

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica ~ November 9, 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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Rev. Te Van Nguyen
Vietnamese Ministry
Catholic Chaplain for UCSF

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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



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Zeal
for your
house will
consume
me JOHN 2:17



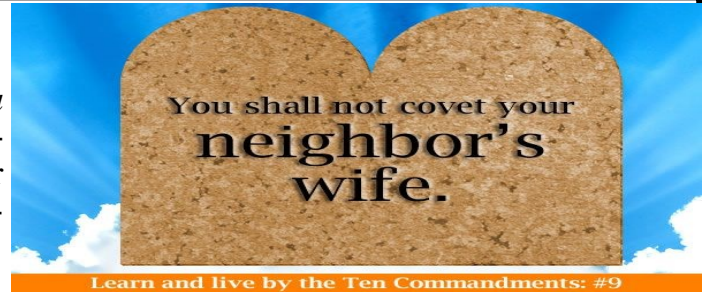


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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we consider the Ninth Commandment “*You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.*” This commandment from God calls us to have purity in our thoughts. We are to learn how to resist the temptation to think unchastely toward others.



The battle for purity happens through our eyes, our hearts, and our thoughts. It starts with the determination that we will not use others as an object for our own satisfaction. Each person must be treated with great respect and dignity, never used to gratify our lusts. They are a child of God who deserve to be honored and never abused.

With this in mind, we should have a plan to resist temptation when it comes to us. The first is having custody of our eyes. When unchastity tempts us in what we see, we must learn to turn away immediately. The more we practice this, the stronger our response will be going forward. We are to build up this turning away as a proper response and new habit.

When temptation troubles us in our mind and hearts, this is the time to pray. By praying during temptation, we find strength to overcome every sinful inclination. We should pray as many prayers as needed, until the temptation has ceased. This way we will not only be set free, but also discover how powerful God is to help. His loving care will be revealed to us as we depend on his help.

If we have fallen into sins of coveting others, let us ask God’s forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This too is a powerful help in being set free. Through the Holy Sacrament, we will be made clean again.

May we be a holy people, a holy temple for God, with purity reigning within us.

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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Zeal for Us Consumes Jesus.

A temple is a sacred place where God resides for His people. Jesus was shocked by the lack of respect people had for this dwelling of God. He cleansed the temple of the money changers and people who shamed God through their behavior and customs.

Jesus has the same zeal for us as we are the temples of His Holy Spirit. His heart resides in us, and we need to be conscious of His Presence with us at all times. However, we are physical with bodies as well as spiritual with souls. Therefore, following the custom of our Old Testament brothers and sisters, we have physical places to be with God as a community to worship Him. These temples are called Churches.

Our Catholic Church, for 1700 hundred years, has been the home of Our Lord Jesus, present in the tabernacles of our churches. Today we remember the first Church of Rome, St. John Lateran, dedicated to being the first residence of the Holy Father. The Church was not under persecution for the first time in over 300 years. It could celebrate Mass and the Sacraments publicly.

Gospel Challenge:

Today, reflect on our behavior before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament when we enter a church. It is common to genuflect entering a pew. Perhaps we could limit our conversations so others can pray without distractions. May the Lord renew the honor and respect we show Him in the tabernacle and each other.

Love Your Neighbor!

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O God, who from living and chosen stones
Prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,
Increase in your church the spirit of grace
You have bestowed
So that by new growth your faithful people
May build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

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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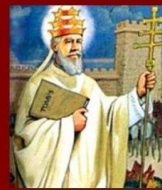


All are welcome to join us every
Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM to pray the
Rosary at
St. Monica Church.

&

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.

**St. Leo the
Great -
Pray for
Us!
Feast :
Nov. 10**



The faith by
which we live
shall never vary
in any age . . .
for one is the
faith which
sanctifies the
Just of all ages.

Pope St. Leo the Great

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are planning to form two separate teams to prepare flower arrangements for St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle Churches.

Who can join?

- ♦ Everyone is welcome.
- ♦ With or without the skill.
- ♦ Those who wish to share their time and talents.

There will be **two free basic trainings** given by a professional florist. The date and time and are to be determined.

If you are interested, please reach out to:
Lily Brouette at vcldbrouette@gmail.com.

SAINT MONICA SCHOOL DAY TOURS: FALL 2025

- ⇒ Tuesday, November 4th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- ⇒ 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:



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.



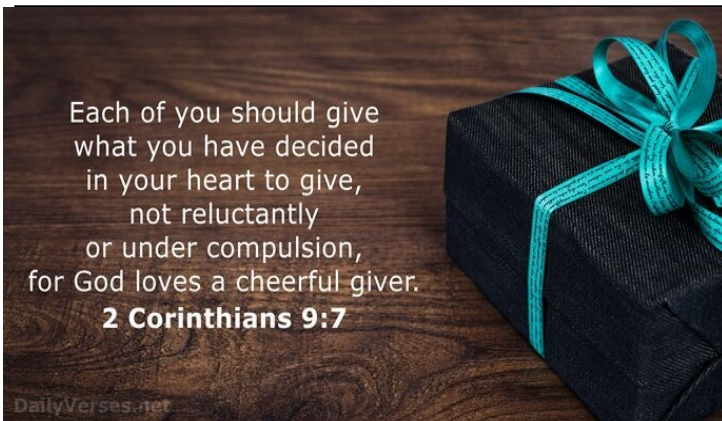
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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	11/10	8:30 AM	Virginia Kohlman †	Mon.	11/10	8:30 AM	Fred Bautista †
Tue.	11/11	8:30 AM	Martin Novak †	Tue.	11/11		No Mass
Wed.	11/12	8:30 AM	Jacobs Family †	Wed.	11/12	8:30 AM	Lucia Aglubat †
Thu.	11/13	8:30 AM	Cynthia Gaver†	Thu.	11/13		No Mass
Fri.	11/14	8:30 AM	Mary Hanley †	Fri.	11/14	8:30 AM	Ode & David Touye †
Sat.	11/15	8:30 AM	Josephine Gerardo †	Sat.	11/15	8:30 AM	No Mass
			Hale A. † & Connie Concon				
		5:00 PM		Sun.	11/16	9:00 AM	Kathleen Hayes †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
October 26, 2025	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,750.00	\$377.00	\$1,364.00
2ND COLLECTION—St. Patrick Seminary	\$668.00	\$128.00	\$534.00



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 84% of our goal. Donations received: \$39,002.00.

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!

