

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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. ♦ 10:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. *in Cantonese*

Weekdays

8:30 a.m.
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. 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

Georgianna Askoff, 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
Tel: 415-387-5545 Fax: 415-221-0868
Office Hours:
Mon-Wed 9:30 a.m. - Noon



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil—4:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m. ♦ 11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m. *in Vietnamese*

Weekdays

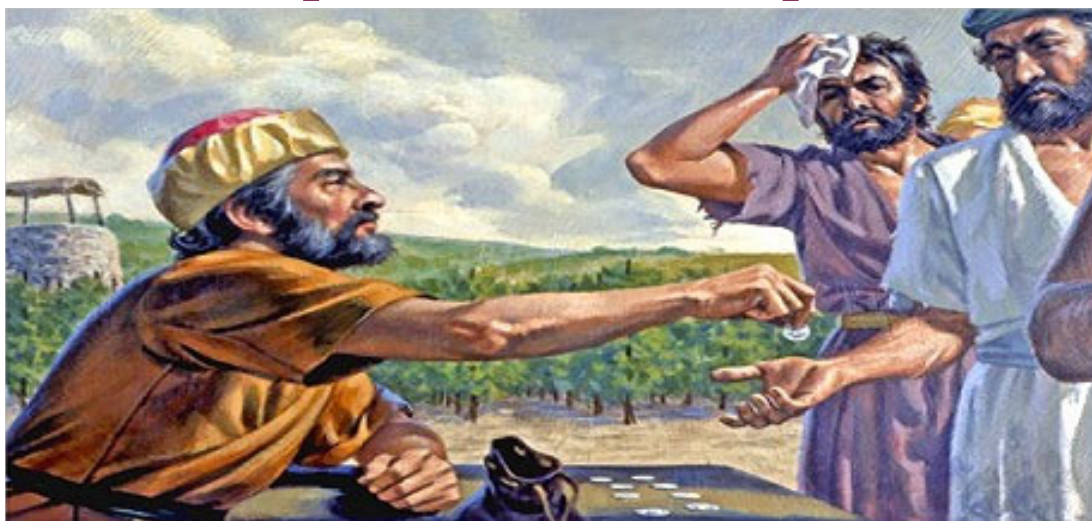
8:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
1st Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Confession

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

Holy Days

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





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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

*"Seek the Lord while He may be found,
call on Him while He is near."*

Lord, teach us of your compassion for God's thoughts are not our thoughts and God's ways are not our ways. Lord, teach us of your presence so that we will live in the Lord, the creator of life and death. Lord, teach us of your wisdom so that we will trust in your goodness. Lord, teach us of your timelessness so that we will turn to you for mercy and to our God who is generous in forgiving. Lord, we turn to you in your word so that we recognize our dependence on you, and we pray to learn of you and to live in you. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him. What will God be like when we find Him? Isaiah tells us: Our God is generous and forgiving!

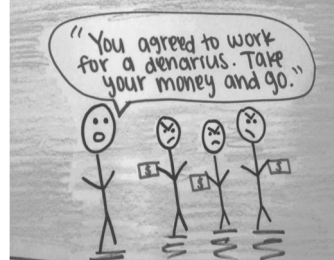
Sincerely yours,
Fr. John Sakowski

*there is no such thing as
a small act of kindness.*



Reflection on the Gospel

"The last will be first, and the first will be last!"



Today the Gospel presents the parable of the generous landowner and the workers in the vineyard. Our Sunday celebration reminds us more than usual of God's lavish and

generous love. Why would any boss pay the same day's wage for someone who began work at nine in the morning and someone who began at five in the afternoon? This just doesn't seem fair. In today's business world, it would not be fair, but not in the business of the kingdom of God. *God's mercy is without measure.*



OUR LADY OF FATIMA RUSSIAN BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join us on Sunday for *Divine Liturgy* 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 _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone Number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remove from List | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday Envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Monica <input type="checkbox"/> St. Thomas |

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*Come to the Fall festival at **St. Monica's Church Hall** on Saturday, October 14 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm featuring International Cuisine. There will be a sale on handmade items, jewelry and much more. Admission is \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 years or younger. For more information, contact Dr. Gay Ducharme at 415-386-2259 or the St. Monica's Rectory at 415-751-5275.*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL-SF'S ANNUAL BRENNAN AWARD - Come join the celebration and be inspired! St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco presents the 25th Annual Brennan Award Dinner honoring Joan and Bob McGrath, the SVDP Conferences, and the Homeless Shelter Legal Clinic on Thursday, October 26 at The Fairmont Hotel. Tickets available online at svdp-sf.org or call [415-757-6561](tel:415-757-6561).

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY LUNCHEON will be held on Friday, September 29, 11:30 am, Saint Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco. This luncheon benefits the Priests Retirement Fund, which covers additional medical expenses not covered by insurance, assisted living, and nursing care for our retired priests. It provides critical financial assistance to our retired Priests. The Luncheon also provides all of us with the unique opportunity to come together and demonstrate our gratitude to these men for their life's work and their unyielding devotion to all whom they serve. Please attend the Luncheon or donate directly to the Priests Retirement Fund. For information and registration go to sfarch.org/prflunch.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

On October 7, 2017, Archbishop Cordileone will consecrate the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All events will take place at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco beginning with Rosary at 9:00am, Mass at 10:00am and Eucharistic Procession, Benediction, Consecration at 11:30am. Why consecrate the Archdiocese? 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of the appearance of Mary to the shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Consecration to her Immaculate Heart was a request of Mary at that time.

SEVENTH ANNUAL FILIPINO MINISTRY DINNER-DANCE GALA FUND-RAISER

The Filipino Ministry Dinner-Dance Gala Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, October 15 at 5:00 PM St. Mary's Cathedral Patron's Hall, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. "Heal the World through Music" is the theme of the Filipino Ministry Annual Dinner-Dance Fundraiser. The Filipino Ministry is reaching out to build a strong youth and young adult music ministry through which youth can become effective evangelizers to reach out to their peer groups. The Gala evening will feature the Filipino Ministry Youth and Young Adult Choral Group, directed by Leon Palad. Ticket price: \$60 per person or \$600 per table. For tickets and information, please contact filipinoministrsf1@gmail.com or text 415-595-9248.



VOLUNTEER CANTORS NEEDED AT ST. THOMAS: Audition required. If you would like to serve in the Music Ministry as a volunteer cantor, please see Georgianna after Mass.



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In the Parishes

St. Monica School

5950 Geary Boulevard (@24th Ave.)
San Francisco, California 94121
Tel: 415-751-9564/Fax: 415-751-0781
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:

7:00 pm on Thursdays; email Matthew Walsh at monicamusic@sbcglobal.net

St. Thomas Choir Practice:

Sundays at 10:30 am. Email Georgianna Askoff at jyorjyanna@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



Voltaire Abordo * Pauline Assali * Mary Chan * Lumir Cerny * Zhuan Chen * Connie Concon * Jacques Derderian
Rosa Dettling * Maria Fanara * Dan Fingal-Surma * Olivia Fisher * Gianna Rose Fedorczak * David Gamarra
Joe Goebel * Colleen Granero * Mary Guy * Virginia Lou Hartmann * Katie Hyde * Luz King * Jerry Lollock
Frank Marino * Henry Maskowski * Virginia McGowan * Veronica Mironoss * Wendy Moore * Ann Murphy
Kaitlyn O'Connor * Dave Oliverio * Lourdes Olza * Oplanic Family * Gus Pereira * Kerry Parker * Tanya Ratliff
Alexa Rosario * Anna Seidler * Cynthia Seto * Naty Soliban * Teresa Spemich * Alberto Urbano * Maria Wong

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD PROGRAM - A Children's Liturgy Program for St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from September 2017 to June 2018 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Children ages 3-6 experience God's word in an age-appropriate way. Before the readings, the children will be invited up for a blessing and dismissed to hear the message of the Gospel in a more meaningful way. Children will rejoin their family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. For more information or to volunteer, contact Father John at frjohnpastor@aol.com.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic or haven't received your First Holy Communion or Confirmation, our parish education program offers an opportunity to learn more about our faith and prepare for the reception of the sacraments. Join the RCIA program on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Monica Rectory. Registration

forms are on the tables. Contact: Sister Noreen at noconnor@csjla.org for more information.

ST. MONICA - ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION - CCD

Religion classes for the Fall semester began on September 10, 2017 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.



Class Hours are from 9:30 – 10:50 am at 720 – 40th Avenue. We welcome students in Grades K-8 in private, Catholic or public schools. Students will be educated in the Catholic faith on all grade levels, and they will be prepared for the sacraments of

Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Registration forms and a class schedule are on the tables. Contact: Sister Noreen at noconnor@csjla.org.

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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas			
Sat.	9/23	8:30 am	Marie Idiart †	Sat.	9/23	8:30 am	NO MASS
		5:00 pm	Mary, John and Jack Hanley †			4:00 pm	Rose and Albert Capurro †
Mon.	9/25	8:30 am	David Calvo †	Mon.	9/25	8:30 am	Mercedes Kow †
Tue.	9/26	8:30 am	Bernard Smith †	Tue.	9/26	8:30 am	Lillian Mackiewicz †
Wed.	9/27	8:30 am	Mary Hall Prout †	Wed.	9/27	8:30 am	Theresa Mackiewicz
Thu.	9/28	8:30 am	Fong Toan †	Thu.	9/28	8:30 am	Carol & Bob Fe Feo—Special Intention
Fri.	9/29	8:30 am	Jen Lam †	Fri.	9/29	8:30 am	Mercedes Kow †
Sat.	9/30	8:30 am	Alexandra Roche †	Sat.	9/30	8:30 am	NO MASS
		5:00 pm	Marie Idiart †			4:00 pm	Andrew Joseph Mc Carthy †

ST. MONICA - September 30-October 1

LECTORS

5:00 pm Maria McDevitt
8:00 am Mike Guglielmino
10:30 am Family Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm S. Sermsakul/B. Barromeo/L. Robles
8:00 am C. Kink/C. Pogolian/L. Driskill
10:30 am D. & J. Stevens/L. Barry-Smith/R. Almada

ST. THOMAS - September 30-October 1

LECTORS

4:00 pm Gerry and John Paul Jacinto
8:30 am Andrea Iida
11:00 am Casey Saplan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 pm Doree Jacinto/Alice Schmitt
8:30 am Hasselina Ha/Andrea Iida
11:00 am Terry Lai/Isabel Molloy/Kathy Symkowick

**THIS WEEK (9/23-24) THE SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE ANNUAL
ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL - AAA. NEXT WEEK (9/30-10/1) THE SECOND
COLLECTION WILL BE FOR THE PARISH/SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND.**



LIFE CHAIN - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2:00 PM



GIVE AN HOUR TO SAVE A LIFE. Be a Christian witness against the killing of unborn children in a prayerful, peaceful and legal event! Come to Park Presidio Blvd. between Geary and Clement. Signs will be provided at Park Presidio Blvd/Geary. For more information, please call **415-567-2297.**

THANK YOU 9/16-17	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,791.00	\$1,574.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$2,074.00	\$1,211.00
SPECIAL	\$ 190.00 CANTONESE	\$ 210.00 VIETNAMESE