

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 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 Catholic Church

3835 Balboa Street
San Francisco, CA 94121



St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
9:00 AM

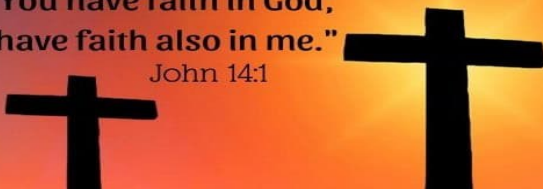
Weekdays
8:30 AM
(Monday, Wednesday,
and Friday)

First Saturday
Mass
8:30 AM

First Saturday Adoration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Jesus said to his
disciples:
"Do not let your hearts
be troubled.
You have faith in God;
have faith also in me."

John 14:1



JESUS SAID TO HIM,
"I AM THE WAY,
AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH
ME."

JOHN 14:6



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Dear brothers and sisters,

In our continuation of reflecting on the Church, we consider its second aspect, which is that the Church is the Body of Christ. It is the very Body of Jesus through which he continues to bring forth salvation to the world. The Church is his Body because we are profoundly united with him. He has called us to “*abide in me as I abide in you.*” The gift of Holy Communion is the greatest example of this: that the Body of Jesus lives within us that we might have life in him.

We are united to Jesus in the most special way. Jesus is the head of the Body, the head of the Church. We are its members, accomplishing the will of the Lord, meant to actively build up the Kingdom of God through our prayers and good works. Hopefully, we actively allow Jesus to truly lead us and work through us.

Looked at from another angle, the Church is the Bride of Christ. This is the union seen in a husband and wife. Jesus unites himself to us and we to him, and as we believe in marriage, “the two shall become one flesh.” Our intimate union with Jesus as his bride means that he stands as our most intimate partner in life. He cares for us as a husband cares for his beloved.

May we embrace our call to live as the Body of Christ. May Jesus, who gives life to all the world, be our very life as he lives in us.

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

☐ Send Sunday Envelopes

☐ St. Monica ☐ St. Thomas the Apostle

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



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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The readings on this fifth Sunday of Easter present us with themes of dwelling places and home. As Christian stewards, we recognize that this world is not our permanent home. We are pilgrims here, making our way through the stewardship way of life toward our true home — heaven.

Yet, as we journey toward heaven, we are called to make our dwelling here — whether in a household of one or a full and busy family — a true “domestic church.” In other words, the stewardship way of life begins long before we set foot on parish grounds. Stewardship starts at home. It begins with our families — our domestic churches.

The domestic church plays a key role in our sanctification because it is the primary place where we learn and practice selfless love of others. In our Gospel passage from John, Jesus speaks of heaven as a home filled with dwelling places. “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” This is a beautiful image of the glory that awaits us and the personal love our Lord has for us — preparing a place for each one of us who remains faithful to Him.

Let us respond to this great love by becoming good stewards of our earthly dwellings, making our homes true “domestic churches” where we honor God through prayer, care for one another, and generous hospitality.

Let us never forget that stewardship starts at home! ©*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

NEXT SUNDAY 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.

Join us for an evening of Prayer and Healing

May 8, 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

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

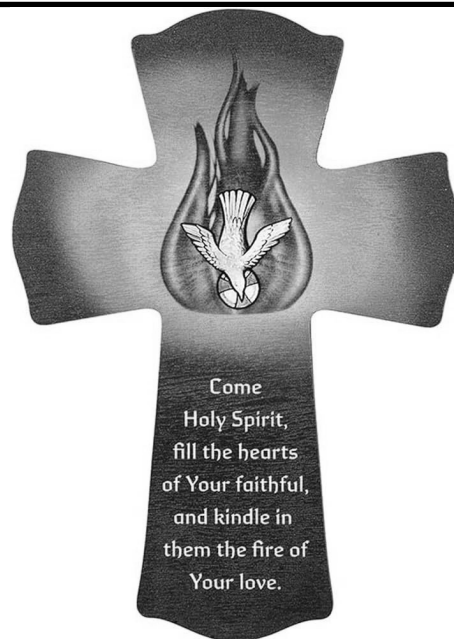


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**We congratulate and pray for all our Confirmation candidates
who were Confirmed on Saturday, August 25th by
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone
at the
Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption**



**Jackson Archuleta
Jackson Barnett
Ava Berdichevsky
Louis Chabot
Joseph Eric Duong
Joseph Ryan Duong
Leif Jensen
Thor Jensen
Elise McDonald
Ross McGowan
Nolan McLean
Rosa Kayla Anh Vi Ton Nu
Nathaniel Piano
Alexandra Rodkewich
Lucas Sichel Martin
Louis Statom
Ella Kapor Stock
Joseph Jayden Minh Ton That
Xavier Tillman**



**We congratulate and pray for all our students who
received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on
Saturday, April 18th at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.**

**Niko Baldini
Gavin Garing
Liam Sichel Martin
Lucas Sichel Martin
Louis Statom
Ella Kapor Stock**

**We congratulate and pray for all our students who
received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on
Sunday, April 19th at
St. Thomas the Apostle Church.**

**Niko Baldini
Liam Sichel Martin
Lucas Sichel Martin
Louis Statom
Ella Kapor Stock**



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica			
Mon.	05/04	8:30 AM	Hugh & Pat Kerley †
Tue.	05/05	8:30 AM	Connie Concon, Birthday
Wed.	05/06	8:30 AM	Nimfa Pedro †
Thu.	05/07	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Fri.	05/08	8:30 AM	Julia & Balbina Mangana †
Sat.	05/09	8:30 AM	Parishioners
		5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sun.	05/10	11:00 AM	Simon Lee †

St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	05/04	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	05/05		No Mass
Wed.	05/06	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	05/07		No Mass
Fri.	05/08	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	05/09	8:30 AM	No Mass
Sun.	05/10	9:00 AM	Kathleen Hayes †

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
April 26, 2024	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
IST COLLECTION	\$1,307.00	\$557.00	\$1,064.00
CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL	\$810.00	\$289.00	\$480.00

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.

♦ Several products of our Faith Formation program are now involved in the Church in a variety of ways, including as youth group leaders, Confirmation catechists, as a Choir conductor, a Deacon, and as Directors of Religious Education. In addition, many others serve in active ministerial roles – e.g., as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers, hospitality ministers, etc. Someone noted that their experience in Faith

Formation was what propelled them into later active involvement in the Church.

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

We have reached 29% 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!