

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

3835 Balboa Street
San Francisco, CA 94121



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

Administrator

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**I CAME SO THAT
THEY MIGHT HAVE
LIFE AND HAVE IT
MORE ABUNDANTLY.**

JOHN 10:10



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, we will consider one of three aspects of the Church, that it is the People of God. Scripture tells us that we are a people “set apart” by God. This means that we are chosen and made into a special possession, treasured by the Lord. To be set apart by God means to be his in a unique way. We have the call to be holy as the Lord is Holy. We are sacred to Him, “*called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.*”

By making us into his own people, God has gone so far as to make us his very own children. This goes beyond the Old Covenant that God made with the first people of God, Israel. For them, he revealed himself as Almighty God, their help, their wisdom, their strength. For us who have entered into God’s New Covenant in Christ, we have been made sons and daughters of the Lord. In Christ, the only Son of God, who has been baptized. Now we share in his sonship, calling upon God as Father.

We have a call to serve the Lord and proclaim his praises. We are the ones who will do good in his name among the nations, that they too might turn their hearts to Him as well. Scriptures says that we are a “royal priesthood.” To be a priest means to stand between God and man, to mediate between them. Although we are not all ministerial priests who make offerings for God through the sacraments, all of us are priests in a different way through our Baptism. Each of us can turn to God for others and reach out to others for God. This is priestly, and it is our calling as Christians.

May we embrace that we are God’s own people. May we be determined to live our baptismal call to know God, love God, and serve God. As the People of God, the Church, we have been given the Joy of belonging to the Lord. May we share this with those others whom God will call into his Holy Church.

Fr. Ben

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Today, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

***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.***

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☐ Send Sunday Envelopes

☐ St. Monica ☐ St. Thomas the Apostle

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as our shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus' description of Himself as the "Good Shepherd." He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us "I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

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 * We pray for the repose of the soul of *
 * Lourdes Gomez - Leikas *
 * and offer our sympathy to her family and friends. *
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 * Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual *
 * light shine upon her. May her souls and the souls of *
 * all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, *
 * rest in peace. Amen. *

HELPLINES FOR CLERGY/CHURCH SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

(415) 614-5506 This number is answered by Rocio Rodriguez, LMFT, Archdiocesan Pastoral Outreach Coordinator. This is a secured line and only answered by Rocio Rodriguez.

(415) 614-5503 If you wish to speak to a non-archdiocesan employee please call this number. This is also a secured line and is answered only by a victim survivor.

(800) 276-1562 Report Sexual abuse by a bishop or a bishop's interference in a sexual abuse investigation to a confidential third party. www.reportbishopabuse.org



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Join the Global Church today on 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/>.



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.	04/27	8:30 AM	Dominic Politeo †
Tue.	04/28	8:30 AM	David Brennan †
Wed.	04/29	8:30 AM	Violeta Goebel †
Thu.	04/30	8:30 AM	William Nanry, Jr. †
Fri.	05/01	8:30 AM	Dominic Politeo, Jr. †
Sat.	05/02	8:30 AM	Cathy Vonderhay †
		5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sun.	05/03	11:00 AM	Lucio Aguirre †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	04/27	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	04/28		No Mass
Wed.	04/29	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	04/30		No Mass
Fri.	05/01	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	05/02	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sun.	05/03	9:00 AM	Agnes Tung, Good Health

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
April 19, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,110.00	\$398.00	\$1,338.00

Thank You *for your* Generosity

JOIN THE SUCCESS!

Those who hope
in the Lord
will renew
their strength.

ISAIAH 40:31

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.

♦ **Marriage & Family Life** - you support our new **Life-Giving Wounds** ministry. It helps heal, restore, and provide peace of mind to adults whose parents divorced when they were children. Through tears, a participant at one of the retreats said, "...my parents' divorce was so traumatic that I didn't even know if I believed in love." Another commented, "This is probably the best thing the Church has ever done for me and my siblings." ...A woman said "It just feels so good to know I'm not alone in feeling this way."

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

We have reached 27% of our goal.

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Thank you for your generosity!