

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

St. Monica Catholic Church

聖莫尼加天主堂

470-24th Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94121

Tel: 415-751-5275 Fax: 415-751-0440

Office Hours:

Mon-Thur 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



St. Monica Catholic Church MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil-5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. ♦ 11:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. *in Cantonese*

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. (*Mon.-Sat.*)

12 noon *Latin Mass (Mon.-Sat.)*

Confession

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Holy Days

8:30 a.m. ♦ 5:30 p.m.

Pastor

Rev. John J. Sakowski

frjohnpastor@aol.com

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kevin Kennedy

Pastor, *Our Lady of Fatima*

Russian Byzantine Catholic Church

Vietnamese Ministry Director

Rev. Te Van Nguyen

In Residence

St. Monica Church

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Gould, S.A.C.

Rev. Paulinus Iwuji

Rev. William Young

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

Rev. George Nzungu

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Peter Solan

Pastoral Associate/DRE

Sr. Noreen O'Connor, C.S.J.

Music Directors

Alix Jerinic, *St. Thomas*

Matthew Walsh, *St. Monica*

Secretaries

Cathy Calvo * Vera Rogulsky

Audrey Schambach

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

聖多默天主堂

3835 Balboa Street

San Francisco, CA 94121

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Office Hours:

Mon-Wed 9:30 a.m. - Noon



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil—4:00 p.m.

Sunday

9:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. *in Vietnamese*

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. Mon., Wed., Fri.

1st Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Holy Days

Vigil: 6:00 p.m. Mass / 8:30 a.m.

“These people honor me
with their LIPS, but their
H-E-A-R-T-S are FAR from
ME.

Jesus Christ ~ Mark 7:6





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Parish Council



Dear Parishioners,
On Saturday, August 11, the Pastoral Council members gathered for their annual retreat. The day began with Mass at St. Monica and followed by presentations and sharing. The day

was centered on how we lead by following in the footsteps of Jesus, our shepherd. The word "Pastoral" is an agricultural metaphor that brings to mind images of Jesus, the shepherd, who guides, nourishes, protects, and reconciles His followers. In imitation of Jesus, ideas were shared by the members on the work of the Pastoral Council to implement and focus on these four areas by providing ministries that teach and proclaim the Word, opportunities for worship, sacramental celebrations, and prayer, sharing of activities that build up the community of our parish, and opportunities that serve those in need.

In the words of our future saint, Father Oscar Romero, we are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We, all of us, are prophets of a future not our own. Help us plant the seeds!
May God bless you and your family.

Fr. John Sakowski, Pastor

Reflection on the Gospel

Be doers of the Word

The musical *Fiddler on the Roof* begins with the father of the family telling the audience life is simple in their village. Everyone knows who they are because of "Tradition!" Traditions are rooted in our need to have order in our lives. The most powerful traditions are religious because they give direction to our relationship with God.



Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that traditions can also become obstacles. He says, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me." True faith is

Mercy:
the bridge that connects
God and **man,**
opening our hearts
to the **hope**
of being **loved** forever
despite
our **sinfulness.**
-Pope Francis

both internal and external. We open our hearts to Jesus, but then we give expression to what's in our hearts by actions – prayer, Sunday worship, and by practicing the works of mercy and justice. Let us pray that we will honor God with hearts transformed and spirits uplifted.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RUSSIAN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Kevin Kennedy, Pastor, invites you to join the *Divine Liturgy* on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fellowship meal in the parish center. All services are in English. All are welcome! For more information and a listing of services, please visit byzantinecatholic.org.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS - St. Monica - Fr. Bill Young celebrates a traditional Latin Mass, Monday through Saturday at 12:00 Noon at St. Monica. All are welcome!



MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND - Please call the Parish Office if you or someone you know is ill, facing surgery or in the hospital and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Eucharist. Additionally, call the office if you would like to be added to our prayer list in the bulletin.

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 _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

- New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number
- Remove from List Send Sunday Envelopes St. Monica St. Thomas


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You Might Be A Pharisee...


- You're glad you're better than other people
- You glory more in appearance than in the heart
- **You are quick to judge others but blind to your own faults**

ARE YOU ???







LABOR DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018 - Remember in your prayers this week all those whose daily labor makes our lives better, easier, and more fulfilling. Remember the men and women who are unemployed and underemployed, that they may be given the opportunity to exercise their talents and abilities for the benefit of society and their self-esteem.



ANNUAL POLICE/FIRE MEMORIAL MASS

On Sunday, September 9th, a special Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am in St. Monica in gratitude for the services of the fire and police personnel who support us so generously in our community. Please plan to attend and pray for these wonderful men and women. Fr. John Greene, Chaplain for the Fire Department will be the main celebrant and Fr. John Sakowski will concelebrate.






RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The RCIA is a process in which the Catholic Church welcomes new and returning members. It is a journey of faith open to all high school students and adults. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic faith, please join us in this journey if you: have never been baptized, have been baptized in another Christian Community and interested in the Catholic Church, wish to receive the sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, are a returning Catholic, or wish to update your Catholic faith.

The program begins on September 25, 2018. The class meets on the second and fourth Tuesday in St. Monica Rectory from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Parking is available in the school yard – enter on 23rd Avenue. If you wish to enroll, please complete the form on the table, and return it by mail or place it in the collection basket. Contact: Sister Noreen – noconnor@csjla.org.



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 schools begin on Sunday, September 9, 2018 The class time is 8:30 – 10:30 am and includes Mass at 9:30 am. The class provides education in the curriculum for each grade level and preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. This year the Mass is included as part of the class as a continuation of the instruction and the practice of our Catholic faith. Classes are held at 720 – 40th Avenue. Registration papers are on the tables. Please mail the form to Sister Noreen at 3835 Balboa Street, San Francisco, CA 94121. For additional information contact: Sister Noreen at noconnor@csjla.org.

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In the Parishes

St. Monica School
 5950 Geary Boulevard (@24th Ave.)
 San Francisco, California 94121
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 www.stmonicasf.org
 Principal: Mr. Vincent Sweeters

St. Thomas the Apostle School
 3801 Balboa Street (@39th Ave.)
 San Francisco, California 94121
 Tel: 415-221-2711/Fax: 415-221-8611
 www.sfsta.org
 Principal: Ms. Judith Borelli

St. Thomas Pre-School/Pre-K
 Tel: 415-387-5511/www.sfsta.org
 Director: Ms. Jessie Men

Sacramental Anointing of the Sick:
 St. Monica - 1st Tuesday after the 8:30 am Mass
 St. Thomas - Last Friday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Baptism Class: 2nd Saturday at 10:30 am.
 Contact Sr. Noreen at noconnor@csjla.org.

C.C.D./Sunday Religious Education:
 Grades K-8 9:30 am-10:50 am
 Contact Sr. Noreen at noconnor@csjla.org.

Adoration at St. Thomas:
 1st Saturday - 9:00am - 11:00am

Matrimony:
 Contact the parish 6 months in advance.

Pastoral Council Meeting:
 1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm

R.C.I.A. Class at St. Monica:
 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm.
 Contact Sr. Noreen: noconnor@csjla.org.

Rosary at St. Monica:
 8:00 am, Monday through Saturday.

St. Monica Choir Practice:
 7:15 pm on Wednesdays; email Matthew Walsh at monicamusicsf@att.net

St. Thomas Choir Practice:
 Sundays at 9:00 am. Email Alix Jerinic at Alixjericin@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul at St. Monica:
 Meeting: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm.
 Special Collection: 5th weekend.
 Contact: Parish Office at 415-751-5275

 *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Voltaire Abordo * Pauline Assali * James Carbon * Mary Chan * Lumir Cerny * Mary Cervantes * Zhuan Chen
 Connie Concon * Jacques Derderian * Rosa Dettling * Maria Fanara * Gianna Rose Fedorcak * David Gamarra
 Colleen Granero * Mary Guy * Virginia Lou Hartmann * Katie Hyde * Luz King * Jerry Lollock
 Frank Marino * Virginia McGowan * Veronica Mironoss * Ann Murphy * Jacqueline Nelson * Ana Nomura
 Kaitlyn O'Connor * Dave Oliverio * Hugh O'Connor * Lourdes Olza * Oplanic Family * Ninfa Pedro * Gus Pereira
 Kerry Parker * Thelma Puechner * Alexa Rosario * Derek Schwartz * Anna Seidler * Cynthia Seto
 Naty Soliban * Teresa Spemich * Juliana Toy * Alberto Urbano * Jean Winn * Maria Wong**

MEMORIAL WALL—STA VESTIBULE—St. Thomas Apostle Church offers parishioners an opportunity to remember their friends and loved ones in a memorial space in the Church vestibule titled “Forever in our Hearts.” For a donation of \$250.00, a brass nameplate will be engraved with the name(s) of your choice and mounted on the east wall. REQUEST FORMS AND RETURN ENVELOPES ARE ON THE BACK TABLE IN THE CHURCH.



 **ST MONICA’S MEMORIAL WALL IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS.**
 If you want to remember your loved ones or friends, you can have a plaque made with their names (maximum of 50 letters) which will be placed on the memorial wall inside the entrance of the church. The cost is \$250.00. If you wish to order a plaque or need more information, please contact Narcie Estonina at 415-509-8965. Forms are on the tables in the Church.

11TH ANNUAL GALA AT ST. PATRICK’S SEMINARY

THE Annual Gala will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 4:30 pm at 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. This premier fundraising event for St. Patrick’s Seminary and University will begin with vespers (evening prayer) at 4:30 pm, tours and cocktails from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm, program, silent auction, and live auction from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. This year, STPSU honors the nation’s Catholic chaplaincy for the armed forces, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Accepting the honor will be Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D. For more information, contact John Callan at 650-325-5621 or register online at advancement@stpsu.edu or stpsu.edu/gala

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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Sat.	9/1	8:30 am	David Calvo †
		5:00 pm	John, Mary, Jack and Mary E. Hanley †
Mon.	9/3	8:30 am	Tomas Bermejo †
Tue.	9/4	8:30 am	Eduardo Mendez †
Wed.	9/5	8:30 am	Gonzalo Bermejo †
Thu.	9/6	8:30 am	Paul Sue and Catherine Sue Win †
Fri.	9/7	8:30 am	Germaina Yu †
Sat.	9/8	8:30 am	Jim Shamchuk †
		5:00 pm	Fr. Benedick Chang † & Luisa Medina Kou †

St. Thomas			
Sat.	9/1	8:30 am	Kevin Murphy
		4:00 pm	Sisters of Charity-Special Intention
Mon.	9/3	8:30 am	Mercedes Kow †
Tue.	9/4	8:30 am	NO MASS
Wed.	9/5	8:30 am	Theresa Mackiewicz †
Thu.	9/6	8:30 am	NO MASS
Fri.	9/7	8:30 am	Mercedes Kow †
Sat.	9/8	8:30 am	NO MASS -
		4:00 pm	Lillian Mackiewicz †

ST. MONICA - September 8-9

LECTORS
 5:00 pm Maria McDevitt
 8:00 am Ed McDevitt
 11:00 am Police/Fire Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 5:00 pm L. Robles/J. Gerardo/Z. Rocamora
 8:00 am C. Archuleta/M. Reichmuth/M. Louie
 11:00 am N. & H. Concon/L. Foronda/S. Sermsakul

ST. THOMAS - September 8-9

LECTORS
 4:00 pm Leonard Kuplinski
 9:30 am STA Students

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 4:00 pm Lourdes Olza/Alice Schmitt
 9:30 am Terry Lai/Haselina Ha/Christine Aguerre

**THIS WEEK (9/1-2) THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND.
 NEXT WEEK (9/8-9) THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR PARISH UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS.**



**OUR SYMPATHY
 TO THE FAMILY OF
 THOMAS WU**

Find Bargains Here!  **FALL CARRIAGE HOUSE SALE—LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR—ST. ANNE’S HOME**
 Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13 from 9am to 3pm
 All proceeds go to help support the residents of St. Anne’s Home. Donations will be accepted on Tuesdays from 9am until 1pm at 300 Lake Street, San Francisco. For more information, call 415-751-6512.

THANK YOU - 8/25-26	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,515.00	\$1,231.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$ 704.00	\$ 785.00
SPECIAL	\$ 210.00 CANTONESE	\$ 184.00 VIETNAMESE