

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 27, 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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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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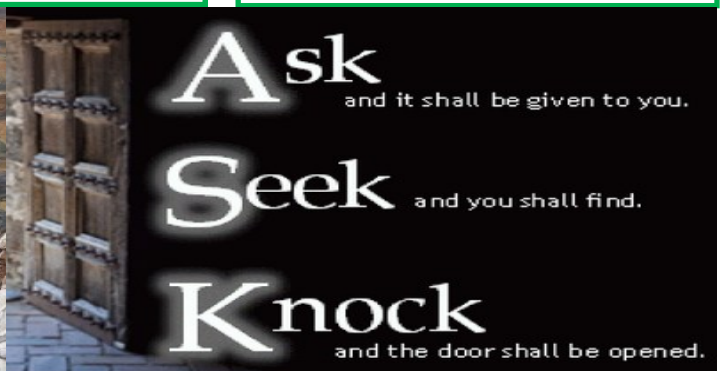
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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,

For the next few weeks, we will reflect on four forms of prayer, four ways to speak with God, and draw closer to him. These forms are 1) Adoration, 2) Contrition, 3) Thanksgiving, and 4) Supplication. Each one of them is important for living a good spiritual life.

Today, we begin with Adoration. This is the kind of prayer that approaches God with awe and profound respect. It is the prayer that sees in God someone wonderful and adores him. Although we might use similar language with someone we love, saying “I adore you,” adoration should be reserved for God alone. Only he is the Eternal God, only he is perfect and is worthy to be worshiped.

This kind of prayer has everything to do with who God is, his very person. When we adore God, we look upon and love him as the One who deserves all our love. When we are adoring God, we are not looking upon our own needs, but simply upon God’s majesty. In these beautiful times of prayer, we can say to the Lord, “I love you,” “You are wonderful,” “You are so good Lord God,” and the like.

Let us take time to sit before our God and adore him. May our prayer lift us from earthly concerns and focus on the One who is with us. In Heaven, we will see God face to face and be amazed. Let us begin this evening now, contemplating our great and mighty Lord.

Fr. Ben



“The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me.
The more I pray to him, the more he thinks of me too.”
~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Feast Day: July 30th)



***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 our Gospel reading from Luke, some disciples of Jesus ask our Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus instantly offers them the beautiful prayer which we, of course, call the Our Father.

The Our Father is truly a steward's prayer. In it, we call upon God in an intimate way, as Father. We ask that His will be done (not ours!) and that His kingdom come (not ours!). In other words, we remember that He is our Creator, everything is His, and our focus in life should be on His priorities, not our own. Then we ask Him to supply our needs, to give our daily bread, forgive our sins, and protect us from evil. That is, we proclaim our complete trust in His provision for us and mercy towards us. We, too, commit to extending mercy ourselves (as we forgive those who sin against us).

As we pray the words of the Our Father, we recognize this basic truth about ourselves and God: God is our Father, and we are beloved and infinitely blessed to be His children. This is the basis of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus encourages us to pursue a relationship with the Father: Ask Him, seek Him, knock on His door!

He can hardly wait to bless us, His children. Remember that this week, then go, be a blessing to others! Stewardship is just that simple.

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Our Father

Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever.

amen



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.



ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember their 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 name plate, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.

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/>



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MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN - ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY FATHERS



Our parish will be taking up a collection today for St. Patrick Missionary Society (also known as St. Patrick Fathers). 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 this weekend.

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 they have no way of training their seminarians (83 currently) and supporting their priests in their work other than through donations they have received.

For more information on the St. Patrick Fathers, visit stpatrickfathers.org. Thank you for your generosity.



We welcome into our Parish family

Adriana Fitzpatrick

who was recently baptized at St. Monica.

BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES

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

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.

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.

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



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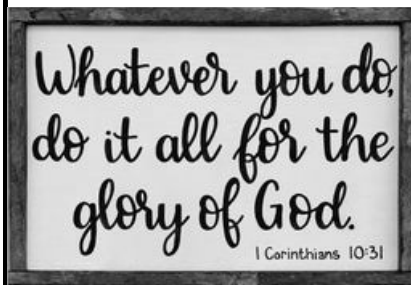


Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/28	8:30 AM	Jean Winn †	Mon.	07/28	8:30 AM	Mary Thomas & K.T. Joseph †
Tue.	07/29	8:30 AM	Leandra Solis †	Tue.	07/29		No Mass
Wed.	07/30	8:30 AM	Alumni of USF †	Wed.	07/30	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	07/31	8:30 AM	Ann Marie Donohue, Birthday	Thu.	07/31		No Mass
Fri.	08/01	8:30 AM	Elsie McGee †	Fri.	08/01	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	08/02	8:30 AM	Delia & Oliver McCabé†	Sat.	08/02	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	08/03	11:00 AM	Jessica Ho †	Sun.	08/03	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
July 20, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$3,184.00	\$491.00	\$1,346.00

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 69% of our goal. Donations received: \$32,052.00.

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!