

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

www.smstaparishsf.org

Pentecost ~ May 24, 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

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Kristopher Compagno
dcnxristopher@gmail.com

Parish Staff

Administrative Assistant
Jessica Montgomery
parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org

Music Ministry
Alix Jerinic
alixjericin@gmail.com





Pentecost ~ May 24, 2026



Dear brothers and sisters,

Here on this great Feast of Pentecost, we open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit, calling upon him to fill us with his love and strength. The Spirit is the gift that Jesus and the Father have sent to us, so that God might give us the power we need to live a holy life.

Today, we consider that the Holy Spirit is our Advocate. An advocate speaks on our behalf, speaking so that we might be defended from what might harm us, especially errors and ignorance. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate as he reminds us of all that Jesus has taught us. With the Spirit in our hearts and minds, we can be guided by him to do what is pleasing to the Lord. He is our Advocate as he inspires us to avoid evil and accomplish good works. We must learn to quiet our souls and listen to him. This happens in a wonderful way when we ponder on the Holy Scriptures. When we take time to read the Bible or good Catholic spiritual books, the Holy Spirit is given the opportunity to grant us wisdom and grace. We need this not just on Sunday when the priest preaches, but every day of our lives.

May we allow the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate, speaking to us in his mysterious ways. May our hearts and minds be transformed by his presence. We should cherish such a gift, that God is within us, empowering us. We are a blessed people with whom God chooses to dwell.

Fr. Ben



SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

First Friday Mass

Presided by Fr Andrew Ibegbulem & Dc Ernie von Emster

June 5

CONTACTS

Danny Garza
(650) 270-8065

Sally Yeo
(650) 400-4825

SCHEDULE

6:30 PM

Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Praise and Worship

7:00 PM

Holy Mass and Healing Service

Music by Holy Spirit Music Ministry

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

3835 Balboa St, San Francisco CA



Come Holy Spirit
and renew your people.
Come and empower us to
be courageous witnesses
of the gospel.

Join us for an evening of Prayer and Healing

June 12, 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



Pentecost ~ May 24, 2026



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Throughout our readings today for Pentecost Sunday, we see the powerful truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a deeply personal way. We are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ — each in our own unique way.

In our first reading from Acts, we hear of the dramatic outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. A strong driving wind filled the house, and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues.

Notice how personal this moment is. The Spirit came upon each individual, equipping them in a unique way to share the Gospel. The same is true for us today. Embracing the stewardship way of life means allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us in using the unique gifts He has given to each of us for the mission entrusted to us.

In our Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples forth: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” This is our mission as well. But we are not sent alone. Jesus gives us His peace — “Peace be with you.”

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace and resolve to rely more fully on the Holy Spirit as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

©Catholic Stewardship Consultants



Dear Parishioners,

I'm writing on behalf of the parish regarding the maintenance of our parish organs and pianos. Both the pianos at St. Monica's and St. Thomas the Apostle are in need of maintenance to keep them in optimal working order so that they can serve our parish's needs.

The hammers in the upright grand piano at St Monica's have deep grooves on the striking service from long-time use and need to be reshaped and revoiced to improve the tone.

At St. Thomas the Apostle, the humidity of our neighborhood is affecting the tuning, timbre, and action of our new instrument. Our tuner recommends installing a humidity control system made specifically for pianos called Damp Chaser.

The costs for these repairs, not including periodic tuning, are as follows:

St. Monica's upright: \$500.00

St. Thomas the Apostle baby grand: \$900.00

The St. Monica's pipe organ is also in need of significant maintenance. It has been affected by a roof leak over the organ loft, resulting in moisture damage and mold. The church is making the necessary repairs to prevent further damage to the building and the instrument going forward, after which the organ will need regular tuning and maintenance. Our St. Monica's organ is a very old and complicated instrument, with dual consoles. There are dead notes and various mechanical issues, especially with the downstairs/sanctuary console, that need to be investigated. The cost of these repairs is TBD, but the next tuning of the instrument will cost the parish at least \$1300.00.

Contributions of any amount from the parish towards any of these costs would be greatly appreciated. Any "excess funds" we receive will be put aside for further instrumental maintenance. Should you be interested in contributing or have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Fr. Ben, or the parish office.

Sincerely,
Alix Jerinic, Parish Music Director



Pentecost ~ May 24, 2026

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, May 13th. 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, June 17th 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.

**Our next St. Vincent de Paul collection will be next weekend.
Thank you for your generosity.**

SVDP online donation QR code:



* We welcome into our Parish family *
* *
* Gianna Gutierrez *
* *
* Ava Gwen Liu - Legeo *
* *
* who were recently baptized at St. Monica. *

BAPTISM INQUIRIES

For Baptismal inquiries, please contact the
Parish Office:
415-751-5275 or
email parishoffice@smstaparishsf.org

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

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



Pentecost ~ May 24, 2026



Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	05/25	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	05/26	8:30 AM	Dr. Socoro De Mendes †
Wed.	05/27	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	05/28	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Fri.	05/29	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	05/30	8:30 AM	Parishioners
		5:00 PM	Sisters of Charity, BVM †
Sun.	05/31	11:00 AM	Tom, Maureen, Kathleen, Una & Aislin Smith †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/25	8:30 AM	Katy Hong, Birthday
Tue.	05/26		No Mass
Wed.	05/27	8:30 AM	Ida & Jules Touye †
Thu.	05/28		No Mass
Fri.	05/29	8:30 AM	Lena & Bill Cicone †
Sat.	05/30	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	05/31	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU May 17, 2026	ST. MONICA ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,787.00	\$368.00	\$972.80
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS	\$740.00	\$184.00	\$385.00

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.

♦ Your generosity supports **Teacher Incentive Grants**. One teacher notes, "The Incentive grant has helped me become a more responsive educator. It's helped me assess my students' needs and respond to them more effectively by providing a nurturing environment where they can continue to learn and grow as a whole person. It has made a tremendous impact on my life and the life of my students."

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

We have reached 34% 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!

