

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph ~ December 28, 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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St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

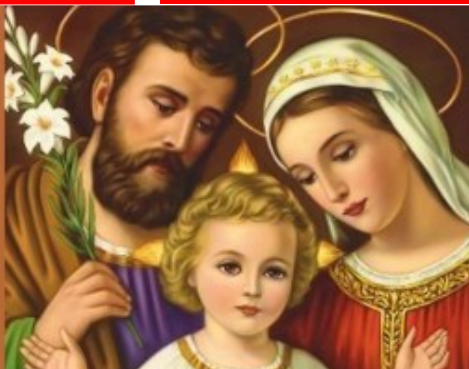
Sunday
9:00 AM

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

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

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

Today is the Feast of
*The Holy
Family*



My Eyes Have Seen Your
SALVATION
Luke 2:22-40

The Gospel according to
LUKE



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Dear brothers and sisters,

As we draw near to the end of 2025 and begin a new year, let us be grateful to God. I am sure that if we look, we will see that he has been good to us this year. One of the best forms of prayer is giving thanks. When we count our blessings and thank the Lord for all that he has done for us, we discover how truly blessed we have been. This not only gives God the honor due to him, but it also opens us up to love him more. The more we believe that God is good, the more we will approach him as children who love him in response to who he is.

The Mass itself, the Eucharist which we celebrate means "to give thanks." May our prayer together rise up to the Lord, expressing hearts of wonder and amazement not only for what he has already done, but for what is to come. May the year ahead be a year overflowing with God's abundant blessings for us, the people dear to his heart at St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

Fr. Ben

*Give thanks
to the LORD
for
HE IS GOOD
His love
endures
FOREVER*
Psalm 107:1



"Faith is a gift of God, to be diligently sought and earnestly desired.
Faith lifts the soul"

~ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Feast Day - January 4th)

**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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NEW YEAR'S DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 AM – St. Monica

8:30 AM – St. Thomas the Apostle

5:30 PM – St. Monica

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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"GOD ALWAYS KNOCKS AT THE DOOR OF HEARTS. HE LIKES TO DO THIS. IT COMES FROM HIS HEART. BUT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE LIKES BEST? TO KNOCK ON THE DOORS OF FAMILIES AND FIND FAMILIES THAT ARE UNITED, TO FIND FAMILIES THAT LOVE EACH OTHER, TO FIND THE FAMILIES THAT BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN AND EDUCATE THEM AND HELP THEM TO KEEP GOING FORWARD AND THAT CREATE A SOCIETY OF GOODNESS, OF TRUTH, AND OF BEAUTY."

-POPE FRANCIS



NEW YEAR PRAYER

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should.
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION Feast of the Holy Family



Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:

"The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take

on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit."

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"Mary hears our petitions; holding her Son in her arms, she blesses us and brings us the tender love of God made flesh." "In a word, Mary gives us hope." ~ Pope Francis

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 in December following the 11 a.m. Mass. The regular first and third Sunday schedule will resume in January. 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.	12/29	8:30 AM	Peter Ferrarese †	Mon.	12/29	8:30 AM	Lucia Aglubat Biag †
Tue.	12/30	8:30 AM	Milt Reiterman †	Tue.	12/30		No Mass
Wed.	12/31	8:30 AM & 5:30 PM	Noralyn Breiz, Birthday	Wed.	12/31	8:30 AM	Jaden Soriano †
Thu.	01/01	8:30 AM 5:30 PM	Parishioners Parishioners	Thu.	01/01	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Fri.	01/02	8:30 AM	Eileen DeLuca †	Fri.	01/02	8:30 AM	Jaden Soriano †
Sat.	01/03	8:30 AM	Lucio Aguirre †	Sat.	01/03	8:30 AM	Lucia Aglubat Biag †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners				
Sun.	01/04	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	01/04	9:00 AM	Honorata Conlu †

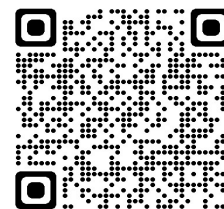
Please be advised bulletin collection reporting amounts will be delayed during the holiday season due to Mission Publication's seasonal deadlines. Thank you for your understanding.



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!



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 one of our parish priests.

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