

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 10, 2026

St. Monica Catholic Church

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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

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**IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU
WILL KEEP MY
COMMANDMENTS.**

JOHN 14: 15



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Dear brothers and sisters,

For our final reflection on the nature of the Church, we consider how it is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. The analogy that works best to understand this is seen in the relationship between our bodies and our souls. With our soul, our bodies become lifeless. When animated by our soul, we can do amazing things in this life. It is the same with the Holy Spirit. It gives life to the Church and her members. When the Holy Spirit is active in the Church, then she accomplishes the very works of God.

As the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Church must allow the Spirit to flourish within her. All of us must be open to allow God's Spirit to animate our thoughts and deeds. He is the Spirit of true life in God. He gives us inspiration and new strength. The Spirit gives each member of the Church charisms, or gifts to use for the work placed before us. We can consider the seven gifts of the Spirit, which we received at Confirmation or the twelve gifts of the Spirit that St. Paul mentions in his second letter to the Corinthians. We should actively use these gifts that have been given to us.

The Church is empowered by the Spirit of God. Let us then pray earnestly that he works in our lives, in our homes, in our parish, and in the whole world. As a loving Body, the Church is called to live for God, and love in the power of God, which is his very Holy Spirit.

Fr. Ben

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



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God is shown through concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading, from St. Peter, challenges us to “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we are to put Christ above all else. His role is not only as Savior — as essential as that is — but as Lord of our lives. As His disciples, we are called to place Him at the center of everything — our time, our talent, and our treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it gives us a concrete way to live this out. It allows us to demonstrate that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, because love is not merely a feeling. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience, humility, and deep trust in God. But the reward is extraordinary. Christ tells us, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more fulfilling than living in such a way that the God of the universe reveals Himself more fully to us?

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HONORING THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND MOMS IN MAY

A Mother's Day Blessing



*Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the
Lord be her
guiding hand,
Whose faith brings
her family courage,
Whose wisdom
comes from God,
And whose children
still stand and
honor her.*

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honoring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Prayers and devotions to Mary can be found by visiting: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/mary>.

“She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints, blessed above all others. She teaches us the way of holiness, and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen, and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us.”

- Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 176

HAPPY
Mother's Day♥



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Do things for people not
because of who they are
or what they do in
return, but
because of
who you are.

Mother Teresa



TODAY IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY. The second collection during Mother's Day weekend is an opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to support families and individuals in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties.

Every day, Catholic Charities serves the most vulnerable members of our community — our brothers and sisters in Christ — often through the most difficult times in their lives. Your gift provides hope and can keep families housed and off the streets, provide kids with opportunities to learn and grow, aid immigrants through the legal system, and help seniors to age with dignity.

Help support the merciful works done by Catholic Charities this Mother's Day weekend by placing a donation in the second collection basket.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN



Next weekend, our second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign represents a mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet,

television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States. Your help spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccc.

ROSARY

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary
every Monday through Saturday at
8:00 AM at St. Monica Church.

ADORATION

All are welcome to join us on the
First Saturday of every month
for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

* We pray for the repose of the souls of *
* Ruth McKeever *
* Philip Michael Mullan *
* and offer our sympathy to their family and friends. *
* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual *
* light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of *
* all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in *
* peace. Amen. *

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.	05/11	8:30 AM	Hale T. Concon †
Tue.	05/12	8:30 AM	Eusebio & Neonita Salapare †
Wed.	05/13	8:30 AM	Cathy Vonderhay †
Thu.	05/14	8:30 AM	Chantilly Garvey, Birthday
Fri.	05/15	8:30 AM	Raymond Ramos, Healing
Sat.	05/16	8:30 AM	Parishioners
		5:00 PM	Jessica Ho †
Sun.	05/17	11:00 AM	Parishioners

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/11	8:30 AM	Lynn Louie, Birthday
Tue.	05/12		No Mass
Wed.	05/13	8:30 AM	Ode Touye †
Thu.	05/14		No Mass
Fri.	05/15	8:30 AM	Linda, Patrick, & India, Healing
Sat.	05/16	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	05/17	9:00 AM	David Touye †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
May 3, 2026	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$2,476.00	\$512.00	\$1,555.00
APRIL ONLINE DONATIONS	\$2,427.00		

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.

Those who hope
in the Lord
will renew
their strength.

ISAIAH 40:31

♦ **Restorative Justice** - a young man was killed inside a San Mateo County jail. The County contacted the Archdiocese because the only information they had was that the deceased was associated with Catholic Charities. He had no family in the U.S. Julio Escobar, who heads our Restorative Justice efforts, went to the young man's neighborhood to find some information about him. Julio was able to find the name of a relative in the deceased's country of origin. He then tracked down the family there and was the one to tell the family their son was deceased. Julio then worked with them to have the young man's body returned to his native country.

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

We have reached 30% 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.



Thank you for your generosity!