

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 25, 2026

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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

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*"Come follow me,
and I will make you
fishers of men."*

cf. Matthew 4:19



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Dear brothers and sisters,

As we continue our reflection on the Our Father prayer, we arrive at the phrase "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." Here we pray for two specific things, which are interrelated.



When we pray to God, "Thy kingdom come," we are asking that the Kingdom of God be first built up within our hearts, minds, and souls. We who believe are the first to receive the kingdom. Just as we received the message of salvation and God's grace from those who came before us, we are to then share it with those who will come after us. To pray for God's kingdom to come is not a passive prayer but an active one, which we are to participate in.

Along with this is the petition to God, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We are asking that more and more people would do God's will in our world. So much so that heaven itself would be experienced in our world. When God's will be done here on earth, his love is present, his goodness is shared. We already begun to love and worship God on this earth, as we will forever in the Heavenly Kingdom.

May these prayers be answered by the Lord so that our world and its peoples be brought nearer to him. May he have the victory in our hearts and in the hearts of many others, that Heaven will be a more powerful touch on earth.

Fr. Ben

The Feast of St. Blaise
February 3rd

The Blessing of the Throats will take place on **Tuesday, February 3rd at 8:30 AM** at St. Monica Church.

BLESSING OF THROAT PRAYER
on the feast of St. Blaise

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen"





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Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK: January 25th - January 31

Each year, the last week of January is designated as a time to celebrate all those who contribute so generously in support of the Catholic educational system. Let us remember in our prayers the teachers, administrators, staff, and volunteers in St. Monica School and St. Thomas the Apostle Preschool as they nurture and educate the students in their care. Extend a word of gratitude to them in appreciation for all the good they do for the students and their families.

VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR'S MASS & CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 8 at 1:00 PM

St. Monica Church

Following the Mass there will be a celebration
in the Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!

Tết, short for Tết Nguyên Đán (Lunar New Year), is the most important celebration in Vietnamese culture. Tết celebrates the arrival of spring based on the Vietnamese calendar, which is mostly based on the lunisolar Chinese calendar and usually has the date in January or February in the Gregorian calendar.

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to
know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom
to find you, conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting
for you, and a hope of finally
embracing you. Amen.

— Thomas Aquinas



Catholic Charities Aging Case Management Services

If you need assistance navigating services to keep you safe at home and enhance your aging process in San Francisco County, please call our Catholic Charities Aging Case Management Programs at 415-334-5555.

Catholic Charities Breaking Bread with Hope

If you know an adult with a disability in San Francisco who is isolated or simply wants to engage with their community, **Breaking Bread with Hope** offers a place to meet for monthly Mass, lunch, and general fellowship. Please call 415-452-3500 for more information and to reserve a spot.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do — rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us. We are cherished members of God's family.

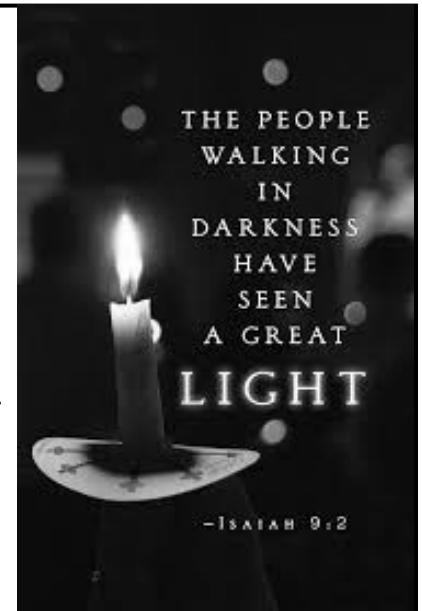
What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to actually live for God and to bring His Good News to all those we meet — at work, at school, in our community and right in our own home — in other words, to live as His good stewards.

And there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "at once they left their nets and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways that our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do — it's who we are.

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SAVE THE DATES

Sports-O'Rama

Saturday, February 21st

Auction Gala

Saturday, March 14th

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.	01/26	8:30 AM	Josephine Go, Birthday	Mon.	01/26	8:30 AM	Arthur Calma †
Tue.	01/27	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Tue.	01/27		No Mass
Wed.	01/28	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Wed.	01/28	8:30 AM	Jaden Soriano †
Thu.	01/29	8:30 AM	Donny Herdlika & Callale Concon, Birthdays	Thu.	01/29		No Mass
Fri.	01/30	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	01/30	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	01/31	8:30 AM	Mariano Dizon †	Sat.	01/31	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	02/01	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †	Sun.	02/01	9:00 AM	Phillip Puccia †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
January 18, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,538.00	\$395.00	\$820.00

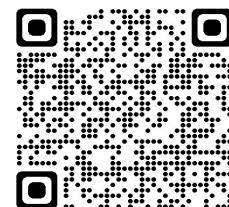
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Request a
Mass Intention

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.

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