

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 20, 2025**

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

470 24th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121  
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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Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory  
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### ***St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church***

3835 Balboa Street  
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### ***St. Thomas the Apostle Church*** ***MASS SCHEDULE***

Sunday  
9:00 AM

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

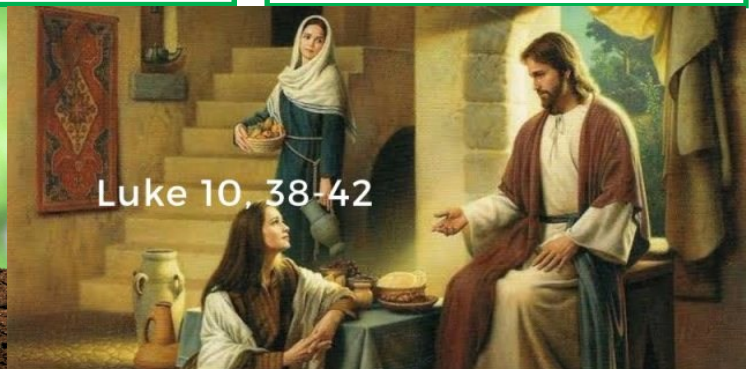
First Saturday  
Mass  
8:30 AM

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

Blessed are they who have kept the word  
with a generous heart  
and yield a harvest through perseverance.  
Luke 8:15



Luke 10, 38-42





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Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us once again consider an aspect of our Christian life, this time with the theme of Prayer. St. Augustine said that prayer is “the raising of one’s mind and heart to God.” It is a movement, a step that we take towards God. When we pray we draw nearer to him, turning away from created things to the Creator himself.

Our prayer is really a response to what God has done. It is a response we make because we believe in God, in his existence and in his power to help us. We can only pray if we have faith in God. In fact, the more faith we have in God, the better we will pray.

We may not realize it, but it is God who moves us to pray. It is he who longs for our friendship and our conversation with him. Because of this, he reaches out to us, calls to us, reveals himself to us. He grants us his very Holy Spirit to dwell in us that we can find him so very nearby.

In the next several weeks, we will consider the various ways in which we can pray, the different forms of prayer. Let us ask ourselves, “Do I desire to pray better? Do I recognize a longing to draw closer to God?” Let us begin to pray better and more often, with a holy desire to discover the God who wishes to reveal himself to us.

Fr. Ben

“Trials are nothing else but the forge that purifies the soul of all its imperfections.”

St. Mary Magdalene (Feast Day - July 22nd)

***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.***

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☐ 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 reading from St. Luke, we receive a reminder about the proper use of the gift of time, a fundamental aspect of a stewardship way of life. Our passage highlights one of the most famous dinner parties ever thrown, recalling the day that Martha and Mary hosted our Lord in their home. We are told that Martha, as a good steward, welcomes Christ in but then becomes "burdened with much serving" while her sister and fellow hostess chooses to simply sit with Jesus, listening to Him speak.

Martha becomes indignant at Mary's behavior and complains to Jesus, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." But Jesus, in His infinite wisdom, refuses to get pulled into this sisterly spat. Instead, He offers Martha a fresh way to look at the situation. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing."

What is that one thing? It is to put Jesus first in our lives and above all other things; to "sit at his feet" and listen as Mary did, giving Him the priority of our time no matter how busy we think we are. When we truly commit to putting Christ first in our daily lives through a regular time of prayer and frequent participation in the sacraments, we will find that all our other concerns become less pressing, less overwhelming.

Why is this so? Because the time we invest in our relationship with God saturates all aspects of our lives with His grace. God cannot be outdone in generosity. He will abundantly reward any sacrifice we make to spend time with Him.

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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



### BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES

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

### Catholic Charities Aging Case Management Services

If you need assistance navigating services to keep you safe at home and enhance your aging process in San Francisco County, please call our Catholic Charities Aging Case Management Programs at 415-334-5555.

### Catholic Charities Breaking Bread with Hope

If you know an adult with a disability in San Francisco who is isolated or simply wants to engage with their community, **Breaking Bread with Hope** offers a place to meet for monthly Mass, lunch, and general fellowship.



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



Our parish will be taking up a collection for St. Patrick Missionary Society (also known as St. Patrick Fathers), next weekend, July 26th and 27th. Yellow envelopes are on the tables for this collection. Please welcome Fr. Michael "Mick" Madagin to our parish, who will be speaking at all the Masses.

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.

The St. Patrick's Missionary Society was established in 1932 and founded by Irish diocesan priests who initially had gone to work on a temporary basis in Nigeria, West Africa, but later wished to dedicate their lives fully to missions. Later as the new missionary society grew, more work was undertaken, not only in Nigeria but also in Kenya, Brazil, Malawi, Grenada, Zambia, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, and South Africa.

Most of the people that the Society (238 priests) work with are extremely poor, and we have no mean of training our seminarians (83 currently) and supporting our priest in their work other than through donations we receive.

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

### CONSIDERING THE PRIESTHOOD?

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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.

### 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: [chriscrk6@gmail.com](mailto:chriscrk6@gmail.com).

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



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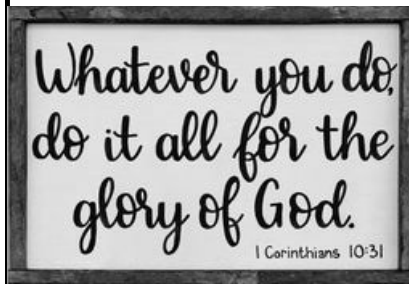
## Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/21	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Mon.	07/21	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	07/22	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Tue.	07/22		No Mass
Wed.	07/23	8:30 AM	Damien Sharp †	Wed.	07/23	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	07/24	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	07/24		No Mass
Fri.	07/25	8:30 AM	Ludwika Novak †	Fri.	07/25	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	07/26	8:30 AM	Dana Nunez, Birthday	Sat.	07/26	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	07/27	11:00 AM	Kay Atwood, Good Health	Sun.	07/27	9:00 AM	David Touye †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
July 13, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,721.00	\$491.00	\$1,467.00

*“God is like a looking glass in which souls see each other. The more we are united to Him by love, the nearer we are to those who belong to Him.” ~ Saint Ann (Feast Day - July 26th)*

### 2025 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



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.

- ♦ Your gifts to the Appeal support the Archdiocese's **Marriage & Family Life ministry**. One of the Marriage & Family Life ministries is known as **Life-Giving Wounds**. Life Giving Wounds is a retreat ministry that helps heal, restore, and provide peace of mind to adults whose parents divorced when they were children. Through tears, a participant at one of the retreats said, "...my parents' divorce was so traumatic that I didn't even know if I believed in love. It feels good to know I'm not alone in feeling this way." Another commented, "This is probably the best thing the Church has ever done for me and my siblings."

**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!**