

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 11, 2026

St. Monica Catholic Church

470 24th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94121
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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 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
BAPTISM
OF JESUS**
**MATTHEW
3:13-17**



And a voice from heaven said,
**“This is
my Son,
whom I LOVE;**
with him I am WELL pleased.”

Matthew 3:17



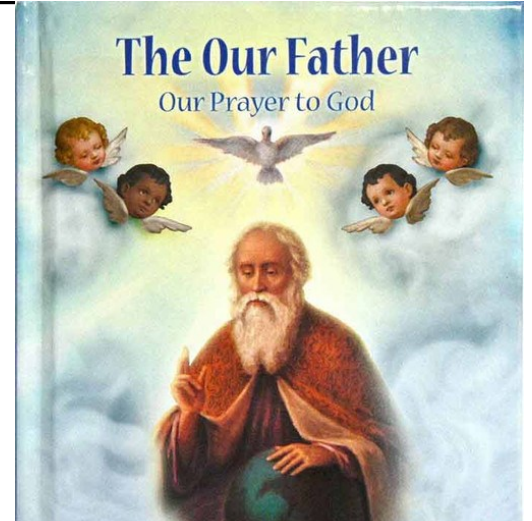
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Dear brothers and sisters,

As we begin the New Year of 2026, it is a good opportunity to start again, to remember that God calls us each new day and each new year to renew our relationship with him and start fresh. We should dedicate each day and this new year to being a disciple and serving the Lord of All.

With that said, I think that a great way to begin again would be to go “back to basics.” And what could be more basic, more fundamental than the prayer our Lord taught us, The Our Father. In this prayer is contained all the elements of a healthy relationship with God. In it are contained every need that we could ask for from him.



The Our Father was taught to the disciples when they asked Jesus “Lord, teach us how to pray.” St. Louis De Montfort says that “*The Our Father or the Lord’s prayer has great value—above all because of its Author Who is neither a man nor an angel but the King of angels and men, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*” What a gift to have received from God, that he himself would give us the words we make use of to pray to him. This ought to fill our souls with peace, because when we pray this prayer, we pray in a way that is pleasing to God. We follow as he leads us.

In the weeks ahead, we will walk through each part of the Our Father prayer. It is worthy of our attention, of our careful consideration. As we do so, the Lord will reveal to us the immense value of this prayer. We will deepen our prayer life, gaining understanding of the mystery of our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Fr. Ben

“The chief service I owe you, O God, is that every thought and word of mine should speak of you.”

St. Hilary (Feast Day - January 13th)

***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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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address ☐ New Phone Number ☐ Remove from List

☐ Send Sunday Envelopes

☐ St. Monica ☐ St. Thomas the Apostle

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



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WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

The 21st Annual Walk for Life will take place on **Saturday, January 24th**. The day will begin with a 9:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. After Mass, everyone will gather at 12:30 PM at the Civic Center Plaza where there will be an Information Faire and Rally. The 2 mile walk will go down Market Street and conclude at Embarcadero Center. For more information visit: WalkforLifeWC.com.



Respect for Life Prayer

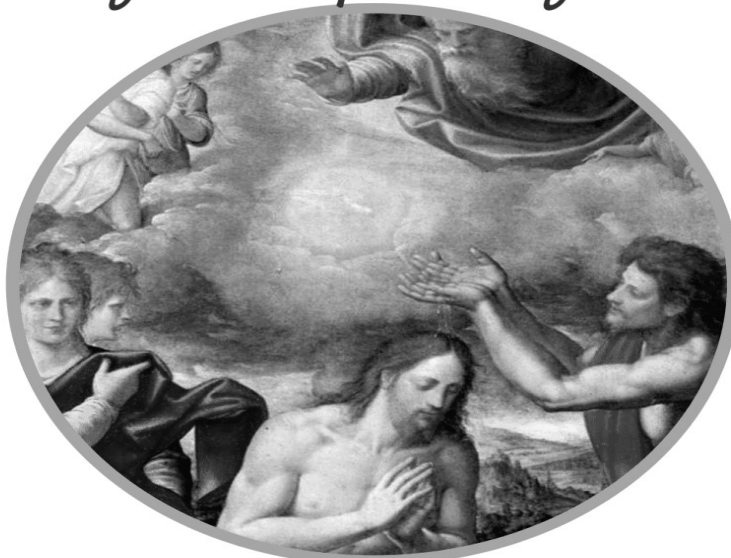
*O God, our eyes behold the beauty
of your creation, and our ears
catch the sounds of your power.*

*We hold our lives sacred
because they are your gift.*

*Bring us to greater awareness
of the sanctity of human life and
to sorrow for the times we have
ignored or offended it.*

*We ask this through Christ our
Lord.*

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord





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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate - The Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christians by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."

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SAVE THE DATES

Walk For Life West Coast

Saturday, January 24th

Crab Feed

Saturday, January 24th

Catholic Schools Week

January 26th - February 1st

Vietnamese Lunar New Year "Tet" Mass and Celebration

Sunday, February 8th

Sports-O'Rama

Saturday, February 21st

More details on these events will appear in upcoming bulletins.

WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY Friendship Sunday will be held on the first Sunday of each month following the 11 a.m. Mass. To volunteer, please e-mail Fr. Ben.

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 Fr. Ben.



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	01/12	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Rosado †	Mon.	01/12	8:30 AM	Jaden Soriano †
Tue.	01/13	8:30 AM	Rod & Sharon Montgomery †	Tue.	01/13		No Mass
Wed.	01/14	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Wed.	01/14	8:30 AM	Lucia Aglubat Biag †
Thu.	01/15	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	01/15		No Mass
Fri.	01/16	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Rosado †	Fri.	01/16	8:30 AM	Arthur Calma †
Sat.	01/17	8:30 AM	Lucy & George Alejan †	Sat.	01/17	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Patricia Ritzman †				
Sun.	01/18	11:00 AM	Libera Family †	Sun.	01/18	9:00 AM	Jaden Soriano & Parishioners†

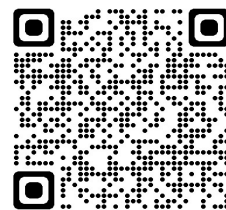
THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
January 4, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,654.00	\$388.00	\$1,154.00
HOLY DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY	\$1,292.00	No Mass	\$350.00



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Request a Mass Intention

Mass intentions for 2026 may be offered in honor of loved ones at either St. Monica or St. Thomas the Apostle Churches. For scheduling and additional information, you can either stop by or mail the parish office at 470 24th Ave. SF, CA 94121 or email (parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org). Please list all your Mass intentions and requested dates. You can also call Jessica at 415-751-5275 during office hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM.

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