

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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## **Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle ~ July 6, 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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Catholic Chaplain for UCSF

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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)

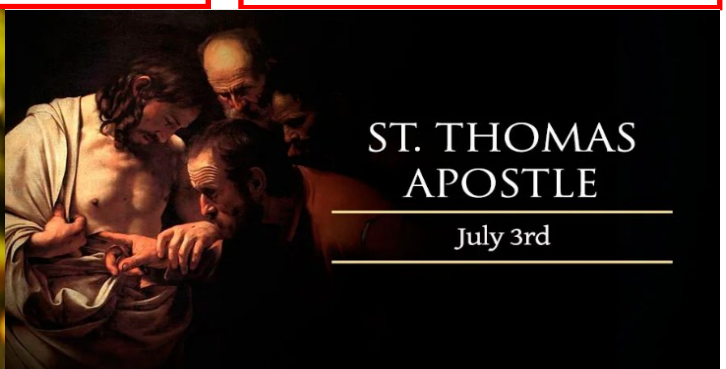
First Saturday  
Mass  
8:30 AM

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



*The harvest is  
abundant but the  
laborers are few*

Luke 10:2



**ST. THOMAS  
APOSTLE**

July 3rd



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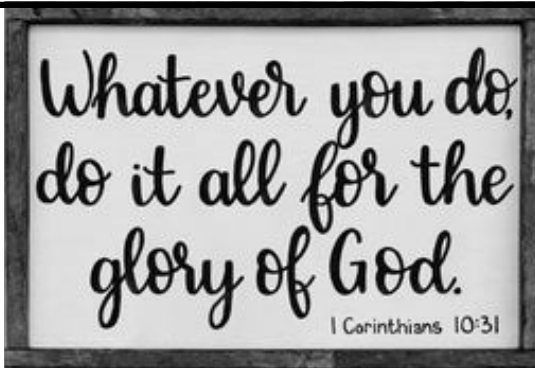
Dear brothers and sisters,

As we celebrate this weekend the Feast Day of St. Thomas the Apostle, we give thanks to God. It is the Lord who has bestowed upon us this Holy Apostle as one of our two patron saints for our Parish. God has decided that we would have him as our special help, our intercessor, our friend to assist us along the journey to eternal life.

It is no small thing that St. Thomas is one of the twelve apostles. He is someone who knew Jesus intimately. His ears heard the words of Christ, his hands embraced him, he walked with Jesus along the way of salvation. And he was specially chosen to be an apostle, one who is sent by God to pass on the Good News, the Gospel. To have him as a patron saint means that we have someone who can teach us about Jesus like no other.

On his feast day, let us make a commitment to pray for the help of St. Thomas often. Let us receive him as the gift God has given us. May we learn from him and experience the nearness of God. May we rejoice with St. Thomas that Jesus is truly with us, truly alive, and respond with him "My Lord and My God!"

Fr. Ben



### OFFICE HOURS

Throughout the summer the office will be closed on Fridays. Please feel free to leave a message and Jessica will return your call when she is back in the office.

***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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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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### FEAST DAY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

On July 3rd, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle. Best known for his initial unwillingness to believe the other apostles in their claim that Jesus had risen from the dead, St. Thomas can teach the faithful about believing without seeing. As an apostle, Thomas was dedicated to following the Lord. Upon hearing that Jesus was returning to Judea, an area that would pose dangers due to the growing animosity of the authorities there, he immediately said to the other apostles, "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (Jn 11: 16).



*St. Thomas* THE APOSTLE

Yet despite this determination, Thomas proved not only too weak to stand beside Jesus as he faced his crucifixion, but also doubted the Lord's Resurrection when he was told about it by

the other apostles. Denying their story, he told them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn 20:25). A week later, Christ appeared and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." When Thomas did so he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

In his general audience on September 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of St. Thomas, explaining that we can learn from his doubts, which show us "that Jesus can now be recognized by his wounds rather than by his face."

"The Apostle Thomas' case is important to us for at least three reasons," said the Pope. "First, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second, because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and, lastly, because the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of adhesion to him."

After Pentecost, St. Thomas is traditionally believed to have preached the Good News to the Persians and Medes, until he reached India, where he evangelized and was eventually martyred in 72 A.D. St. Thomas is the patron of architects and builders.

~ Catholic News Agency

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, June 18th. A special thank you to those who volunteered to help with shopping for supplies and delivery to the shelter the next day. Future sandwich making will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The next opportunity will be on **Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall. For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at megmared@comcast.net or 415-515-6945.



## Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle ~ July 6, 2025

Our continued evangelization of all corners of the world grounds us in the story of St. Thomas the Apostle. We all doubt, we all question, and we all move forward in our faith to become deeper disciples of Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, we are reminded of our role in building the Kingdom of God. We are on a mission to bring Jesus to all; to be a builder of faith.

*Saint Thomas the Apostle,  
pray for the faithful who are overcome with doubts in their lives today.  
Help us to abandon ourselves to Jesus by believing in Him without seeing Him.  
Amen*

### 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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\* We welcome into our Parish family \*  
\* Danika Mary Lui \*  
\* who was recently baptized at St. Thomas the Apostle \*  
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### 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*



# 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 6, 2025



## Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/7	8:30 AM	Simon Lee †	Mon.	07/07	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	07/08	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Tue.	07/08		No Mass
Wed.	07/09	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Wed.	07/09	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	07/10	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	07/10		No Mass
Fri.	07/11	8:30 AM	James & Sarah McNaughton †	Fri.	07/11	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	07/12	8:30 AM	Anthony Eng †	Sat.	07/12	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	07/13	11:00 AM	Anthony Eng †	Sun.	07/13	9:00 AM	Maximo & Adelaida Iglesias †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
June 29, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,471.00	\$391.00	\$1,246.00
PETER'S PENCE	\$485.00	\$504.00	\$536.00
JUNE ONLINE DONATIONS	\$2,047.00		

**Thank You *for your* Generosity**

### JOIN THE SUCCESS!

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.

- ♦ Several products of our **Faith Formation** program are now involved in the Church in a variety of ways, including as youth group leaders, Confirmation catechists, as a Choir conductor, a Deacon, and as Director of Religious Education. In addition, many others serve in active ministerial roles – e.g., as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, hospitality ministers, etc. Someone noted that their experience in Faith Formation was what propelled them into later active involvement in the Church.

**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 inside the Church and mail the form to the Archdiocese.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

