

# *Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish*

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## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 3, 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***

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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 PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL***  
***LUKE 12:13-21***



***If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.  
Psalms 95:8***



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Dear brothers and sisters,

As we continue our reflections on the various forms of prayer and their effectiveness, we consider prayers of contrition. This is the prayer of asking God for forgiveness for our sins and failures to love.

As the saying goes, "to err is human, to forgive is divine." These two statements couldn't be truer. As fallen human beings, we tend to act from our weaknesses. Our hearts can be quite rebellious; you can ask any parent with children going through "the terrible twos." Thankfully, God is loving and merciful, ready to forgive us when we turn our hearts back to him. We do need to ask for his mercy; it cannot just be assumed.

When we offer up prayers of contrition for sins, we experience how compassionate God truly is. We must discover this about the Lord. We are meant to experience the depths of his love, and when he forgives us, it is made apparent to us. After all, we don't deserve forgiveness, but he grants it out of the depths of his heart for us, his wayward children. His mercy is truly divine.

Let us then practice contrition in our daily prayer. We might consider examining our day each night and praying for the act of contrition (which we should all have memorized). We can also come to the Sacrament of Mercy itself, Confession, also called Reconciliation, as it reconciles us with our Heavenly Father in a powerful way. As we ask for forgiveness, we will find restoration, healing, and the grace to start again anew, which God is always wanting and waiting to give us.

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.***

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☐ St. Monica      ☐ St. Thomas the Apostle

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



# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 27, 2025



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel passage comes as a pat on the back from Heaven for all of us striving to live a stewardship way of life. It reminds us why we live the way we do and why we make the choices we make. Let's face it, if we truly embrace this way of life, there will be people who find our choices, based on serving God and others, downright foolish. But let's see what God thinks. Spoiler alert: turns out Christian stewards are not the fools!

In this passage, Jesus makes it clear that life is not about "stuff" as he tells the parable of the wealthy businessman who thought he had everything figured out. The man had such an abundance of stuff that he didn't have room to store it all. So, thinking of earthly things and not on what is above, he decided to build a bigger place to store all that stuff. Patting himself on the back, he thought about what good times he would have in the years ahead. But Jesus tells us that day would turn out to be the man's last day on the earth. And he had spent it thinking only of himself. How foolish!

Don't be ashamed of living differently from the people around you. Be confident as you set priorities based on what is above. You are wise in God's eyes. And you will be rich in what matters most.

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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.



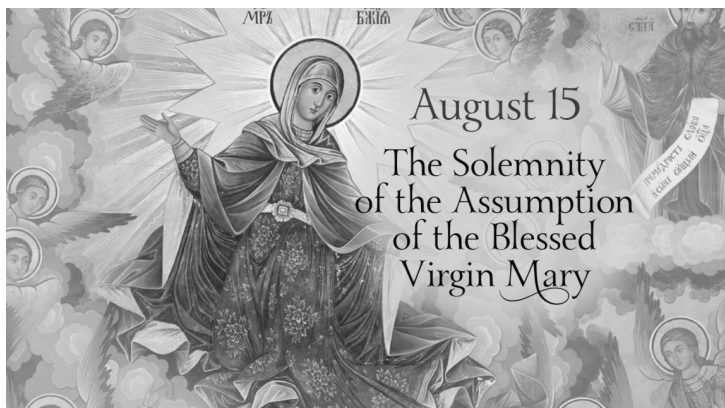
## ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS

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.

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\* We pray for the repose of the soul of \*  
\* Shirley Scobie \*  
\* and offer our sympathy to his family and friends. \*  
\* Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul \*  
\* and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. \*  
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### The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation:

**Friday, August 15**

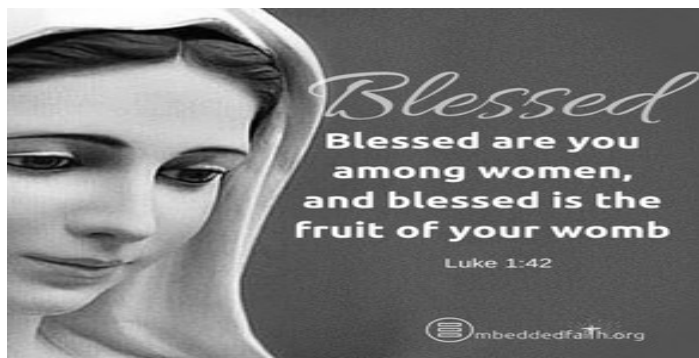
**St. Monica - 8:30 AM**

**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 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, August 20 16th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall.

For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at [megmared@comcast.net](mailto:megmared@comcast.net) or 415-515-6945.

### BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES

For Baptismal inquiries, please contact the Parish Office:

415-751-5275 or email

[parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org](mailto: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](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).

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



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## Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	08/04	8:30 AM	Patricia Hanley †	Mon.	08/04	8:30 AM	Victor Louie, Birthday
Tue.	08/05	8:30 AM	Frahces "Sunny" Freitas †	Tue.	08/05		No Mass
Wed.	08/06	8:30 AM	Intentions of Eileen DeLuca	Wed.	08/06	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	08/07	8:30 AM	John Francis Leahy †	Thu.	08/07		No Mass
Fri.	08/08	8:30 AM	Maurice Ravel †	Fri.	08/08	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	08/09	8:30 AM	Andy Pons †	Sat.	08/09	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	08/10	11:00 AM	Oliver O'Sullivan †	Sun.	08/10	9:00 AM	Kathleen Hayes †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
July 28, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,720.00	\$384.00	\$1,683.00
2ND COLLECTION: MISSIONARY	\$964.00	\$492.00	\$754.00

### 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...and that world is very different from what it was when we went to 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. And 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!**