



Saint Monica Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

St. Monica Catholic Church

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Mass Times	
St. Monica	St. Thomas the Apostle
Sunday 11:00am Saturday 5:00pm (Vigil) Weekdays Mon-Fri 8:00am Confessions Mon-Fri after Mass Saturday 4:20pm	Sunday 7:30 am (Vietnamese) 9:00am Weekdays Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30am First Saturday 8:30am First Saturday Adoration 9:00am - 10:00am



From this past Sunday's Traditional Latin Mass with Spanish homily celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone



PASTOR'S LETTER

Yesterday, August 15, we celebrated the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven**, a feast that reminds us that our life in this world will come to an end. We were created for Heaven, but in order to enter it, we must be wearing the wedding garment spoken of in the Gospel.



Mary, taken body and soul into heavenly glory, shows us in advance what God calls His children to: to share eternally in Christ's victory over sin and death.

For this reason, one of the most beautiful graces we can ask of Our Lady is **the grace of a good death**. This does not necessarily mean dying without suffering, but rather dying in friendship with God, in a state of grace, reconciled with Him, and strengthened by the sacraments.

It is precisely for this reason that Christ left His Church the Sacrament of Confession: "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them*" (Jn 20:23). This sacrament allows us to recover grace when we have lost it and to strengthen our friendship with God when we remain in His grace.

I therefore invite all our parishioners to make use of me and of our priests in order to receive that consolation which does not come from the sacred minister himself, but from Christ Himself, to whom the priest lends his lips, his ears, and his presence.

I would also like to remind you that, since the first day of my arrival at the parish, I have been available to hear confessions before and after every 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Monica. I am also ordinarily available in the parish office during the morning to hear confessions. **No appointment is necessary.**

Let us make use of our priests while we are blessed to have them among us.

May God bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary always cover us with her mantle and obtain for us the grace of a good death.

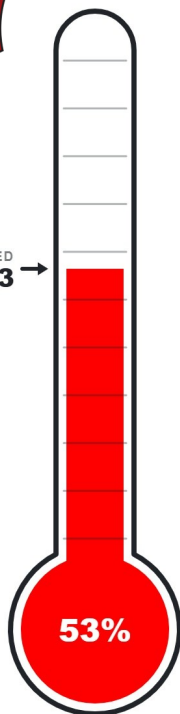
Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi, S.E.
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Goal: \$57,058



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Sunday Collection

Collection	Sunday Collection
St. Monica	
English	\$1,378
Latin - Spanish	\$1,089
St. Thomas the Apostle	
English	\$1,586
Vietnamese	\$411

Adorers Needed

For Friday Adoration

Every Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm



Our Lord is waiting for you!

What is Adoration? What is a Holy Hour?

It is spending an hour adoring the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. A plenary indulgence is granted when you go to Adoration for at least a half hour (and you are detached from sin, go to Confession, receive the Eucharist and pray for the Holy Father's intentions).



Catechism classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation begin Sunday, September 20th. To register or for more information please contact Terry at (415) 465-2133

New to the Parish?

Sign up to be an official parishioner and for Friday Adoration



Mass Intentions

	St. Monica		St. Thomas the Apostle	
Sunday 08/16	11:00am	† Julio + Balbina Mangana	9:00am	Parishioners
Monday 08/17	8:00am	† Gonzalo + Olga Bermejo	8:30am	† K.C. John
Tuesday 08/18	8:00am	† Estaquio Asadon		No Mass
Wednesday 08/19	8:00am	† Chris Hajdas	8:30am	† Marie Conroy Salbi
Thursday 08/20	8:00am	† Richard Atwood		No Mass
Friday 08/21	8:00am	Dorota Ruskowska	8:30am	Mariamanna John
Saturday 08/22	5:00pm	† Gus + Caesar Rocamora		No Mass