

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 12, 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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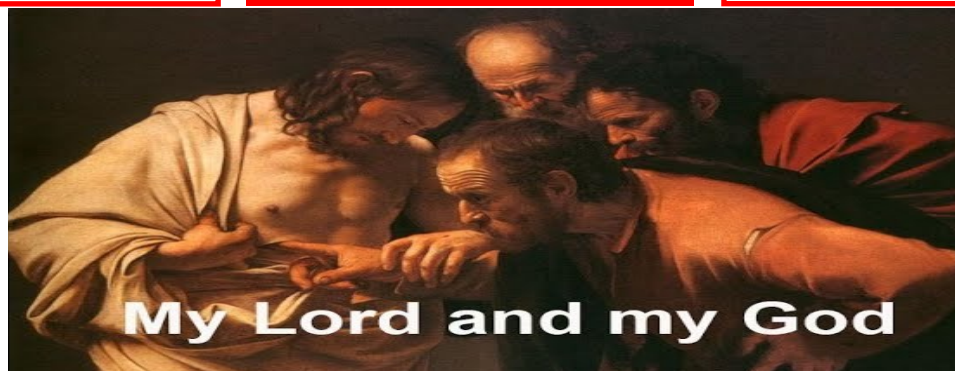
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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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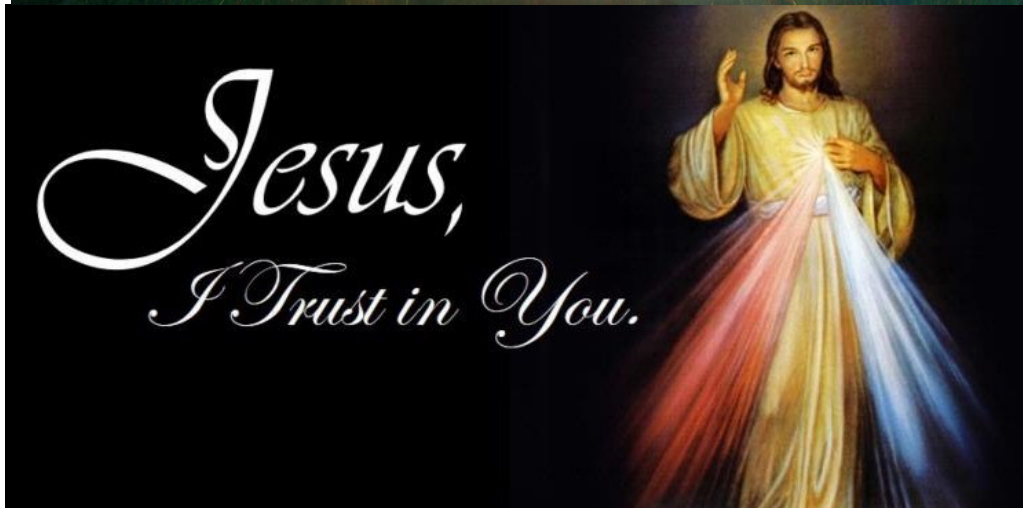


Dear brothers and sisters,

A Happy Easter to you all, as we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection during this holy time. Thank you to all who helped make our Easter Liturgies beautiful. I am truly grateful to everyone who stepped in to decorate, make purchases, rehearse, serve, and give of themselves to make our Triduum memorable. The work you did made this possible and we all owe you a debt of gratitude.

Let us continue to honor our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in these holy days. He has broken the bonds of sin and death and restored us to God's friendship. He has made life forevermore a reality and our hope.

Fr. Ben



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. This year, it takes place today on April 12th. It is a significant time for reflection on the Christian faith. As Pope John Paul II stated, "It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified."

Divine Mercy Sunday, focuses on the gifts that flowed from Christ's death, burial, and resurrection - His mercy and love that were so freely given to humanity after such a betrayal. Divine Mercy Sunday concludes the Easter celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that Christ gave after His crucifixion.



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of “Doubting Thomas” but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ’s mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt.

But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let’s commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ’s mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a “shout out” during His encounter with Thomas: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” — in His merciful love. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

*Thank
you*

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank our generous Lenten soup and bread donors, our Sacristans, our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, our Deacons and Priests, our Faith Formation volunteers, Godparents, our volunteers who work hard to make the environment at both our Churches look incredibly beautiful. Also, to our staff of both our School and Parish, and all those who contributed their time and talents. And to our parishioners and visitors for your presence. Thank you! We are all blessed to have you as part of this wonderful Parish.

***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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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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026 may be offered in honor of loved ones at either St. Monica or St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For scheduling and additional information, you can either stop by or mail your list to the parish office at 470 24th Ave. SF, CA 94121. 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 MEMORIAL WALLS

St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish offers parishioners an opportunity to remember your 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 plaque, forms are available in each Church or by calling the parish office at 415-751-5275.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, April 16th. A special thank you to those who volunteered to help with shopping for supplies and delivery to the shelter the next day. Future sandwich making will be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. The next opportunity will be on **Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 PM**. We meet in the St. Monica Parish Hall. For questions contact: Maria McDevitt at megmared@comcast.net or 415-515-6945.

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



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	04/13	8:30 AM	Tony Lau †
Tue.	04/14	8:30 AM	All Souls †
Wed.	04/15	8:30 AM	Christine Raher
Thu.	04/16	8:30 AM	Christopher, Jean, and Stanislaw Zaczek
Fri.	04/17	8:30 AM	Armando Samonte †
Sat.	04/18	8:30 AM	Parishioners
		5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sun.	04/19	11:00 AM	Guido Angulo Canedo †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	04/13	8:30 AM	Agnes Tung
Tue.	04/14		No Mass
Wed.	04/15	8:30 AM	Sharon Montgomery †
Thu.	04/16		No Mass
Fri.	04/17	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	04/18	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	04/19	9:00 AM	Kathleen Hayes †

	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
EASTER COLLECTION	\$7,708.00	\$719.00	\$3,403.00

Thank You *for your* Generosity

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!



JOIN THE SUCCESS!

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.

- ♦ Your generosity supports **Ongoing Education for our Priests**. In the words of one Pastor, "Our world is a challenging place to live in and to minister in. As priests we are called to be ministers of God's Word in the world in which we find ourselves...and that world is very different from what it was when we went to seminary, whether it was five years ago or 50 years ago. Continuing education for priests is important to understand the world and how to best minister in it. And we wouldn't be able to engage in this continuing education if not for the support of the Annual Appeal."

Our 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$57,058.00.

We have reached 24% of our goal.

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