

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 4, 2024

St. Monica Catholic Church

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San Francisco, CA 94121
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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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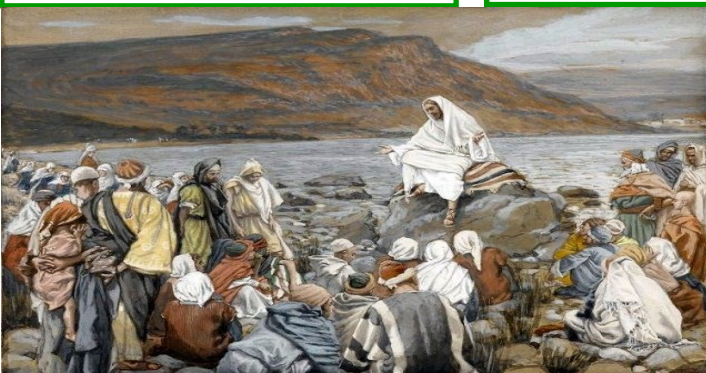
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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



I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never hunger. —John 6:35





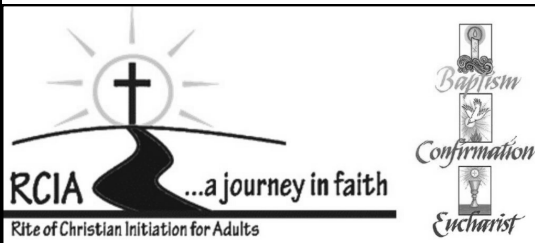
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Dear brothers and sisters,

We are a people specially called by God, and for this we rejoice. We have heard the call to draw closer to the Lord, allowing Him to be in our lives in wonderful ways.

The foundation of this call is built upon Christian Initiation. This is defined as our reception of the teachings and graces which have made us into a Catholic disciple of the Lord. By receiving full Christian initiation, which consists of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation, and by being strengthened by God's teachings, we become active members of His Church and fully initiated into the Christian life. Because of these special graces from God, we can be a holy people.



Our Parish, will soon offer classes for adults who have not yet received these three Sacraments of the Christian life. In mid-September, we will begin our RCIA program. RCIA stands for "The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults." This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who is still in need of these Sacraments to receive them. I know this very well, as I myself went through this same program as an adult, having not been confirmed when I was young. It was a great blessing that transformed me from the inside out.

If you or someone you know, are interested in joining our RCIA program to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation, I encourage you to join us! For more information please refer to upcoming bulletins.

Fr. Ben

Congratulations to our parishioners, Tony & Marie Rando on 65 years of marriage.



***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>



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Often, we live our lives working for temporary happiness. But, today, Jesus reminds us to “not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life.”

Our Eucharistic meal is the Spiritual Food that we consume — Jesus Himself, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It will satisfy us as Jesus says, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

We all have the need to be satisfied. It is in our humanity. And in that incompleteness, we grab at what surrounds us to satisfy our hearts. It could be the next job promotion, the comforts in our homes, the next trip we plan to take. The list goes on. We might think to ourselves, ‘then I will be happier.’ Or maybe we don’t even realize how we are relying on those things or events in our lives.

And while many of those things are good and bring us joy, they are only a small glimpse of the deeper, lasting happiness that the Lord offers us. They are gifts that should remind us of our Good and Gracious Creator. Instead of placing undue importance on those things or people, place it on Jesus, as He says, “Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” He is the One who fills our hearts.

As you go about your day-to-day lives this week, try to recognize the times you are “working for food that perishes” by seeking things of the world to satisfy your heart. In those moments, recall that everything we have is a gift from God. Instead of misusing that gift, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all He has given to you.

~ Catholic Stewardship Consultants

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation:
Thursday, August 15: St. Monica - 8:30 AM



**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**

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

Religious Education Registration



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.

PRESCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER NEEDED

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

If you are interested, please contact Sr. Noreen O'Connor at noconnor@csjla.org.

Get Involved!

Become a volunteer and make a difference.



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRANSFIGURATION



The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, on August 6th, holds immense significance in Christian theology and spirituality. It is a pivotal event in the life of Jesus, marking a profound moment of revelation and divine affirmation. The Transfiguration is a powerful demonstration of Jesus' true nature as the Son of God and the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. This event also serves as a bridge between the ministry of Jesus and the impending crucifixion, providing reassurance

and strengthening the faith of his disciples. The Transfiguration is a symbol of the divine glory of Jesus and a foreshadowing of his resurrection, emphasizing the continuity between the Old Testament, the ministry of Jesus, and the establishment of the new covenant.




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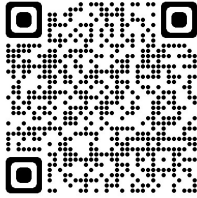
Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	08/05	8:30 AM	Gloria Bland †	Mon.	08/05	8:30 AM	Avelina Aglubat †
Tue.	08/06	8:30 AM	Shirley Tesch †	Tue.	08/06		No Mass
Wed.	08/07	8:30 AM	Bany Woo †	Wed.	08/07	8:30 AM	Avelina Aglubat †
Thu.	08/08	8:30 AM	Maurice Revel †	Thu.	08/08		No Mass
Fri.	08/09	8:30 AM	Bany Woo †	Fri.	08/09	8:30 AM	Maurice Revel †
Sat.	08/10	8:30 AM	Oliver O'Sullivan †	Sat.	08/10		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	08/11	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †	Sun.	08/11	9:00 AM	Emmanuel Jacinto †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
July 28, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,672.00	\$1,502.00
2ND COLLECTION - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY	\$366.00	\$331.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$361.00	
JULY ONLINE DONATION		\$590.00



Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.
To donate, use your personalized parish offertory envelopes
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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 parishioners and the anonymous donors who have contributed or made pledges to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

* We pray for the repose of the soul of *
* **Janet E. Welsh Andrzewjski** *
* and offer our sympathy to her family *
* and friends. *
* Funeral services were private. *

* We pray for the repose of the soul of *
* **Rita Britto** *
* and offer our sympathy to her family *
* and friends. *
* Funeral services to be announced. *
