

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Easter Sunday ~ April 5, 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

Rev. Ben Rosado
pastor@smstaparishsf.org

In Residence

St. Monica Rectory
Rev. Paulinus Iwuji, SMMM, Ph.D.
Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
Rev. Te Van Nguyen
Vietnamese Ministry
Catholic Chaplain for UCSF

Rev. Andrew Spyrow
Vicar for Clergy

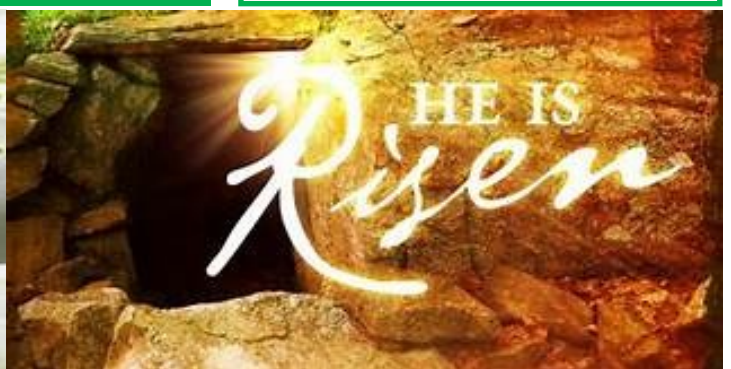
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Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Easter to you and to your loved ones! We have reached that most beautiful hour when our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered death on our behalf. This is the highest feast of the Church, the reason for our hope. For this reason, we should rejoice, knowing that our salvation has been won for us. This is a great mystery to behold: that God was sent to us and entered into our humanity to redeem it. Jesus walked the path of suffering that we all must walk, that sad state of our fallen world. Not only did our Lord enter into our pain, but his was the greater. He was innocent, yet was treated as a criminal. He was ridiculed, rejected, tortured, and crucified, and died. He was God, yet treated as rubbish. He went into the depths of tragedy for us. He did this so that he might redeem our human suffering and death. He endured it all for our sake.

But death could not hold him! Since he is the Son of the Living God, he had the power to overcome death. He defeated it, broke its power, and was raised from death to life! Through Jesus' resurrection, this Scripture has come to pass: "Death has been swallowed up in victory" 1 Cor 15:54. His resurrection gives us hope. It allows us to live knowing that Jesus will defeat death in us as well. We, too, will be resurrected on the last day along with all those he has redeemed. This hope helps us overcome the trials and pains of this life, knowing that they will not have the final say. With Jesus, we will one day pass from this world of pain and death to eternal life.

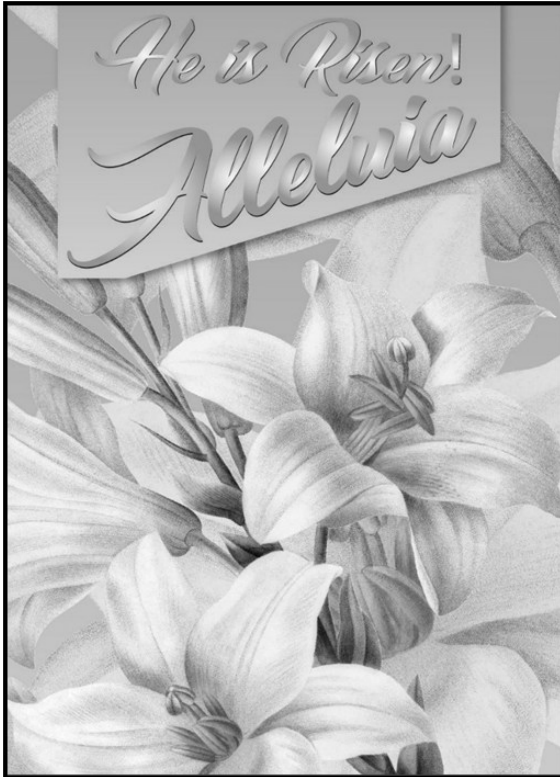
For now, we are called to be faithful to the Lord, to live in his grace. We must allow his resurrection power to give us strength. We find this power in his Teachings, in his Word, in Prayer, and the Sacraments. Through them, we are transformed. If we allow Jesus to work in us in these ways, he will make us new, glorifying us, just as he has been glorified. We will move from death to life! And so my dear friends, may you have a most Blessed Easter, a time to give thanks for all that our Savior has done for us. He is Risen and lives forevermore! May we too live in him! May we too live forever in his love and power!

In Christ our Savior,

Fr. Ben



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A Prayer for Easter

Jesus, our Risen Savior, all glory and praise to You, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow and fullness of love to our hearts.

On this Resurrection Day, we ask You to renew our hearts, minds and bodies with the new joy of this Easter Season. Guide us to keep focused on Your Holy Word that is all encompassing and pure.

Allow us to be a reflection of Your peace and enlightenment to this world which so desperately needs Your eternal presence.

*He is Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Amen.



We want to congratulate and welcome those from our OCIA class who entered the fullness of the Church on Holy Saturday:

Martin Lazi, Jacob Rotich, Alex Silva,

Jerry Tang, Joanna Woo

We are so proud of you!

May the Lord bless them now and always as they walk in His grace and blessing!

*The Priests and staff of
St. Monica-St. Thomas the
Apostle Parish wish you a
joyful Easter.*

Join us for an evening of Prayer and Healing

April 10, 2026

And every 2nd Friday of each Month

St. Monica Church

Celebrant: Fr. Ben Rosado

Holy Hour: 5:00pm—6:00pm

Holy Mass: 6:00pm—7:00pm

Healing Service: 7:00pm—8:00pm

Refreshments immediately following in the Small Hall



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The great feast of Easter has begun. Let us rejoice and be glad! Just as we embraced the discipline and fasting of Lent, let us fully embrace the joy and feasting that the next 50 days offer. We are called to be good stewards of the Easter season.

Our first reading, from Acts, gives instruction on how to do this. Here, St. Peter says that our Lord, “commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

How do we ordinary people preach and testify to all God has done? We do so through how we live our ordinary lives and through the intentional use of our time, talent, and treasure for the kingdom of God. Putting God and others ahead of ourselves in every aspect of our lives is the most eloquent preaching we can do. Boldly and joyfully embracing a stewardship way of life is our most powerful testimony.

As Christian stewards, we are the modern-day witnesses of an incredible miracle prompted by unfathomable love — the death and Resurrection of our Savior for us. Let us rejoice and be glad and let's make sure our lives are a testimony to this amazing grace!

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This is the day
that the *Lord* has made;
Let us *rejoice* and *be glad* in it.
Psalm 118:24



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**Welcome to all who worship with our parish family,
whether long time residents or newly arrived in the parish.**

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mail it to the Rectory.**

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You may register online at: <https://www.osvhub.com/smstaparishsf/directory/register>

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



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	04/06	8:30 AM	John N. Sullivan †	Mon.	04/06	8:30 AM	Emily Tung, Birthday
Tue.	04/07	8:30 AM	Gavin Garvey, Birthday	Tue.	04/07		No Mass
Wed.	04/08	8:30 AM	Jim Mandarano †	Wed.	04/08	8:30 AM	Polly Arzagat †
Thu.	04/09	8:30 AM	Special Intention	Thu.	04/09		No Mass
Fri.	04/10	8:30 AM	Bruno Foronda †	Fri.	04/10	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	04/11	8:30 AM	Andy Pons †	Sat.	04/11		No Mass
		5:00 PM	Teodorico "Juno" Liverto†				
Sun.	04/12	11:00 AM	Parishioners	Sun.	04/12	9:00 AM	Agnes Tung

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
March 29, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$4,107.00	\$524.00	\$1,102.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION	\$917.00	\$305.00	\$426.00

2026 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL CALLED TO CARE AND TO SHARE

The Annual Appeal is our annual opportunity to join with Catholics throughout our Archdiocese and assist those who depend on us. Your generosity supports social justice ministries, seminarians, and our schools, to name just a few. On behalf of everyone who needs and utilizes our programs and services, I invite you to support this Appeal. It is critical to our mission and ministry as an Archdiocese.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the Archdiocese's Life Giving Wounds ministry. Life Giving Wounds is a retreat ministry that 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. It feels good to know I'm not alone in feeling this way." Another commented, "This is probably the best thing the Church has ever done for me and my siblings."

Our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal goal this year is **\$57,058.00**. If you have any questions about AAA or how to make a donation contact Jessica at parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org or 415-751-5275.

On behalf of everyone who needs and depends on the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, I extend my deep gratitude for your support of the Annual Appeal and your commitment to our Catholic faith. Thank you in advance for all you do to support the Church and her mission.

Fr. Ben