

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 21, 2024

## St. Monica Catholic Church

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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 Catholic Church

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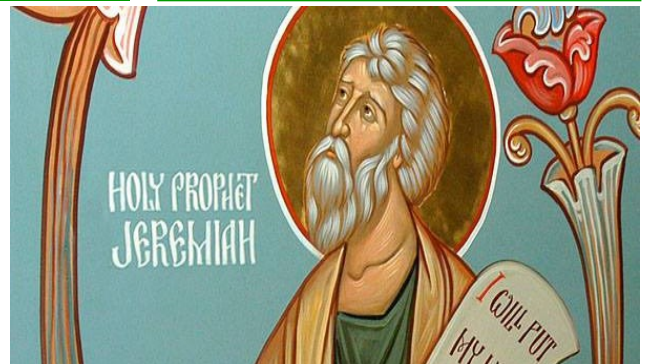
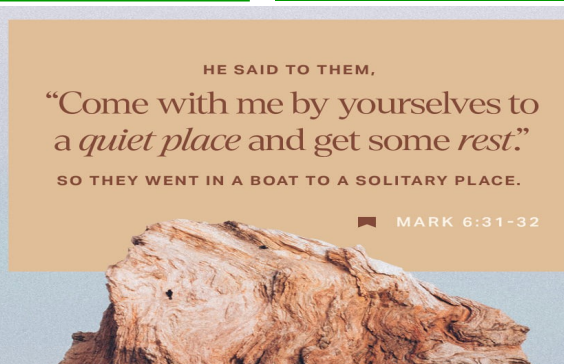
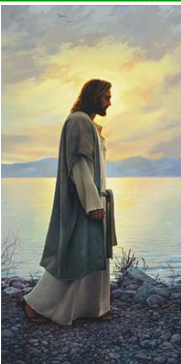
## St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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





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Dear brothers and sisters,

I am filled with gratitude for the welcome that was shown to me last weekend here in our Parish. So many of you shared such kind words of welcome that I was truly touched. I was told more than once, “We hope that you stay with us.” These simple words, and those like them, made my first weekend here a truly blessed experience.

What you shared with me is called hospitality. This is an attitude which is open to receiving others. It allows them to know that they are accepted and welcomed. It is directly related to the virtue of Charity, which is supernatural love. Charity is the love that God has for us, a love that gives oneself for the other. When we act in a loving and hospitable way, others are drawn into our presence, into our friendship.

This is what God has done for us in sending us his son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through his act of charity, his coming near to us, we too have been made welcome. He has welcomed us into a loving relationship with Him. So much so, that we have become the children of God, his own family. This is hospitality made perfect. As God’s own children, we now belong to Him and He to us. We belong together as one, one family of God.

Today, let us thank God for the gift of hospitality, which brings us the joy of belonging. Let us receive it from the Lord and share it with others, as you did so beautifully for me.

Fr. Ben

**Hospitality:** God's Love  
Made Visible

“Trials are nothing else but the forge that purifies the soul of all it’s 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



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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today’s readings remind us of how our God is compassionate and passionately loves us. “Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord.” Our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah addresses false prophets who had misled God’s people away from the Lord. The Lord declares that He will restore His people by bringing back those who have gone astray and providing for them new shepherds so that they will “no longer fear and tremble.”

This reading portrays God’s infinite care and concern for our lives. We can see that God is the one who loved us first. Oftentimes, we are like the people who are blind to His goodness and enticed by sin — something we think will make us happy but does not. God is the one who constantly pursues us and gives us opportunities to say "yes" to Him. He wants to win us back, and ultimately, He will make us happy.

So, we must ask ourselves, who or what is blinding us or leading us away from our ultimate happiness? Stop for a moment and name that thing — money, status, a person, career, laziness, addiction, self-image, health, etc. — that could be leading you away from a full and happy relationship with God.

As Christian disciples, deep down we really know that our true happiness is God. So, what are we waiting for? Take the leap of faith and allow yourself to radically love God in return.

As we begin this new week, let us name the things in our lives that are robbing us of our ultimate happiness, work to let go of them and let us strive to make Jesus our true shepherd by seeking Him in our daily lives.

~ Catholic Stewardship Consultants



Heavenly Father, As we reflect on this week's readings, we are reminded of Your constant presence, especially in our moments of weakness and rejection. Grant us the strength to persevere in our mission despite challenges and fill us with Your Spirit to act with courage and bear witness to Your love. Help us embrace our weaknesses with humility, trusting in Your grace and sufficiency. Increase our faith and remove the barriers that prevent us from experiencing Your miracles. May our lives testify to Your strength in our weakness, and may we rely on Your grace through every trial. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**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!



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



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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, August 21st**.

**Our next St. Vincent de Paul collection will on Sunday, July 28th.**

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

A special thanks to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who regularly donate to the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection.

**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](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).




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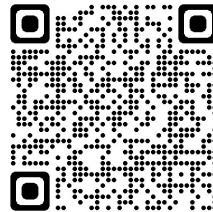
*Mass Intentions*

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/22	8:30 AM	Fr. Ben Rosado, In Thanksgiving	Mon.	07/22	8:30 AM	Avelina Aglubat †
Tue.	07/23	8:30 AM	Fr. Ben Rosado, In Thanksgiving	Tue.	07/23		No Mass
Wed.	07/24	8:30 AM	Bany Woo †	Wed.	07/24	8:30 AM	Charles & David Montgomery, Birthday
Thu.	07/25	8:30 AM	Bany Woo †	Thu.	07/25		No Mass
Fri.	07/26	8:30 AM	Bany Woo †	Fri.	07/26	8:30 AM	Church of Hong Kong
Sat.	07/27	8:30 AM	Gloria Bland †	Sat.	07/27	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Bany Woo †				
Sun.	07/28	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	07/28	9:00 AM	Kathleen Hayes †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
July 14, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$3,041.00	\$1,222.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$373.00	



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