

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 12, 2026

St. Monica Catholic Church

470 24th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94121
Tel: 415-751-5275

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
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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Catholic Chaplain VA Hospital

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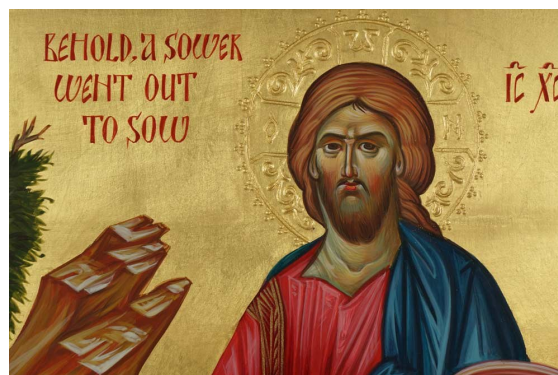
St. Thomas the Apostle Church MASS SCHEDULE

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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It has been only ten days since I was installed as the Parochial Administrator of St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, and I must say how grateful and happy I am to be carrying out this missionary work here in San Francisco—a land first evangelized by the missionaries 250 years ago.

For San Francisco was born Catholic, and it must recover its true identity once again: the only identity that can lead it to genuine happiness—the identity of being children of God through Baptism and of living according to what Christ has taught us. For there is no other way to Heaven.

If we are to re-evangelize this city, we must begin with prayer, because souls are won on our knees.

For this reason, I have been considering what I believe would be a wonderful initiative: establishing a Perpetual Adoration Chapel in our parish, not only for our parishioners but also for anyone who desires to spend time in silent intimacy with Our Lord, free from the distractions of the world.

If you are interested in committing to one hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week, I kindly ask you to write to the following email address: pastor@smstaparishsf.org
Not because God needs it, but because our own souls do.

May St. Monica, St. Thomas the Apostle, and Our Blessed Mother intercede for all of us.

In Christ,
Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi, SE
Parochial Administrator

***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 _____

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| ☐ 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/smstaparishsf/directory/register>



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Whence then, tell me, was the greater part of the seed lost? Not through the sower, but through the ground that received it; that is, the soul that did not hearken.

And wherefore does He not say, Some the careless received, and lost it; some the rich, and choked it, and some the superficial, and betrayed it? It is not His will to rebuke them severely, lest He should cast them into despair, but He leaves the reproof to the conscience of His hearers.

And how can it be reasonable, says one, to sow among the thorns, on the rock, on the way-side? With regard to the seeds and the earth it cannot be reasonable; but in the case of men's souls and their instructions, it has its praise, and that abundantly. For the husbandman indeed would reasonably be blamed for doing this; it being impossible for the rock to become earth, or the wayside not to be a wayside, or the thorns, thorns; but in the things that have reason it is not so. There is such a thing as the rock changing, and becoming rich land; and the wayside being no longer trampled on, nor lying open to all that pass by, but that it may be a fertile field; and the thorns may be destroyed, and the seed enjoy full security. For had it been impossible, this Sower would not have sown. And if the change did not take place in all, this is no fault of the Sower, but of them who are unwilling to be changed: He having done His part; and if they betrayed what they received of Him, He is blameless, the exhibitor of such love to man.

Let us not then blame the things, but the corrupt mind. For it is possible to be rich and not to be deceived; and to be in this world, and not to be choked with its cares. For indeed riches have two contrary disadvantages; one, care, wearing us out, and bringing a darkness over us; the other, luxury, making us effeminate. And well has He said, The deceitfulness of riches. For all that pertains to riches is deceit; they are names only, not attached to things.

Hearing therefore these things, let us fortify ourselves on all sides, regarding His instructions, and striking our roots deep, and cleansing ourselves from all worldly things. But if we do the one, neglecting the other, we shall be nothing bettered; for though we perish not in one way, yet shall we in some other. For what signifies our not being ruined by riches, if we are by indolence; or not by indolence, if we are by softness. For so the husbandman, whether this way or that way he lose his crop, equally bewails himself. Let us not then soothe ourselves upon our not perishing in all these ways, but let it be our grief, in whichever way we are perishing.

- St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of St. Matthew*, Homily 44

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Thank you to all those who helped with sandwich making on Wednesday, June 18th. 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, July 15th 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.



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Our continued evangelization of all corners of the world grounds us in the story of St. Thomas the Apostle. We all doubt, we all question, and we all move forward in our faith to become deeper disciples of Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, we are reminded of our role in building the Kingdom of God. We are on a mission to bring Jesus to all; to be a builder of faith.

*Saint Thomas the Apostle,
pray for the faithful who are overcome with doubts in their lives today.
Help us to abandon ourselves to Jesus by believing in Him without seeing Him.
Amen*

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.



Hold prayer in high esteem. It is the foundation of all the virtues, and the source of all grace needed to sanctify ourselves and to discharge the duties of our employment.

(Jean-Baptiste de La Salle)

BAPTISMAL INQUIRIES

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

WE INVITE ALL OUR PARISHIONERS TO SPEND TIME IN FELLOWSHIP.

ST. MONICA CHURCH - FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month in the Small Hall following the 11:00 AM Mass.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH - SOCIAL SUNDAY will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month in the vestibule of the Church after the 9:00 AM Mass.

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



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Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/06	8:30 AM	Eleanor Louis †	Mon.	07/06	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Tue.	07/07	8:30 AM	Bonnie C. Gallegos †	Tue.	07/07		No Mass
Wed.	07/08	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Wed.	07/08	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Thu.	07/09	8:30 AM	Joseph Lau †	Thu.	07/09		No Mass
Fri.	07/10	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Fri.	07/10	8:30 AM	Parishioners
Sat.	07/11	8:30 AM	Parishioners	Sat.	07/11	8:30 AM	No Mass
		5:00 PM	Dr. Herbert Waechter & Family †				
Sun.	07/12	11:00 AM	James & Susan McNaughton †	Sun.	07/12	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA		ST. THOMAS
July 5, 2026	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,567.80	\$422.00	\$1,068.00

Thank You *for your* Generosity

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.

- ♦ 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 Director 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 41% 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!

