

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

www.smstaparishsf.org

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 15, 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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Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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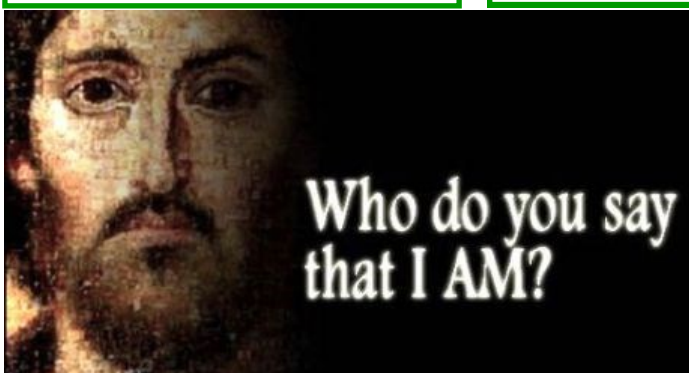
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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



Who do you say
that I AM?



"Whoever wishes to come after
me must deny himself, take up
his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:21-27



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Fr. Ben

“KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, SERVE HIM” PROGRAM

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him” Program. I’m proud to be part of the Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish community. On Commitment Weekend, **September 21 & 22**, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s great gift of love. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- ◆ mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- ◆ or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- ◆ or you may visit our parish website at www.smstaparishsf.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation!

Thank you for your generosity and support of Saint Monica- Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish!



CONGRATULATIONS to our Preschool Director, Jessie Men, staff and teachers at St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool were awarded the **GOLD MEDAL** by the Bay Area Parent Magazine. Their evaluation states: “This Catholic preschool strives to prepare students to be productive, socially aware global citizens of the 21st century.” Thank you for your educational leadership. **We are proud of you!** For more information on our Preschool visit: <https://stapreschool.org/>.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus addresses His disciples saying, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” We are Jesus’ disciples, and He is speaking those same words to us here and now.



Living a life of discipleship is not always easy. It requires us to be imitators of Christ — who suffered, died, and rose from the dead out of total love for each one of us. This means we are called to share in Christ’s sufferings by taking up our cross and following Him daily.

But what does this look like in our day-to-day lives?

We can start by making a firm resolution to follow Christ today, here and now, and renewing that resolution each day when

we rise. This requires time with Him each day — speaking and listening.

We should also strive to pick up our crosses each day with Christ by our side. Our cross might be suffering from an illness, fighting an addiction, a day of screaming kids, or a period where things just don’t seem to go our way. Instead of avoiding these sufferings or complaining about them, we are called to carry them with Christ, allowing Him to transform us through them.

If we live life constantly focused on us, we will ultimately lose ourselves, but if we surrender our lives for Christ and His mission, we will gain eternal life and become more alive than we could have ever imagined, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” This takes daily commitment and requires endurance in our faith, which can only be done through active discipleship.

~ Catholic Stewardship

PRIEST CONVOCATION

Every year the priests of our Archdiocese attend a retreat together. The Fall Convocation is an important time away from them to build camaraderie, pray together, engage in continuing formation, and celebrate milestone anniversaries. This year the Priest’s Convocation will take place from Monday, September 23rd - Thursday, September 26th. Please keep the Priest in our Archdiocese in your prayers.

We thank Fr. Te Van Nguyen and Fr. Terry Sullivan for covering our Masses while Fr. Ben Rosado and Fr. Jerry Murphy are both away.


 * We pray for the repose of the soul of *
 * Rev. William O’Connell *
 * and offer our sympathy to his family and friends. *
 * Fr. O’Connell was an alumni of St. Monica School. *
 * His Funeral will take place at St. Peter Church, Pacifica, *
 * on Tuesday, September 17th at 10:30 AM. *

No one can have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother.

~ St. Cyprian (Feast Day - September 16th)



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 * We welcome into our Parish family *
 * **Forrest James Lui** *
 * who were recently baptized at *
 * **St. Thomas the Apostle.** *
 *  **Baptism** *

BAPTISM INQUIRES
 For baptismal inquires, please
 contact the Parish Office:
 415-751-5275 or email:
parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org

**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.

There is never a reason to lose hope. Jesus says: "I am with you until the end of the world."
 — *Pope Francis* —

Please pray for our RCIA candidates as they begin their journey.

BAY AREA ROSARY RALLY

**IN HONOR OF
 "OUR LADY WHO UNITES ALL PEOPLES"**

The Mass of the Americas will be offered for All Immigrants by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

**SATURDAY,
 OCT. 12, 2024**

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
 1111 Gough Street @ Geary, San Francisco

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
 9:30 a.m. Confessions
 10:00 a.m. Talk: History of the Rosary
 10:30 a.m. Rosary in the Cathedral
 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by Procession and Benediction
 1:00 p.m. Ethnic Food Festival

**THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE
 IN PRAYING THE ROSARY IN COMMON
 CAN OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE**

* In addition to having no attachment to sin, gaining a plenary indulgence requires participants to fulfill three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and vocal prayer for the intention of the Pope.

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www.sfarch.org/event/rosary-rally

Catholic Charities
loaves & fishes
 27th ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER AND GALA

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 17, 2024 5:30 PM
 The Westin St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco

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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	09/16	8:30 AM	Violeta Goebel †	Mon.	09/16	8:30 AM	Amelia Panes, Thanksgiving
Tue.	09/17	8:30 AM	George Lau †	Tue.	09/17		No Mass
Wed.	09/18	8:30 AM	Lourdes Salumbides †	Wed.	09/18	8:30 AM	Kathleen Hayes †
Thu.	09/19	8:30 AM	Lupe Victor Sotelo †	Thu.	09/19		No Mass
Fri.	09/20	8:30 AM	Tomas Bermejo, Jr. †	Fri.	09/20	8:30 AM	Guillermo Panes †
Sat.	09/21	8:30 AM	Helen & Harold Grangoff †	Sat.	09/21		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Moyra Moy †				
Sun.	9/22	11:00 AM	Rod Montgomery †	Sun.	09/22	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
September 8, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$2,327.00	\$1,606.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$692.00	

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

To donate:
Use your personalized parish offertory envelopes
or scan the QR code to donate online!

PRIEST RETIREMENT COLLECTION & LUNCHEON

Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving others. They have been with us and those we love for many of life's most precious moments, from birth to death, showing us the love and compassion of God. They have baptized us, taught us, preached the Gospel to us, and led our parish communities. They have heard our sins, blessed us with absolution, and brought us the Eucharistic gift of Christ Himself. They have witnessed our weddings, comforted us in illness, officiated our funerals, and always been there, in both our times of distress and our moments of celebration. In their retirement years, these men of God need and deserve our help. As in 2023, the money raised this year will be directed to repairing and renovating the Serra Clergy House in San Mateo, where several of our retired Priests reside. Thanks to the generosity provided in last year's Luncheon and Special Collection, a new roof has been installed, the irrigation system has been repaired and the glass patio doors have been replaced. This increases the safety and security of our retired Priests. Other completed projects refreshed the common areas and enhanced the dining room. Dinner is the primary gathering time for our retired Priests; they enjoy the updated and more comfortable setting. The funds raised in 2024 will fund seismic and electrical panel upgrades already underway. Your generosity will also enable us to paint the Clergy House, revitalize landscaping, and install double-paned windows, among other projects.

If you are interesting in attending the **Priest Retirement Luncheon** on Friday, October 11th please visit:
<https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/prflunch/> or call 415-614-5517.
 This years honorees are Rev. Tony LaTorre and Rev. Paul Rossi.