

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

www.smstaparishsf.org

Third Sunday of Easter ~ April 19, 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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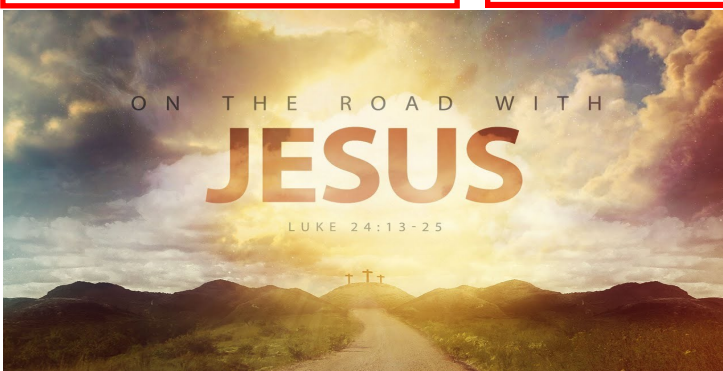
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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,

During this Easter Season, we are to reflect on the new life given to us by Christ. Because of his resurrection, we are changed. Wonderful graces have been showered down upon us. *'By rising, he has restored our life.'* Jesus says to us, *"Behold, I make all things new."*

One of the most wonderful effects of this new life is his forming of the Church. It is the Body of Christ through which he continues to live. Not only is Jesus within each member of the Church, all of us parts of his Body, but he is also present in the Sacraments, where he continues to do signs and wonders for us. We are now living under his New Covenant, through which God dwells among us.

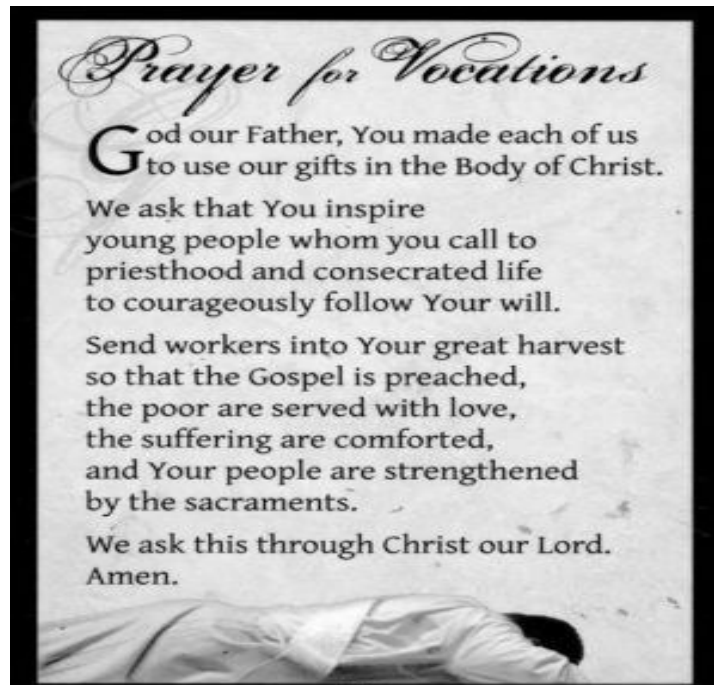
For the next several weeks, I would like us to reflect on the gift of the Church. We should see how blessed we are to belong to the True Church, the Living Body of Christ. It is no small thing, and I do not mean numbers (although there are 1.4 billion Catholics in the world). It is a great gift, one worthy of our constant thankfulness to God. It is a gift full of depth and mystery, which we ought to try to discover. To belong to the Church is to be incorporated into God's own life. And that is nothing short of miraculous.

Fr. Ben

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Join the Global Church next Sunday, April 26 (Good Shepherd Sunday) in praying for vocations, specifically for an increase in priestly and religious vocations and holy marriages. For resources and prayers on the World Day of Prayer for Vocation go to:

<https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/>.





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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn toward the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered our Lord's empty tomb and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when their eyes are opened once again, and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and for their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on our journey toward heaven. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants

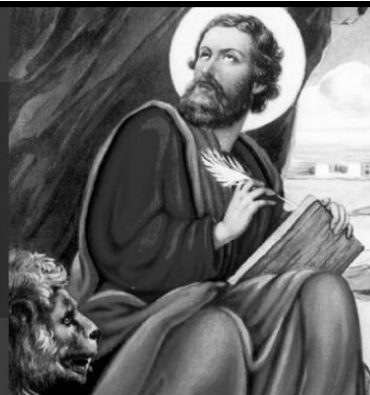
CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SAINT MARK

Pray For Us

Feast Day: April 25th



*Jesus spoke to them
at once.*

*"Don't be afraid," he
said. "Take courage!
I am here!"
Mark 6:50*



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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.

WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY Friendship Sunday will be held on the first Sunday of each month following the 11 a.m. Mass. 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 a.m. Mass. To volunteer please e-mail Fr. Ben.

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



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	04/20	8:30 AM	Jean Winn †
Tue.	04/21	8:30 AM	Robert Keenan, Healing
Wed.	04/22	8:30 AM	Nympha D'Silva, Healing
Thu.	04/23	8:30 AM	Sharon Montgomery †
Fri.	04/24	8:30 AM	Mary Ring †
Sat.	04/25	8:30 AM	Special Intention
		5:00 PM	Rod Montgomery †
Sun.	04/26	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	04/20	8:30 AM	Eileen Byrne †
Tue.	04/21		No Mass
Wed.	04/22	8:30 AM	David Touye †
Thu.	04/23		No Mass
Fri.	04/24	8:30 AM	Special Intention, Healing
Sat.	04/25	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	04/26	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
April 12, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,567.00	\$398.00	\$1,763.00

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 the **Restorative Justice** ministry. The Restorative Justice program assists crime victims and their families, former offenders, the incarcerated and their families. It does so via its own outreach and through partnerships with community groups. The family of one young man killed in San Francisco said that without the Restorative Justice ministry, they "...would not have been able to meet other families already supported by this ministry, and through this support group, they find comfort in the journey of their healing."

Our 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Goal is \$57,058.00.

We have reached 27% of our goal.

Donate online: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/> or by using the QR Code

Donate by mail: Fill out the form inside the Church and mail the form to the Archdiocese.

