assistance. Your contributions will benefit schools and needy students in the countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Please be generous.

**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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

*Lord God Almighty,
in whose name the founders of this country
who won liberty for themselves and for us,
and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn:
Grant that we and all the people of this land
may have grace to maintain our liberties
in righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*



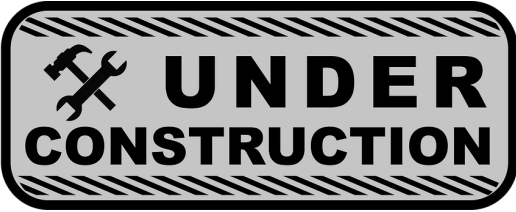
* We welcome into our Parish family those *
* who were recently baptized. *
* Emma Herlihy *
* Noah Herlihy *
* Luna Thien-Thao Ta *



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Construction Update

The work for the groundwater projects for both of our campuses continues. I realize there has been some confusion as planning has changed since the beginning of the project but as we are getting into the second week of construction, I hope that things will settle down and we will find ourselves in a more predictable pattern. As I write this, on the Saint Monica Campus, we will be closing the gates on 23rd Avenue and so the entrance to the parking lot will be along 24th Avenue. There will be a path of access to the side door of the church, and I ask that you carefully traverse that area as you enter the church. On the Saint Thomas the Apostle Campus, there will be some work in the parking lot area with the main work happening in front of the rectory on Balboa Street and also alongside the church on 40th Avenue. Please be attentive to the work and use caution around areas of the work.



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 Eucharist. 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 Eucharist, 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			
Mon.	07/01	8:30 AM	Fr. Ben Rosado, In Thanksgiving
Tue.	07/02	8:30 AM	Neonita Salapare †
Wed.	07/03	8:30 AM	Fr. Ben Rosado, In Thanksgiving
Thu.	07/04	8:30 AM	Fr. David Schunk, In Thanksgiving
Fri.	07/05	8:30 AM	Eleanor Louis †
Sat.	07/06	8:30 AM	Gloria Bland †
		5:00 PM	Bany Woo †
Sun.	07/07	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/01	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Nott †
Tue.	07/02		No Mass
Wed.	07/03	8:30 AM	God Bless America
Thu.	07/04		No Mass
Fri.	07/05	8:30 AM	Rachel John, Birthday
Sat.	07/06	8:30 AM	Eleanor Louis †
Sun.	07/07	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
June 23, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$2,315.00	\$983.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$389.00	

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



“The Church is us all!
All those who follow
the Lord Jesus and who, in his name,
come close to the least and the suffering,
seeking to offer a little relief,
comfort and peace”

Franciscus

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 and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
 –Pope Francis, Angelus, March 17, 2013

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Update

As of our latest report, I am please to say that we have reached the monetary goal for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! I thank those 75 households plus anonymous donors who have contributed or made pledges to the AAA. As I have written before, our true goal is to have 100% participation from all of the households of our parish. So if you have not yet made a contribution, I ask that you consider making a contribution to this year's AAA for our parish. Remember that any funds which are collected in excess of our goal are credited to our parish. At the doors of our two churches, we have white envelopes with information enclosed on how to make a donation.