

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 22, 2024

## St. Monica Catholic Church

470 24th Avenue  
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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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Catholic Chaplain for UCSF

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## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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



PARTAKE IN  
COMMITMENT  
SUNDAY!



"If anyone wishes  
to be first, he shall  
be the last of all  
and the servant  
of all."



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Dear brothers and sisters,

We have reached the last of the seven Sacraments today as we consider the Anointing of the Sick. This is the Sacrament that we receive when we “begin to be in danger of death from sickness or old age.” A priest then administers this Sacrament to assist us in this time of need. It can also be received again should the person’s condition worsen in the future. In case of the danger from death from an impending surgery, it also may be received beforehand.

Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.  
From the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick

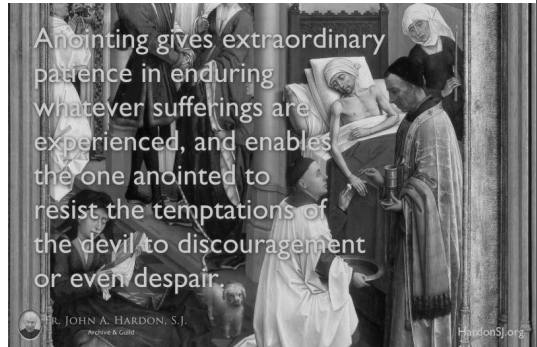
This Sacrament has five effects upon the faithful who receive it:

1. It unites them with Jesus in his suffering and passion for the salvation of the world.
2. It bestows strength, peace and courage in their sufferings of illness and old age.
3. It forgives the sins of those who are unable to make a confession.
4. It restores health when this is conducive to the person’s salvation.
5. It prepares one for the journey into eternal life.


Since the Anointing of the Sick is so powerful of a grace, it is important that we all make provision to receive it when the time comes. It would be good for us to call the Parish Office at 415-751-5275 ext. 222 and request this Sacrament, either for ourselves or our loved ones, if they begin to be in danger as described. We could even put this in our medical directive, that our doctors would be sure to reach out to the Church at the appropriate time.

May we receive this grace from Jesus, from the one who unites us with himself and gives us the strength we need to enter into Heaven.

Fr. Ben



**“KNOW HIM, LOVE HIM, SERVE HIM” PROGRAM**



Thank you for celebrating **Commitment Sunday** with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our “Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him” Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at [www.smstaparishsf.org](http://www.smstaparishsf.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish!

“The most beautiful act of faith is the one made in darkness, in sacrifice, and with extreme effort.”  
~ St. Padre Pio (Feast Day - September 23th)



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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our readings today bring to light the daily struggle between good and evil and how we can combat this struggle through gratitude.

In our Gospel, we see an example of how surrendering to our passions negatively affects us. Jesus was with His disciples when they began to argue amongst themselves as to who was the greatest in the group.

If we look at our own lives, we might find many instances where we fall into the same tendencies — we constantly compare ourselves to others, out of pride we feel the need to point out another’s faults or choose to fight back in an argument. We know we should act one way but choose another.

When Jesus hears what the apostles are discussing, He has them focus on a child. “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

If we reflect on the moment someone receives a child, oftentimes their hearts are overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for this gift. There is no jealousy or anger, just thanksgiving, and appreciation.

The apostles are busy bickering about who was the best. Their vision was clouded, and they could not even stop and be grateful for the gift to be so close to our Savior and that they were chosen to be His closest followers.

When we are caught in the raging war of jealousy, fighting, and pride, and begin to become enslaved to our passions we are ultimately being ungrateful for what we have been given. We overlook the blessing God has given us and the gifts and talents He has entrusted to us.

Today, let us recall that we have an infinitely loving God who cares deeply for us. Consider all that He has blessed you with, and how you can use those blessings for His glory.

~ Catholic Stewardship

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY & COLLECTION

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, September 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 this **Wednesday, October 18th 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.

**Our next St. Vincent de Paul collection will be next weekend,  
September 28th - 29th. Thank you for your generosity.**



SVDP online donation QR code:



“We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.”

~ *St. Vincent de Paul (Feast Day - September 27th)*



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**PRIEST CONVOCATION**

Every year the priests of our Archdiocese attend a retreat together. The Fall Convocation is an important time away for 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.

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

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember 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.

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

**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.



[www.sfarch.org/event/rosary-rally](http://www.sfarch.org/event/rosary-rally)



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 \* We pray for the repose of the souls of \*  
 \* **Murray Grossman** \*  
 \* & \*  
 \* **John Porras** \*  
 \* and offer our sympathy to their families \*  
 \* and friends. \*  
 \* A memorial for Murray Grossman will be \*  
 \* planned at a later date. \*  
 \* John Porras is the grandfather of our \*  
 \* Kindergarten teacher Alexis. \*  
 \* **Eternal rest grant unto** \*  
 \* **them, O Lord, and let** \*  
 \* **perpetual light shine** \*  
 \* **upon them. May the** \*  
 \* **souls of the faithful** \*  
 \* **departed, through the** \*  
 \* **mercy of God, rest in** \*  
 \* **peace. Amen.** \*  
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*Mass Intentions*

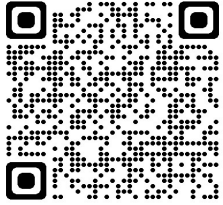
St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	09/23	8:30 AM	Intentions of Josephine Smith	Mon.	09/23	8:30 AM	Angelina Panes †
Tue.	09/24	8:30 AM	Helen Mar †	Tue.	09/24		No Mass
Wed.	09/25	8:30 AM	All Souls †	Wed.	09/25	8:30 AM	Romulo Munar †
Thu.	09/26	8:30 AM	Simon Lee †	Thu.	09/26		No Mass
Fri.	09/27	8:30 AM	Ignatius Andy Dharmadi †	Fri.	09/27	8:30 AM	Arturo Munar †
Sat.	09/28	8:30 AM	Jen Lam †	Sat.	09/28		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Manuela & Jorge Magana †				
Sun.	9/29	11:00 AM	Loring Moy †	Sun.	09/29	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
September 15, 2024		
IST COLLECTION	\$1,930.00	\$1,529.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$478.00	



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!



**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. Thomas the Apostle

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