

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 28, 2025

St. Monica Catholic Church

470 24th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94121
Tel: 415-751-5275

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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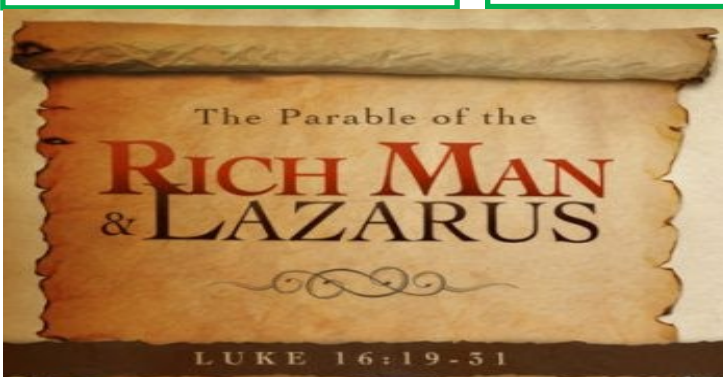
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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





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Dear brothers and sisters,

The Third of God's Commandments is to "Keep holy the Sabbath." In the Old Testament period, this referred to the seventh day on which God had rested from his work in creating the universe. Just as God rested on this day, making it a special holy day, he commanded his people to do the same. They were to rest from work and offer God the thanks and worship due to his name for all he had done for them.

For us who are Christians, keeping the Sabbath Holy means what it meant in the Old Testament period, but is made new in Christ. The Holy Day of the New Testament, the New Covenant with God's people, is Sunday, the day of Jesus' Resurrection. This is a holy day for us because we have been made new in Jesus Christ. Like God's people of old, we are to worship and honor God for what he has done. Not only because he has created the universe for us, but because he has redeemed us and has now prepared Heaven for us.

To keep the Sabbath holy requires us to go to Mass and worship God each Sunday. This is our way of showing God the thanks due to him. The word Eucharist means "Thanksgiving." If we are truly grateful to God for his creation and salvation, then we will keep this day holy. We should avoid working, if possible, as well, although not everyone can do this because of dire necessity. Nevertheless, we should make Sunday a day of reflection on God's truth and blessings, worshipping the Lord with thanks in our hearts.

Fr. Ben

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Thursday, October 2nd at 8:00 AM

St. Monica Schoolyard

Friday, October 3rd at 8:00 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle Church (in front)
~ no schoolyard parking on this day

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures." ~ St. Francis of Assisi

GOSPEL REFLECTION

We have all been given great power by God in the form of Time, Talents, and Treasure. Today's readings remind us that this power is meant to be used for great good. And that failure to do so has eternal consequences.

We see the urgency for us to put our powers to good use in today's Gospel passage from Luke. Our Lord tells the rather chilling parable of the rich man who ignored poor Lazarus during their lifetimes. At the moment of the rich man's death, he goes down to the netherworld, while Lazarus is taken to the eternal joy and comfort in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man keenly regrets his indifference towards the needs of Lazarus, but it is too late for regret. His choices have played out, and now the rich man will face the consequences of his failure to use the gifts God gave him.

Pursuit of God's kingdom and care for the poor are not trifling matters. Our Lord makes this clear to us over and over in the Scriptures and the constant teachings of our 2,000-year-old Church. We are free to ignore these teachings and live instead for ourselves. But there will be tragic results for us in the end. And, because we are made for eternity, living selfishly on this earth doesn't really bring us true happiness anyway.

So how can we use our great powers for great good? By embracing a stewardship way of life. By putting God first in all areas of our lives — in the way we spend our time, the ways we share our talents, the ways we give of our financial resources. Stewardship living calls us out of our comfort zone and into commitment to the Lord and the things that matter to Him.

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SAINT MONICA SCHOOL COLLECTION

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Saint Monica School is an important part of the parish life. Our elementary school has been providing a quality Catholic education in the central Richmond district for over 100 years. We offer an excellent core academic program, as well as a variety of supporting curriculum and enrichment activities.

Our graduates are accepted to all of the local College Preparatory High Schools. We now also offer a Transitional Kindergarten Program and are exploring opening a preschool.

Our school mission is guided by our Roman Catholic Faith. We provide a supportive and nurturing learning environment that fully challenges and engages each student: academically, physically, and spiritually.

In addition to offering an education in the faith, we are proud to offer a supporting curriculum that includes Physical Education, Art, Music, Technology Classes, Science Labs, Library, and Learning Support.

Our Enrichment Program highlights a variety of options for our students at various grade levels. Features include Altar Serving Program, Academic Chess, Band Instruments Class, Drama Club, School Choir, STEM and Coding-Lego Robotics Clubs, a flexible Extended Care Program, and a CYO Athletic Program.

I ask that you consider making a donation through the parish on the weekend of October 4th and 5th 2025 to support our elementary school program. Thank you for your kind and generous support.

Sincerely,

Vincent M. Sweeters

Principal

sweeters@stmonicasf.org



SAINT MONICA SCHOOL

Located in the heart of the Richmond and guided by our Roman Catholic Faith, we offer a supportive and nurturing learning environment from TK to 8th grade that fully challenges and engages each student academically, physically, and spiritually.

We welcome all faiths and our vibrant student body is reflective of our local community.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Comprehensive core academics
- Integrated STEM curriculum, new science center, 1:1 tech program
- Learning resource program
- Spanish language instruction
- 10,000+ volume library
- Dedicated art and music facilities
- Wide range of co-curricular and enrichment programs available onsite
- Robust athletics program and onsite gym
- Flexible onsite extended care

SIGN UP FOR A TOUR



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SAINT MONICA SCHOOL Scholastic Book Fair

OCT 14-OCT 17 & OCT 19

Saint Monica School Scholastic Book Fair

Church Small Hall

Oct 14-Oct 17, 2025

8:30am-12:30pm (students)

12:30pm-5:30pm (open to public)

Sunday Oct 19, 2025

11am-2pm (open to public)

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmonicaschool3>





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MASS INTENTIONS may be offered in honor of loved ones at either St. Monica or St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For scheduling and additional information, you can either stop by or mail your list to the parish office at 470 24th Ave. SF, CA 94121. Please list all your Mass intentions and requested dates. You can also call Jessica at 415-751-5275 to schedule.



All are welcome to join us every
Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM to pray the
Rosary at
St. Monica Church.
&

All are welcome to join us on the
First Saturday of every month for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.



WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP
ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month in the Small Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass. To volunteer, please email Deacon Dana Perrigan at: perrigan2000@yahoo.com.
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH - SOCIAL SUNDAY will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the church's vestibule after the 9:00 AM Mass. To volunteer, please e-mail Christine Aguerre at: chrisck6@gmail.com

SAINT MONICA SCHOOL DAY TOURS: FALL 2025

- ⇒ Friday, October 10th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, October 19th from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (following Mass)
* All our classrooms will be open and the Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Parish Hall.
- ⇒ Tuesday, November 4th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday, November 19th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Friday, December 5th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

Questions or unable to attend a scheduled tour date?

Contact our office for scheduling:
development@stmonicasf.org or 415-751-9564.



“Saint Monica School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. Saint Monica School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.”



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	09/29	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	09/30	8:30 AM	Margaret Polak †
Wed.	10/01	8:30 AM	Richard Atwood †
Thu.	10/02	8:30 AM	Garrett Garvey, Birthday
Fri.	10/03	8:30 AM	Jack Hanley†
Sat.	10/04	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Francis Thomas Carroll †
Sun.	10/05	11:00 AM	Roland Parker †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	09/29	8:30 AM	Lena & Bill Cicone †
Tue.	09/30		No Mass
Wed.	10/01	8:30 AM	K.T. Antony †
Thu.	10/02		No Mass
Fri.	10/03	8:30 AM	Vironi Cheeku †
Sat.	10/04	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	10/05	9:00 AM	Kathleen Hayes †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
September 21, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,772.00	\$500.00	\$1,231.00
2ND COLLECTION: PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND	\$982.00	\$228.00	\$654.00

2025 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL



If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Appeal, we ask you to do so today. We invite everyone to share a portion of God's blessings with others by supporting the Annual Appeal. Your gift has a great impact. We hope for **100%** participation from our parish family this year. Thank you for supporting our Archdiocesan ministries and the people who need and depend on our programs and services.

- ♦ Your generosity supports **Teacher Incentive Grants**. One teacher notes, "The Incentive grant has helped me become a more responsive educator. It's helped me assess my students' needs and respond to them more effectively by providing a nurturing environment where they can continue to learn and grow as a whole person. It has made a tremendous impact on my life and the life of my students."

Our 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$46,186.00.

We have reached 80% of our goal. Donations received: \$36,977.00.

Donate online: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/> or by using the QR Code

Donate by mail: Fill out the form located on the tables in the Church and mail the form with your donation to the Archdiocese.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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