

Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

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Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle ~ July 5, 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

Administrator

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In Residence

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Rectory
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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

*The harvest is
abundant but the
laborers are few*

Luke 10:2

**ST. THOMAS
APOSTLE**

July 3rd



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The Church exists for one reason alone: to lead men and women to Jesus Christ and, through Him, to eternal life. Everything we do—our celebration of the Holy Mass, the sacraments, prayer, catechesis, charity, and our fellowship—finds its meaning in that mission. If we keep Christ at the center of our lives, He will provide everything else.

I also come as a member of the missionary community of Saint Elijah, a community born on the Tibetan Plateau and dedicated to serving the Church in places where the Gospel is most needed. Today our missionaries labor in demanding apostolates, including Africa and Pakistan. God willing, we hope that in the years ahead more priests from our community will be able to join us here, allowing us to serve St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle with even greater dedication and generosity.

I ask for your prayers as I begin this responsibility, and I invite each of you to become an active part of our parish family. Together, let us build a community marked by faith, reverence, charity, and the joyful witness of the Gospel. May our churches always be places where God is worshiped with dignity and where every person who enters can find peace, truth, and hope.

May St. Monica, St. Thomas the Apostle, and Our Blessed Mother intercede for all of us. I look forward to meeting each one of you in the days ahead.

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 _____

☐ 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/smsstaparishsf/directory/register>



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FEAST DAY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

On July 3rd, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle. Best known for his initial unwillingness to believe the other apostles in their claim that Jesus had risen from the dead, St. Thomas can teach the faithful about believing without seeing. As an apostle, Thomas was dedicated to following the Lord. Upon hearing that Jesus was returning to Judea, an area that would pose dangers due to the growing animosity of the authorities there, he immediately said to the other apostles, "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (Jn 11: 16).



Yet despite this determination, Thomas proved not only too weak to stand beside Jesus as he faced his crucifixion, but also doubted the Lord's Resurrection when he was told about it by

the other apostles. Denying their story, he told them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe" (Jn 20:25). A week later, Christ appeared and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." When Thomas did so he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

In his general audience on September 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of St. Thomas, explaining that we can learn from his doubts, which show us "that Jesus can now be recognized by his wounds rather than by his face."

"The Apostle Thomas' case is important to us for at least three reasons," said the Pope. "First, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second, because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and, lastly, because the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of adhesion to him."

After Pentecost, St. Thomas is traditionally believed to have preached the Good News to the Persians and Medes, until he reached India, where he evangelized and was eventually martyred in 72 A.D. St. Thomas is the patron of architects and builders.

~ Catholic News Agency

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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 5, 2026



Mass Intentions

St. Monica				St. Thomas the Apostle			
Mon.	07/06	8:30 AM	Eleanor Lewis †	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 McHaughton †	Sun.	07/12	9:00 AM	Parishioners

THANK YOU	ST. MONICA	ST. THOMAS	
June 28, 2026	ENGLISH	VIETNAMESE	THE APOSTLE
1ST COLLECTION	\$2,138.00	\$465.00	\$915.00
PETER'S PENCE	\$947.00	\$382.00	\$458.00

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 2025 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!

