

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 10, 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

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

3835 Balboa Street
San Francisco, CA 94121



St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

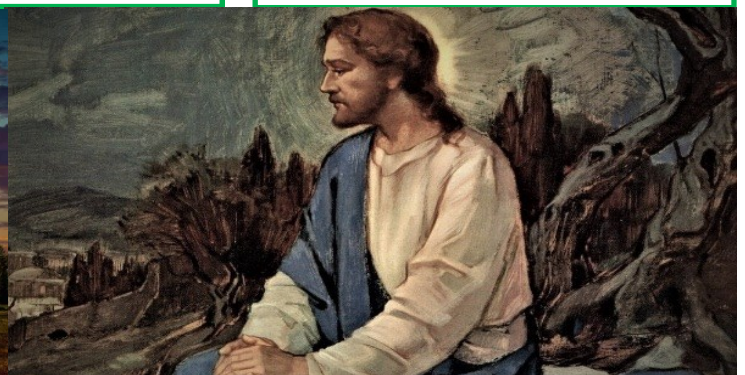
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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

Do not be afraid, little
flock, for your Father has
been pleased to give you
the kingdom.

LUKE 12:32





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Dear brothers and sisters,

We will now consider the third type of prayer of our reflections, which is the prayer of Thanksgiving. This is the prayer that recognizes the graces and blessings that we have received from God and expresses to him what is his due: thanks.

We are in great need of giving thanks to God. Not only because it is the right thing to do, it being rude to not thank those who do good to us, but also because doing so restores our soul. At times we are tempted to fall into sadness and depression over the misfortunes in life, but giving thanks to God is a remedy for this. Yes, there are trials in life, sometimes extremely difficult ones, but when we give thanks, we remind ourselves that there are also many blessings as well. When we stop and remember the things we are grateful for, and pray with thanks to God, our souls brighten up. We realize that all is not lost, and that in fact we have more blessings than we can possibly count, if only we try.

Maybe you can begin a devotion of giving thanks to God each day. Why not try each night to sit quietly with God and say, "Thank you God for _____." Tell him what you are thankful for. You can do this repeatedly, for the many good things God has done. If you do, you will draw ever closer to the Lord and will find a new joy in your heart welling up.

Fr. Ben

***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>

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



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question. The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: We treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me?"

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

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2025 - 2026 OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Thursdays, beginning September 11, 2025, to April 4, 2026, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, Parish Rectory.

Do you want to be baptized? Are you a baptized Catholic who has never been confirmed? Are you considering becoming a Catholic? If you are already a Baptized, Confirmed Catholic, are you ready to explore your faith anew by sponsoring someone you know who is interested in becoming Catholic? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, or know someone who would, then OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) is for you. For more information, please refer to upcoming bulletins and/or see Deacon Xristopher after Mass.



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, begins on **Sunday, September 21, 2024**. This is a blessed opportunity for your child to grow in his/her faith and prepare for the Sacraments. We are grateful that you are consider this class for them. Classes will be held every Sunday mornings at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, beginning with Mass at 9:00 am, followed by class instruction until 11:00 am.

Registration forms are available in both of our Churches and on our website.

Please put the registration form in the Sunday collection or mail it to:

Fr. Ben Rosado at 470 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121

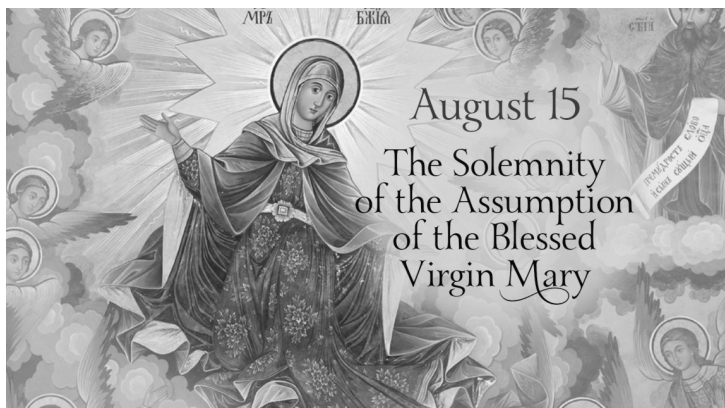
For additional information: email Fr. Ben at pastor@smstaparishsf.org

Religious Education Registration





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The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation:

Friday, August 15

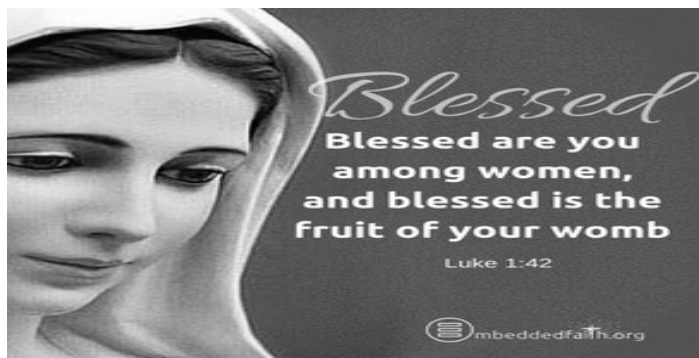
St. Monica - 8:30 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle - 8:30 AM

St. Monica - 5:30 PM

**MARY'S GREATNESS CONSISTS IN THE FACT
THAT SHE WANTS TO MAGNIFY GOD, NOT
HERSELF.**

- POPE BENEDICT XVI -



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION & 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 **Wednesday, August 20th 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.

**Our next St. Vincent de Paul collection will be on August 30th & 31st.
Thank you for your generosity.**

SVDP online donation QR code:



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.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	08/11	8:30 AM	Gloria Parker †	Mon.	08/11	8:30 AM	Emmanuel Jacinto †
Tue.	08/12	8:30 AM	George Lau †	Tue.	08/12		No Mass
Wed.	08/13	8:30 AM	Jack Hanley †	Wed.	08/13	8:30 AM	Ode Touye †
Thu.	08/14	8:30 AM	Krzysztof Hajdas †	Thu.	08/14		No Mass
Fri.	08/15 HOLY DAY	8:30 AM 5:30 PM	Parishioners Parishioners	Fri.	08/15 HOLY DAY	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	08/16	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Kenneth Raymond Sullivan † Parishioners	Sat.	08/16	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	08/17	11:00 AM	Gonzalo & Marie Bermejo †	Sun.	08/17	9:00 AM	David Touye †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
August 3, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,135.00	\$391.00	\$2,226.00
JULY ONLINE DONATIONS	\$1,891.00		

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 generosity supports **Ongoing Education for our Priests**. In the words of one Pastor, "Our world is a challenging place to live in and to minister in. As priests we are called to be ministers of God's Word in the world that we find ourselves. That world is very different from what it was when we went to the seminary, whether it was five years ago or 50 years ago. Continuing education for priests is important to understand the world and how to best minister in it. We wouldn't be able to engage in this continuing education if not for the support of the Annual Appeal."

Our 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$46,186.00.

We have reached 69% of our goal. Donations received: \$32,077.00.

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!