

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 28, 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 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

"This is truly the Prophet, the one
who is to come into the world."

-John 6:14





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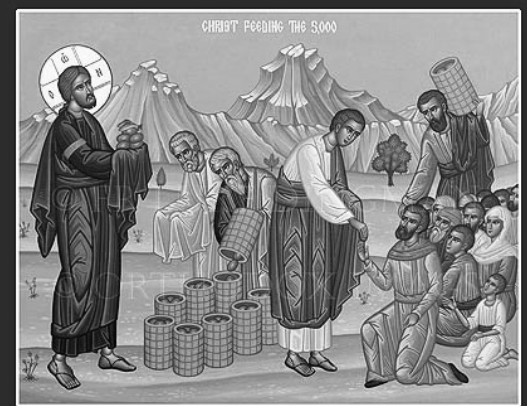
Dear brothers and sisters,

In the last two weeks, I have had the pleasure of joining our fellowship after Mass, at both St. Monica and St. Thomas. This is such a blessing for us to have as a parish community. Many years ago, my home parish had a similar practice of gathering after Mass for some food, to take time to talk with one another. It was one of the things that drew me to that parish every Sunday, to gather with believers, with those whom God has called.

We call this time fellowship, and for good reason. We are literally fellows of one another, journeying together on the same path with God and to God. Fellowship is defined in the dictionary as “a friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.” When we enter into fellowship with one another, we meet as friends and as those who have a common purpose. As Christians, fellowship means even more than friendship, it means belonging to the very family of God. It also means more than simply a common purpose, it means a common source, a common union with, and a common end. Our fellowship now is a foretaste of the fellowship we will share for all eternity in Heaven.

May we all embrace such a gift. As we share ourselves with one another, sharing our time and presence in fellowship, may we experience the love of God that is made a reality in His Body, in His Church to which we belong.

Fr. Ben



“We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship, and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God’s purposes by ourselves.” ~ Rick Warren

**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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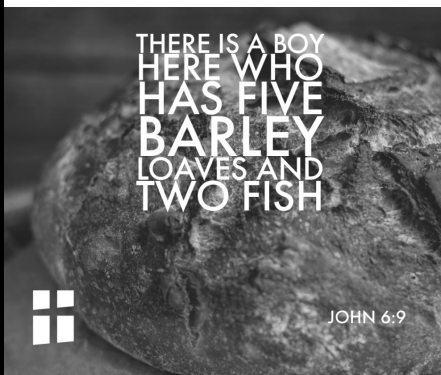
- New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Remove from List
- Send Sunday Envelopes
- St. Monica St. Thomas the Apostle

You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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GOSPEL REFLECTION



The servant and the little boy in our readings today are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

A key component of living as a good steward is constantly evaluating our lives, particularly our relationship with God to ensure we are not just scraping by but rather giving God our entire lives.

We should ask ourselves — ‘How am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?’

We are called to give God adequate time each day. If we don’t plan for this time, likely, He won’t get any. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a more significant part of our daily lives. We

are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use. The servant and the boy teach us that it is not up to us to decide how our gifts will affect others, God will do that. All we need to do is to give it well.

Lastly, the servant reminds us that we are called to give the first fruits of our treasures. It is easy to give something; it is difficult to give the finest gift. Giving our best requires us to reevaluate our priorities in life.

When we strive to live out our call as Christian stewards by entrusting all that we have been given to the One who graciously gave us these gifts, we will be blessed beyond measure. As we begin a new week, let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, ‘What is my very best, and am I giving it to God?’

~ Catholic Stewardship Consultants

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

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.

For additional information: Sister Noreen O’Connor at noconnor@csjla.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a preschool teacher for our Religious Education Program.

If you are interest please contact Sr. Noreen O’Connor at noconnor@csjla.org.

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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Bulletin Insert – Marriage: The Multiplication of Love

Throughout his ministry, Jesus attracted a following of laborers, outcasts, sinners, and people seeking spiritual, physical, and emotional healing. With signs great and small, he prepared them for the Good News from the Father: “You are loved! I created you out of love and for love, because I am Love.” In his Passion, he fully revealed the depth of his love by offering his life to free us from sin, and opened the door to eternal salvation.

We get a glimpse of this love in today’s Gospel reading. Jesus saw the need of his followers—that they were hungry—and he responded in love. Taking the meager gifts the teenaged boy had brought, he made an offering of thanksgiving and multiplied them to satisfy the hunger of the multitude.

This miraculous feeding was a prefiguration of the offering Jesus would make of his own body under the appearance of bread and wine at the Last Supper. At that moment he announced, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you!” (Lk 22:15) He was expressing his yearning to give his life, his body, his everything to us—the Church

For us as Catholics, this is also the key to living the Sacrament of Marriage. Whenever we feel like our gifts are too meager, Jesus simply says, “Show me what you have.” Through this beautiful sacrament, as husband and wife we place our lives, our bodies, our everything into the hands of the Lord. God takes our gifts, blesses them like the loaves and fish, and multiplies the love of our marriage—through hospitality, through any children God may give, and through our living witness to God’s self-sacrificing love—to radiate love into the world.

“A love that fails to grow is at risk. Growth can only occur if we respond to God’s grace through constant acts of love, acts of kindness that become ever more frequent, intense, generous, tender and cheerful.” – Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, n. 134



Blesseds Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi



Today in the United States, we celebrate National Parents Day, so it is very fitting to reflect on **Blesseds Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi**. This husband and wife lived in Rome in the first half of the 20th century, keeping the light of faith burning in their family life through prayer and devotion to the Eucharist. When asked about their four children, Maria responded quickly and honestly, “We brought them up in the faith, so that they might know and love God.”

Drawing on Scripture and the lives of the saints, Luigi and Maria found ways to develop a rich spirituality, both as spouses and as parents. They generously dedicated themselves to teaching and guiding their children to discover God’s plan of love for their lives. Saint John Paul II noted that their exemplary home life brought forth vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, showing that marriage and the religious life are complementary since they both have roots in the same spousal love of Christ.

Reflection questions for couples:

- How and in what circumstances do we experience closeness to God in our married life?
- What more can we do to cooperate with God’s plan of love for us as a couple?
- How does the example of Luigi and Maria encourage us to nurture the spiritual lives of our children this year?

Reflection questions for parents and children:

- As you look around the world today, what do you see that is good about being married?
- What is especially hard for married couples and parents nowadays?
- Share with your children how your faith helps you to overcome challenges and find joy in your marriage.

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Mass Intentions

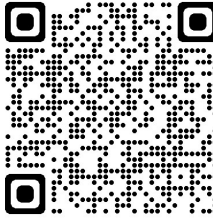
| St. Monica | | | | St. Thomas the Apostle | | | |
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| Mon. | 07/29 | 8:30 AM | Bany Woo † | Mon. | 07/29 | 8:30 AM | Guillermo & Angelina Panes † |
| Tue. | 07/30 | 8:30 AM | Gloria Bland † | Tue. | 07/30 | | No Mass |
| Wed. | 07/31 | 8:30 AM | Roberto Navarro † | Wed. | 07/31 | 8:30 AM | Avelina Aglubat † |
| Thu. | 07/01 | 8:30 AM | Delia McCabe † | Thu. | 08/01 | | No Mass |
| Fri. | 07/02 | 8:30 AM | Delia & Oliver McCabe † | Fri. | 08/02 | 8:30 AM | Elizabeth Nott † |
| Sat. | 07/03 | 8:30 AM | Jessica Ho † | Sat. | 08/03 | 8:30 AM | |
| | | 5:00 PM | Parishioners | | | | |
| Sun. | 07/04 | 11:00 AM | Oliver McCabe † | Sun. | 08/04 | 9:00 AM | Ann & Salvador Morales † |

| THANK YOU | ST. MONICA | ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE |
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| July 14, 2024 | | |
| 1ST COLLECTION | \$8,100.00 | \$833.00 |
| VIETNAMESE COLLECTION | \$428.00 | |

Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits.
— Pope Francis —



Thank you for your continued support to our Parish. To donate, use your personalized parish offertory envelopes or scan the QR code:



ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE
 We are pleased to say that we have reached the monetary goal for the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! Thank you, to our generous parishioner and the anonymous donors who have contributed or made pledges to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

“Don’t just exist, live passionately and set the world on fire.”

St. Ignatius of Loyola (Feast Day - July 31st)

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