

# Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 29, 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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St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory  
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3835 Balboa Street  
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



The precepts of the Lord  
give joy to the heart.



Drop your Commitment Card in  
the collection basket or mail them  
into the Parish Office.



Mark 9:40

Whoever is not  
against us is for us

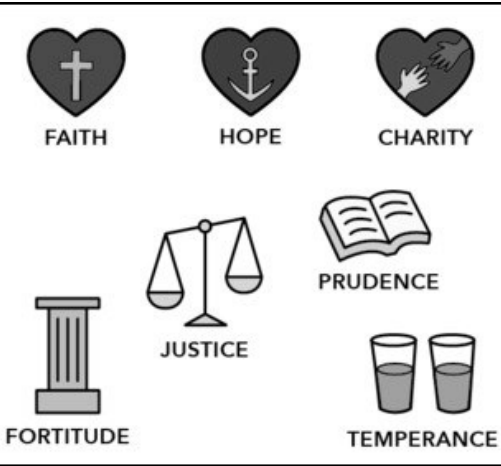


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Dear brothers and sisters,

Now that we have covered all the seven Sacraments of the Church, we will now begin our next series of reflections on Virtue. We can define virtue as a certain excellence that is within us, leading us to do good. Its opposite is vice which leads us to do what is wrong. Both virtue and vice can be present within us as a habit. Habits are formed by repetition and make us more likely to do things good or evil. God calls us to habitually do good to build up virtue in us.



The Church teaches us that there are seven human and divine virtues. The four human virtues are prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. They develop through education and practice. God’s grace can also elevate them, making us strong in doing good. The three divine, or theological virtues are faith, hope, and charity. They are supernatural gifts that God grants us. They come not from education but as a gift from God. They must be welcomed and cooperated with, to work through us. We need human and divine virtue to be holy, as God is holy.

Let us take some time to reflect: Do I seek to grow in virtue? Are my habits, the things I do each day, building up the practice of virtue or vice? Am I becoming more like God?

Next week we will begin to look at each virtue individually, discovering how excellent we are called to be.

Fr. Ben

Someone may ask, 'How is justice greater than all the other virtues?' The other virtues gratify the one who possesses them; justice does not give pleasure to the one possessing it, but instead pleases others.

St. Jerome (Feast Day ~ September 30th)

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

*Thank you*

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter was mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to reflect upon and renew your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish with your time, talent, and treasure. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish.





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### GOSPEL REFLECTION

In our readings this week, Eldad, Medad, and the man driving out demons were all doing the work of God. They had been entrusted with a gift and used it to glorify the Lord. Joshua and John should have responded in joy and appreciation for another's gifts and talents.

We oftentimes look at another's strengths as our weakness whether it be in parish life, in the workforce, or even in our own families.

Jesus is calling us to cut out those sinful thoughts and attitudes from our lives. The next time we witness someone being a good steward of God's gifts — rejoice! And continue to examine how you are using your gifts and talents to ensure you are being a good steward of what God has entrusted to you.

We do not want to end up like the rich in our Second Reading from St. James. They stored up their riches to the point where they withheld wages from their workers! They clinged tightly to the pleasures and luxuries that the world offers and put it in front of both God and their neighbor. They misused the gifts God bestowed on them.

We must keep this in perspective as we journey on our path as Christian stewards. We do not live for this life, but for the next.

He has given us time every day, countless talents, and numerous treasures. Are we using them for His glory?

This week when we witness other people in our lives using the gifts God has given to them, instead of becoming jealous or critical, say a prayer of thanksgiving and take time to reflect on what God has gifted you and how you can offer it to Him 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 16th 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 TODAY,  
September 28th - 29th. Thank you for your generosity.**

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 \* We pray for the repose of the souls of \*  
 \* **Robert Ferrretti** \*  
 \* **&** \*  
 \* **Marie Noguzs** \*  
 \* and offer our sympathy to their \*  
 \* family and friends. \*  
 \* **Funeral services for Robert & Marie** \*  
 \* **were held last week.** \*  
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**Please join us for our 2nd Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, 10/26/2024!**  
 Enjoy a casual adults-only evening of community building and camaraderie with a buffet style dinner of mouthwatering sausages by Lockeford, sauerkraut, homemade potato salad, dessert, and drinks (beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages). Each \$30 dinner ticket includes two sausages, sides, dessert, and two drinks.  
**Ticket sale closes Monday, 10/21/2024.**  
<https://stmonica.schoolauction.net/oktoberfest2024>  
**Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM**  
**St. Monica Church Small Hall**  
**5950 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94121**




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*Mass Intentions*

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	09/30	8:30 AM	Rod Montgomery †	Mon.	09/30	8:30 AM	Hazel Tenn-Black †
Tue.	09/01	8:30 AM	Richard Atwood †	Tue.	10/01		No Mass
Wed.	10/02	8:30 AM	George Lau †	Wed.	10/02	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Nott †
Thu.	10/03	8:30 AM	Shirley Tesch †	Thu.	10/03		No Mass
Fri.	10/04	8:30 AM	Vincenta Navarro †	Fri.	10/04	8:30 AM	Kathleen Hayes †
Sat.	10/05	8:30 AM	Dorothy Del Prado †	Sat.	10/05	8:30 AM	Fausto Galvan, Jr. †
		5:00 PM	Patricia Lazalde †				
Sun.	10/06	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †	Sun.	10/06	9:00 AM	Parishioners

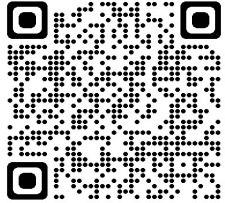
THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
September 22, 2024		
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,843.00	\$1,529.00
VIETNAMESE COLLECTION	\$1,292.00	
2ND COLLECTION: Priest Retirement Fund	\$820.00	\$695.00



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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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