

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 7, 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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Chaplain Kaiser Hospital

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St. Monica Rectory  
Rev. Paulinus Iwuji, SMMM, Ph.D.  
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

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San Francisco, CA 94121



## St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

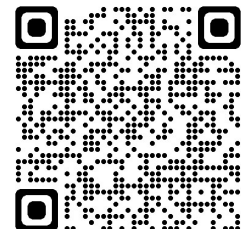
Sunday  
9:00 AM

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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Greetings to you brothers and sisters, my name is Father Ben Rosado (just call me Father Ben), and I will be the new Administrator here at St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. I am very happy to be joining you here! I will be celebrating my first Sunday Masses here next week, July 13/14 and am truly looking forward to meeting and praying with each of you.

Let me take this moment to tell you a little bit about myself. I was born and raised in Daly City, and I am the eldest of three children. I attended just a few years of Catholic School, first through third grade at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and then went on to public school, eventually graduating from Jefferson High School. I received my bachelor’s degree from San Francisco State University in Philosophy and Religion.

I am what is called a “late vocation” to the priesthood. I did not enter the St. Patrick’s Seminary until the age of thirty-nine and was ordained in 2020 at the age of forty-five. Before entering the seminary I had various jobs, the most notable being a manager at a movie theater as well as working with my dad for several years in construction. Since my ordination, I have been assigned to St. Matthew in San Mateo and St. Stephen in San Francisco. This will be my third assignment as a priest.

My hope is that we can grow together as a parish family and journey together towards the Lord. I would like to listen and learn from you, and better understand the traditions that exist in our parish.

I am looking forward to our walking together in Christ, and I hope and pray that you are as well. This will be my first assignment as Administrator, and I look forward to your support as I step into this new role. Please pray for me and also forgive me in advance for any mistakes that I will most likely make. We are all a work in progress, and I am no exception.

And so my friends, let us begin this new chapter in our lives by giving thanks to God for all His benefits. Let us unite together in prayer for new blessings upon our beautiful St. Monica - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

***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 \_\_\_\_\_

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- New Parishioner       New Address       New Phone Number       Remove from List
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**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.

**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, July 17th**.  
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.

*Faced with the cry of hunger of many brothers and sisters in every part of the world, we cannot be detached and calm spectators. The proclamation of Christ, Bread of eternal life, requires a generous commitment of solidarity toward the poor, the weak, the least ones, the defenseless.*  
~ Pope Francis, July 29, 2018

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We pray for the repose of the souls of  
**Nilda Thompson**  
**Lucia Wong**  
and offer our sympathy to their family  
and friends.  
Nilda Thompson's funeral will be held on  
Monday, July 8th at 10:00 AM at  
St. Monica  
Lucia Wong's rosary and funeral will be  
held on Tuesday, July 9th.  
There will be rosary at 10:00 am followed  
by the funeral at 10:30 am at  
St. Thomas the Apostle.  
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**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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**Construction Update**

The work for the groundwater projects for both of our campuses continues. I realize there has been some confusion as planning has changed since the beginning of the project but as we are getting into the third week of construction, I hope that things will settle down and we will find ourselves in a more predictable pattern. As I write this, on the Saint Monica Campus, we will be closing the gates on 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and so the entrance to the parking lot will be along 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue. There will be a path of access to the side door of the church, and I ask that you carefully traverse that area as you enter the church. On the Saint Thomas the Apostle Campus, there will be some work in the parking lot area with the main work happening in front of the rectory on Balboa Street and also alongside the church on 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please be attentive to the work and use caution around areas of the work.



**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.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

This Gospel reading begins as Jesus and His disciples return home, to his native place. On the Sabbath, Jesus went to the synagogue and He began to teach. All who listened to Jesus were astonished. They were taken aback at the power of His teaching as well as the power of His presence. This was Jesus, a man they knew very well. He was a man who had grown up in their midst. How did Jesus become so knowledgeable and such a powerful speaker? He was the son of a carpenter, not the son of a rabbi. Many of the people in his hometown discounted Jesus and His message. They refused to listen to Him. After all, who did Jesus think He was to preach to the people who had known Him from birth?

Jesus did not get angry. Rather, Jesus replied to their comments by saying that typically a prophet is not honored by the people who have known him from birth. Jesus realized that He was too familiar to the people who had known him as a child. They only saw in Him what they wanted to see. Thus Jesus was unable to perform any great deeds there as they did not have faith in Him.

It can be easy to discount the people whom we know the best. They are so familiar to us that we simply may take them for granted. Take a moment and think about the people in your life: what are their gifts? How do they gift you with their love and care? Do you truly appreciate them? Do you appreciate their gifts and talents? Do you let them know how important they are to you?

Today make time to give thanks for the many people who love and care about you! In some small way, let them know how grateful you are to have them in your life!

~ Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana

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*Mass Intentions*

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/08	8:30 AM	Alice Yu †	Mon.	07/08	8:30 AM	Alliance Intentions
Tue.	07/09	8:30 AM	Gloria Bland †	Tue.	07/09		No Mass
Wed.	07/10	8:30 AM	Fr. Ben Rosado, In Thanksgiving	Wed.	07/10	8:30 AM	Maria Fanara †
Thu.	07/11	8:30 AM	Fr. Ben Rosado, In Thanksgiving	Thu.	07/11		No Mass
Fri.	07/12	8:30 AM	James & Sarah McNaughton †	Fri.	07/12	8:30 AM	Anthony Vella, Birthday
Sat.	07/13	8:30 AM	Anaclea Cariaga †	Sat.	07/13	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	07/14	11:00 AM	Fr. Ben Rosado, In Thanksgiving	Sun.	07/14	9:00 AM	Ann Morales †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
June 30, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,372.00	\$1,140.00
2ND COLLECTION - PETER'S PENCE	\$772.00	\$469.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$409.00	
JUNE ONLINE DONATIONS		\$7,150.00

**MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN COLLECTION  
THIS WEEKEND - JULY 6TH & 7TH**

**ST. MONICA CHURCH** - Rev. Paul Hoang, CSSp, will be visiting our Church today to speak about the missionary work of the Spiritans. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activities in over 60 countries throughout the world. Next weekend's missionary, Fr. Paul, came to the U.S. as at 18 year old immigrant from Vietnam more than 35 years ago. Today, he serves as Chaplain in the Texas Department of Corrections.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH** - The second collection today is for the missions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Brothers, who staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries, are asking for your prayers and financial assistance. Your contributions will benefit schools and needy students in the countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Please be generous.

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) Update**

As of our latest report, I am please to say that we have reached the monetary goal for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! I thank those 75 households plus anonymous donors who have contributed or made pledges to the AAA. As I have written before, our true goal is to have 100% participation from all of the households of our parish. So if you have not yet made a contribution, I ask that you consider making a contribution to this year's AAA for our parish. Remember that any funds which are collected in excess of our goal are credited to our parish. At the doors of our two churches, we have white envelopes with information enclosed on how to make a donation.