

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ November 23, 2025

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 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

FOR GOD WAS PLEASED
TO HAVE ALL HIS
FULLNESS DWELL IN HIM.
- COLOSSIANS 1:19

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING





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Dear brothers and sisters,

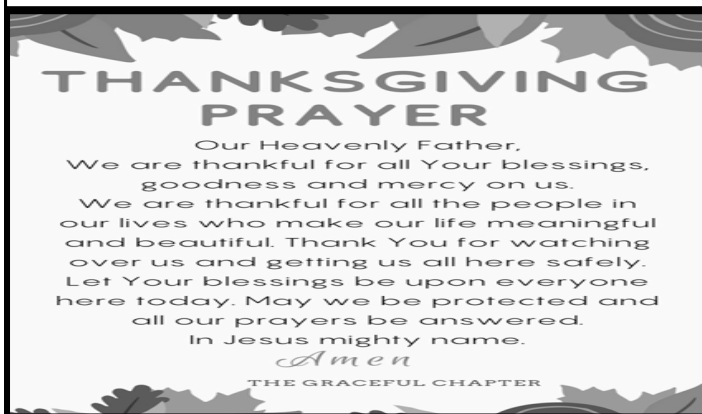
Thanksgiving is upon us this coming Thursday, a time to remember all of God's benefits and be grateful. No matter what challenges we have in our lives, we can still give thanks. We can do so in three ways: looking to the past, the present, and the future.

If we think back and reflect on our lives, we will find many reasons to thank God. Maybe we are grateful for our upbringing, the friends and family who have journeyed with us, or the grace of God that entered into our lives. No matter what we have been through, we can give thanks that 2000 years ago Jesus came to our world, died, and rose again for us. This is more than enough to thank God for!

When we look to the present, we can discover that we are being cared for. We have many good things right now, if only we look closely. We have enough to get us through each day. God is with us in the present, it is he who guides us step by step on the path of life. Let us never forget that we are not alone.

And as we consider the future, we can find peace in the promises of God. He will fulfill his designs for those who love him and walk in his ways. This will be nothing short of the glory of Heaven. How thankful we will be on that day! Let us begin to be thankful even now.

Fr. Ben





THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

ST. MONICA

10:00 AM

(NO 8:30AM MASS)

***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

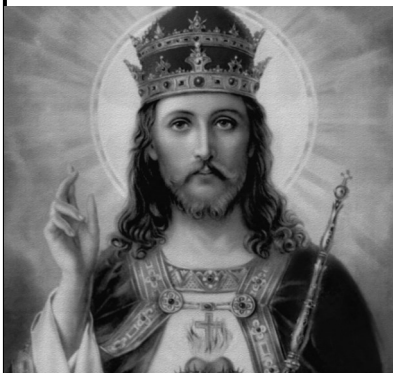
You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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GOSPEL REFLECTION



On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism and individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority.

The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

This feast is needed more than ever for all people and for us especially, as Christian stewards. It reminds us of three vital truths.

First, even when it seems the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving, merciful and just.

Second, if Christ is king of all, then He is also king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasure. He is. I am a servant of the King and a steward of His gifts to me.

Third, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others,

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King?

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Celebration for Deacon Dana Perrigan

Please join us next Sunday November 30th after the St. Monica 11am Mass to honor Deacon Dana. We want to give thanks for his many years of wonderful service to our Parish. If you are able, please bring a dish to share in our time honored pot luck style of fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there as we give thanks for our Deacon and pray God's blessings upon the next stage of his journey.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday, December 14, 2025

A Special "Pot Luck" fiesta with music and food will be served to celebrate and honor Our Lady of Guadalupe following the St. Thomas the Apostle 9am Mass, Sunday Dec. 14th. Please bring a dish to share with one another as we give thanks to God for Mary our Mother. To Volunteer contact: Carole Touye carole.touye@gmail.com.



IN HONOR OF ALL SOULS' DAY 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 Thomas.





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Giving Opportunities This Holiday Season

Advent season is fast approaching and like the previous years, our charitable project this year *will be to offer support to the Opiate Treatment Outpatient Program (OTOP) which is the Methadone Clinic at SF General Hospital. OTOP provides detoxification assistance to clients in conjunction with medical and psychiatric services. Since many of their clients are the homeless and poor, our projects will help to provide the clinic staff with items they will be able to distribute to clients as they come in for treatment. We will have three opportunities to do this:*

#1 Sandwiches – *On Sunday, December 7th after both the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas and the 11:00 Mass at St. Monica's, please join us in making sandwiches that will be distributed to hungry clinic clients. Our goal is to make 300 peanut butter/ jelly sandwiches between the two churches that weekend.*

#2 Giving Trees – *We will once again be putting up our Advent Giving Trees at both churches. We will collect new adult gloves, beanies, and blankets (e.g. fleece) which the staff at the clinic will be able to distribute to their clients as they come in for treatment during the colder months of the year. Please take an ornament from the tree that lists the needed item and return the item to either church (unwrapped) by Sunday, December 24.*

#3 Cookies for Christmas – *We will have the opportunity to bake cookies for the staff to distribute to patients. We call families to come forward and donated home made cookies, packaged individually in packets for 4-5 (small cookies) and 2-3 large/medium cookies. The cookies should be dropped off at church no later than 22nd December so that they can be distributed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.*

Thank you for all that you do to make Christmas beautiful for others!

**Have you considered Saint Monica – Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
in you yearend financial planning?**

Did you know you can make a charitable donation to the Parish from you IRA and reduce your taxable income if you are age 70.5 or older? Current tax law allows for gifts up to \$108k per individual to be gifted to an qualified charity and reduce your tax burden from the distribution.

Additionally, with stock market gains over the past several years, you can gift highly appreciated securities which offers a tax advantage by allowing you to bypass capital gains tax and potentially receive a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value of the asset.

If you ready to make a gift to support the Parish, or would you like to learn more about gifting options and potential tax benefits, please reach out to Father Ben.

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: per-rigan2000@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

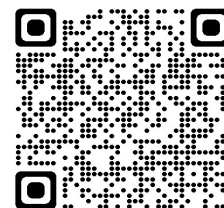
St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	11/24	8:30 AM	Bermejo Family, In Thanksgiving	Mon.	11/24	8:30 AM	Lucia Aglubat †
Tue.	11/25	8:30 AM	Lucio Aguirre †	Tue.	11/25		No Mass
Wed.	11/26	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Wed.	11/26	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	11/27	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Thu.	11/27		No Mass
Fri.	11/28	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	11/28	8:30 AM	Ode & David Touye †
Sat.	11/29	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Parishioners Parishioners	Sat.	11/29		No Mass
Sun.	11/30	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †	Sun.	11/30	9:00 AM	Ode & David Touye †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
November 16, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,415.00	\$440.00	\$1,263.00
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN	\$562.00	\$244.00	\$486.00



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!



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.

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