

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 13, 2025**

### ***St. Monica Catholic Church***

470 24th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
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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 Catholic Church***

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### ***St. Thomas the Apostle Church*** ***MASS SCHEDULE***

Sunday  
9:00 AM

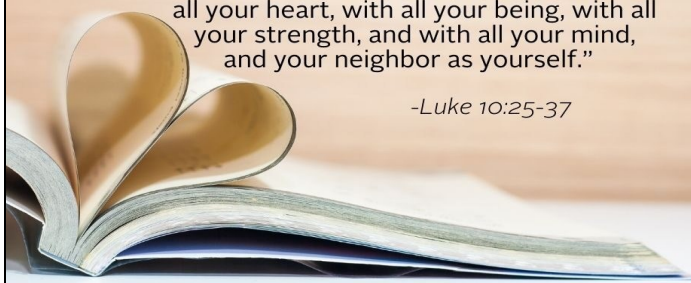
Weekdays  
8:30 AM  
(Monday, Wednesday,  
and Friday)

First Saturday  
Mass  
8:30 AM

First Saturday Adoration  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with  
all your heart, with all your being, with all  
your strength, and with all your mind,  
and your neighbor as yourself."

-Luke 10:25-37



The Good Samaritan  
Luke 10:25-37





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Dear brothers and sisters,

We give thanks to God for all who helped celebrate the Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle last weekend. Your gifts of planning, food, support, friendship, and prayer made it a beautiful experience for all.

It is in times like this that we build up our community. We are together one people of God, one Holy Catholic Church, one Parish. We must therefore grow in our oneness. Each time we worship together and share our lives with one another, we become more united in Christ.

We see this in the very example of Jesus and his early disciples. As the Lord travelled along his mission, many people flocked to him. They walked with him, spending time together, with Jesus at the heart of it all. Some ministered to his needs, some who were specially chosen served the others, but all grew as one new people, the very first inklings of the Church.

Our call is the same as theirs. Gathered around the Lord Jesus, walking with him along the journey of life, we listen to his words, we receive his healing and grace. As one people chosen by him, we worship and serve our Lord. Loving and serving one another in his name, walking together, we discover his power at work within us.

Fr. Ben

***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>



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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we read the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Here, Jesus teaches us in rich detail what stewardship in action looks like. In fact, this parable could just as accurately be called the parable of the Good Steward.

The first thing we note about the Good Samaritan is that he is aware of the needs of those around him and responds generously. While the priest and Levi brush right past the man on the side of the road, the Samaritan is watching for those who might be in need. He has a hospitable way of looking at the world around him and so he is able to "see" in a way that the others did not, and he was "moved with compassion at the sight" of the man.

Next, we see the Good Samaritan spring into action to serve this man, setting aside his own schedule and plans to meet his needs. He does not just give the man a few dollars or offer quick words of encouragement from across the road. He goes right up to the man. He cleans and bandages his wounds. He puts the man on his own animal and brings him to an inn where he can heal. He ensures the innkeeper would continue to look after him, and he commits to returning to the man on his way back.

That is how we live out God's commandments.

That is true hospitality and service.

That is how a good steward springs into action when he comes upon a neighbor in need. And Jesus says to each of us personally, just as He did in today's Gospel, "Go and do likewise."

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### Saint Bonaventure (Feast Day - July 15th) united holiness and theological



Bonaventure



Christ has something in common with all creatures. With the stone he shares existence, with the plants he shares life, with the animals he shares sensation, and with the angels he shares intelligence. Thus all things are transformed in Christ since in the fullness of his nature he embraces some part of every creature.



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knowledge that he rose to the heights of mysticism while remaining a very active preacher and teacher, one beloved by all who met him. To know him was to love him; to read him is still for us today to meet a true Franciscan and a gentleman. Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love - Jesus.

### 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](mailto:megmared@comcast.net) or 415-515-6945.



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### MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN - ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY FATHERS

Our church is a missionary church. From the beginning, it has obeyed Christ's command to go out and preach the gospel to everyone in the world. The missionary work involves recruiting missionaries, training and equipping them for their task, maintaining them, and supporting the new, young churches until they are established.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is established in every archdiocese to organize support for the missions. Each year, it appeals for funds on Mission Sunday. Also, every year, it brings to each parish one of the groups working in the missions to speak about their particular work.

This year, the St. Patrick Fathers, who work in Africa, South America, and the Caribbean, have been assigned to speak at our parish. On July 26th and 27th, we will have a second collection to support their work. Yellow envelopes are on the tables for this collection.

For more information on the St. Patrick Fathers, visit [stpatrickfathers.org](http://stpatrickfathers.org). Thank you for your generosity.

All are welcome to join us every  
Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM to pray the  
**Rosary** at  
St. Monica Church.



&  
All are welcome to join us on the  
First Saturday of every month for  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



### BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES

For Baptismal inquiries, please contact the Parish Office:  
415-751-5275 or email  
[parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org](mailto:parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org)

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\* We pray for the repose of the soul of \*  
\* **Michaël Daniel Hornbach** \*  
\* and offer our sympathy to his family and friends. \*  
\* Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul \*  
\* and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. \*  
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### 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](mailto: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: [chrisck6@gmail.com](mailto:chrisck6@gmail.com).

*ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAY FOR US*



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## Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/14	8:30 AM	Gloria Sue, Living	Mon.	07/14	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	07/15	8:30 AM	Tom Flanagan †	Tue.	07/15		No Mass
Wed.	07/16	8:30 AM	Mercedes Mateo †	Wed.	07/16	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	07/17	8:30 AM	Bryan Fairchilds †	Thu.	07/17		No Mass
Fri.	07/18	8:30 AM	Marie Lego, Living	Fri.	07/18	8:30 AM	Jim Mandarano †
Sat.	07/19	8:30 AM	Nancy Concon, Birthday	Sat.	07/19	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Winfred Rocamora †				
Sun.	07/20	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	07/20	9:00 AM	David Touye †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
July 6, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,457.00	\$465.00	\$1,303.00

### JOIN THE SUCESS!

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.

- ♦ **Learning Initiative in some of our elementary schools** - this program increases the proficiency of students who are below grade level in reading and math. It does so via software programs, iPads, and other tools that provide personalized learning. Parents are joyful because the increase in academic performance is usually coupled with an increase in confidence in other parts of their children's lives.

**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 located on the tables in the Church and mail the form with your donation to the Archdiocese.



**Thank you for your generosity!**

### PLEASE SUPPORT THE GABRIEL PROJECT HELPING WOMEN IN NEED

In today's world, Catholics are called to support unborn children and their mothers, so that no woman feels she has no choice but abortion. Do you know someone facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy? Have them call 1-800-910-2848. If you would like to volunteer or to donate visit: <https://sfarch.org/gabrielproject/>