

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 4, 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

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Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

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St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday)

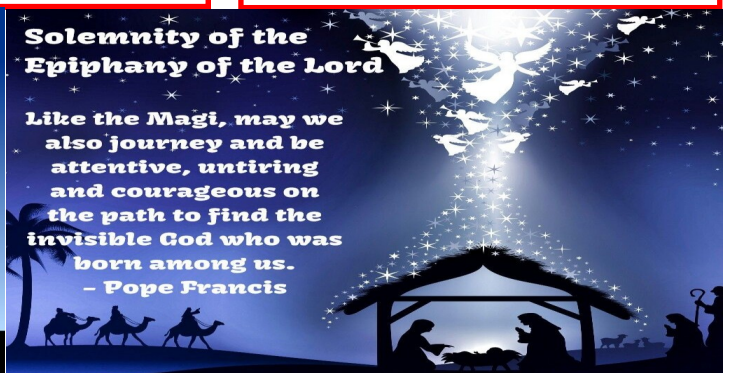
First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

First Saturday Adoration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Like the Magi, may we
also journey and be
attentive, untiring
and courageous on
the path to find the
invisible God who was
born among us.
- Pope Francis





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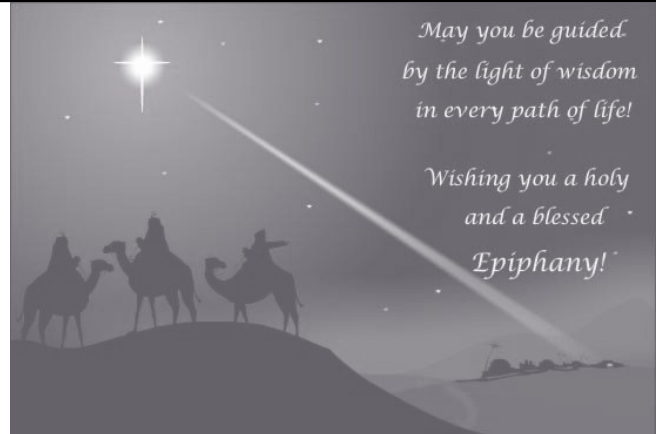
Dear brothers and sisters,

We have officially begun 2026, a new year is upon us. A new year brings with it new beginnings. We have new opportunities to leave what is past in the past, and to work at bringing forth something new. Doing this is healthy. It allows us to grow and not remain the same.

Our Christian life is like this as well. We are to always seek to begin again with the Lord. Each morning we have to recommit ourselves to the new day, saying to God "I will follow you this day Lord. Lead me and guide me." We are to allow God to continue to recreate us anew each day. This happens to us in a special way when we go to confession. We allow the Lord to forgive our past and give us a fresh start. We need this!

In this new year that is being given to us, let us go forward with God. The scriptures tell us that we travel "from glory to Glory." We have been blessed by God in the past, but there is more to come. My hope is that not only each of us individually but as one parish community we will grow in such a way. I have some new initiatives planned for us, and I hope that you will be willing to walk with me and our Parish into this new year, a blessed new season in the life of St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Fr. Ben



"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!"
Pope Leo XIV

**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 _____

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/smsstaparishsf/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.



An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)





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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries, we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on January 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between January 2 and January 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light.”

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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.	01/05	8:30 AM	Dana Perrigan	Mon.	01/05	8:30 AM	Arthur Calma †
Tue.	01/06	8:30 AM	David Oliverio †	Tue.	01/06		No Mass
Wed.	01/07	8:30 AM	Sharon Montgomery †	Wed.	01/07	8:30 AM	Jaden Soriano †
Thu.	01/08	8:30 AM	Lam Hoi †	Thu.	01/08		No Mass
Fri.	01/09	8:30 AM	Karen Lee †	Fri.	01/09	8:30 AM	Lucia Aglubat Biag †
Sat.	01/10	8:30 AM	Simon Lee	Sat.	01/10	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	01/11	11:00 AM	Bernard & Josephine Smith Family	Sun.	01/11	9:00 AM	Arthur Calma †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
December 21, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,308.00	\$498.00	\$1,202.00

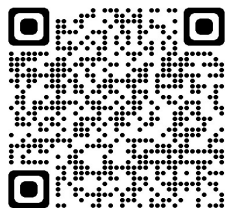
Please be advised bulletin collection reporting amounts will be delayed during the holiday season due to Mission Publication's seasonal deadlines. Thank you for your understanding.



Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

To donate:

Use your personalized parish offertory envelopes or scan the QR code to donate online!





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