

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 16, 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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Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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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By your perseverance you
will secure your lives."

Lk 21:5-19

Mal 3:19-20a

Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

2 Thes 3:7-12





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Dear brothers and sisters,

We have reached the final commandment in our reflection on the Ten Commandments today. God bless those who followed along the whole way! This Tenth Commandment tells us *"You shall not covet your neighbor's goods."* Here we are taught to respect others by respecting what belongs to them. By doing so, we acknowledge the rights others and treat them honorably.

Thou shalt not covet
thy neighbor's goods
Exodus 20:17

This commandment forbids that we desire to take, keep, or damage the property of others. If it happens to be that we have done such things in the past, we are obliged to make amends for the harm we caused. If it is still possible, we should give back to the person what was taken or at least its value. If we cannot do this reasonably, then we can attempt to restore the damage we caused by giving to some charity. Our acts of charity can counteract our acts of greed.

Jesus' teaching to treat others as you would have them treat you is quite appropriate here. We would be unhappy if someone took our own property which we have worked hard for. It would be unjust, unfair. We would feel that our dignity is offended when some takes what is ours.

Instead, let us look for ways to give back to others. Our God is in the business of restoring what was lost. When we give to charity, to the needy, we assist God in his work of bringing justice to the world. We do this by bringing love where there is no love, bringing God's goodness to a world that has often let people down. We can the change that we want to see in the world.

May our fulfilment of God's commandments not only please the Lord but allow us to become more like him, he who is righteous in all things.

Fr. Ben

***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/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

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BAPTISM INQUIRIES

All Baptism inquiries must go through the Parish Office. Please contact Jessica Montgomery at (415) 751-5275 or email parishoffice@stmonicasf.org to sign up and schedule an appointment with a parish priest.



ALL SOULS' ENVELOPES

Please use the envelopes at the entrance of the Church so that we may place the names of your loved ones on the altar. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mail or dropped off at the Rectory. All our faithfully departed will be remembered at our Masses during the month of November.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FROM OUR PARISH IN THE PAST YEAR:

Lucio Aguirre, Marie Arrabit, Ricardo B. Calma, Jr., Mary Gibbons, Michael Daniel Hornbach, Rev. Anthony "Tony" LaTorre, Eunice Leu, Susan Mabes, Robert Mahoney, Elsie McGee, John Minjiras, Juana Montgomery-Kleinman, Gloria Parker, Eusebio Salapare, Shirley Scobie, and Richard





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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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 21st



"The Son of God
became man for our
salvation but only in
Mary and through
Mary."

- ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

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Second Collection Today

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "*... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.*" Luke 4:18

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

SAINT MONICA SCHOOL DAY TOURS: FALL 2025

- ⇒ Wednesday, November 19th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Friday, December 5th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Questions or unable to attend a scheduled tour date? Contact our office for scheduling: development@stmonicasf.org or 415-751-9564.



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: chriscrk6@gmail.com.



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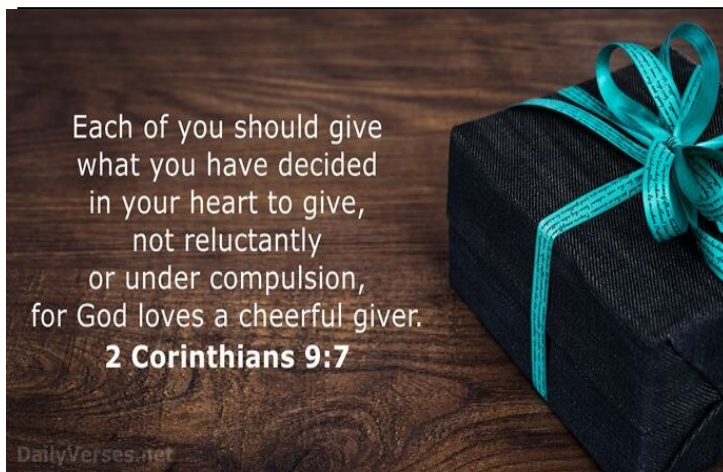


Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	11/17	8:30 AM	Sean & Frank McKenna †
Tue.	11/18	8:30 AM	Elda Maria Romero Mendez †
Wed.	11/19	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	11/20	8:30 AM	Gilda Maria Mangana †
Fri.	11/21	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	11/22	8:30 AM	Parishioners
		5:00 PM	Pilar Reyes, in Thanksgiving
Sun.	11/23	11:00 AM	Parishioners

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	11/17	8:30 AM	Lucia Aglubat †
Tue.	11/18		No Mass
Wed.	11/19	8:30 AM	Ode Touye †
Thu.	11/20		No Mass
Fri.	11/21	8:30 AM	David Touye †
Sat.	11/22		No Mass
Sun.	11/23	9:00 AM	Elisa Alpuerto & Vicente Caldito †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
November 9, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,809.00	\$465.00	\$1,470.00



ST. MONICA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE MEMORIAL WALLS

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember their friends and loved ones in a memorial space in the vestibule of each Church. For a donation of \$250.00, a brass nameplate will be engraved with the name(s) of your choice with a maximum of 50 letters.

If you wish to order a name plate, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.

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.

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

We have reached 87% of our goal. Donations received: \$40,247.00.

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!

