

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 14, 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

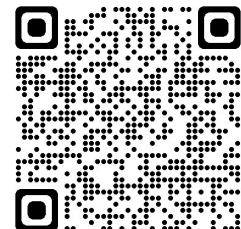
Sunday
9:00 AM

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

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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

**Donate online to St. Monica-
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**





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Dear Parishioners of St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle,

I hope that you are blessed and are looking forward to all that the Lord is doing in your lives and in our parish. I know that I am! As the scripture tells us “Rejoice in the Lord, and I tell you again Rejoice!” We have so much to be thankful for, if only we pause to count our many blessings. After all, God is with us, and what greater blessing could we possibly have than that.

As Father Schunk previously did, I would like to use this section of the bulletin to connect with you about any happenings here at the parish. I would also like to use this space to give you reflections and teachings to enliven your faith. This gives me an opportunity to teach more than I am able to in my Sunday Homily, which is limited to about 8 minutes. There is so much to our faith that we can discover, and I hope to give you short teachings here that I think you will benefit from.



Finally, I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to our Second Collections this past weekend. We raised almost \$4,000 to help spread the faith and support people in need with programs that will change their lives for the better. You made that possible with your gracious gifts. May the Lord reward you for entering into his work of love and care for those in most need.

I look forward to meeting you in person this weekend!

Fr. Ben

ST. MONICA-ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRAY FOR US

**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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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our readings today remind us to live our lives in total surrender to God's care.



The Gospel recounts when Jesus instructs His twelve apostles to begin their missionary work two by two. He encouraged them to take very little — a walking stick and sandals.

If you can recall a time you packed for a trip, or even left the house for a day's travel, you might remember making a list or packing days in advance. We tend to pack so we know we will be comfortable.

If we extend this concept of "comfort" into other areas of our lives, we will most likely find a few instances where we ensure life is comfortable. It could be buying extra food at the grocery store, making sure we have the most updated technology, or even feeling safe in our bank accounts.

It is not bad to have extra food in the pantry or a new phone. And it isn't bad to save money. These things can be good when used properly.

But what if we are looking to these things for comfort, security or even happiness?

Imagine if Jesus approached you and said, "Go out and do my work, but you can only bring a walking stick and shoes." Would you be willing to surrender all the rest?

A key component of living out our call as Christian stewards is total surrender. It is trusting in God during our best moments and our hardest. It is looking to Him for security, comfort and happiness.

Reflect on the ways you might be looking for comfort in the things of this world. Tangibly find a way to become independent from that "thing" so that you can become more dependent on God.

~ Catholic Stewardship Consultants

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Our construction projects are moving along well at both sites, although the parking lots have definitely been impacted. Thank you for your patience with this work, which I realize is a real inconvenience. When all is done, we will be grateful for the improvements that have

been made, both practical and making our campuses more beautiful. At St. Monica, please continue to enter and exit the parking lot via 24th Avenue. At St. Thomas, the main adjustment will be having to walk around the block to enter the Church at the front doors. Please watch your step always when passing through the construction areas, we want everyone to make it into God's House safely!

ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember your friends and loved ones in a memorial space in the vestibule of each Church. For a donation of \$250.00, a brass nameplate will be engraved with the name(s) of your choice with a maximum of 50 letters. If you wish to order a plaque, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.



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



C.C.D.
Cultivating Catholic Disciples
Educating, Enlightening / Universal, All-embracing / Believers, Students
Enroll now

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the parish hall to prepare food for the St. Vincent de Paul shelter. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 17th**.

Volunteer opportunities:

- 1) Driver and "wingman" team to deliver sandwiches on the 3rd Thursday morning to the St. Vincent de Paul shelter on 5th and Bryant Streets. We currently have 2 teams but could use one more and the teams could alternate and/or substitute.
- 2) A team to shop and purchase food and supplies as needed.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Maria McDevitt at email megmared@comcast.net or call 415-515-6945.

**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 or
visit sfarch.org/gabrielproject.

**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.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/15	8:30 AM	Tom Flanagan †	Mon.	07/15	8:30 AM	USA Presidential Election
Tue.	07/16	8:30 AM	Kathleen Hayes †	Tue.	07/16		No Mass
Wed.	07/17	8:30 AM	Gloria Bland †	Wed.	07/17	8:30 AM	Lo Ip Lai Wah †
Thu.	07/18	8:30 AM	Fr. Ben Rosado, In Thanksgiving	Thu.	07/18		No Mass
Fri.	07/19	8:30 AM	Nancy Concon, Birthday	Fri.	07/19	8:30 AM	K.T. Anthony †
Sat.	07/20	8:30 AM	Moyra Moy †	Sat.	07/20	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	07/21	11:00 AM	Bany Woo †	Sun.	07/21	9:00 AM	Jim Mandarone †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
July 7, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$3,041.00	\$1,222.00
2ND COLLECTION - Missionary Cooperation Plan	\$3,376.00	\$407.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$373.00	

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

As of our latest report, we are pleased to say that we have reached the monetary goal for the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! Thank you, to the 80 households plus the anonymous donors who have contributed or made pledges to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

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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.

AZ QUOTES

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