



## Saint Monica Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

### St. Monica Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm

### St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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| Clergy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Staff                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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### Mass Times

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

## PASTOR'S LETTER



*I am pleased to introduce a special message from our parish manager, **Santiago Ron**, regarding important updates in our church. Please take a moment to read his communication below and join me in praying for the success of our parish projects. Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi, S.E.*

### Restoring with Faith and Devotion the Splendor of the House of God

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I greet you with joy as I completed my first few months as your Parish Manager, a role I assumed on July 1st. From day one, our clear guiding star has been to work tirelessly to restore the physical splendor of St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle churches, exalting the sacred space where we encounter the



Lord.

Thanks to divine grace and our collective effort, here is an overview of our progress:

### Completed Work and Facility Improvements

•**St. Monica Church:** Upgraded the parking lot lighting, installed new speakers, and added ornamental lighting to the exterior facade. Inside, we added lights to properly illuminate the main altar reredos and our crucifix, and placed reconditioned candle racks for the faithful. We also restored the confessionals (reactivating one previously used for storage), deep-cleaned the parish hall kitchens, repaired the bathroom in the kitchen/music area, and fully rehabilitated the music room by fixing window water leaks.

•**St. Thomas the Apostle Church:** Successfully resolved a major water leak in the flower room in order to preserve our infrastructure.

**Common Grounds and Green Areas:** Executed a comprehensive cleanup plan, reconditioned the gardens, and optimized the irrigation systems across both church surroundings.

**Ongoing Projects and Next Steps**  
 We are currently repairing the sacristy roof and waterproofing the downspouts to prevent structural damage. Soon, we will install a new electronic bell system and place a prominent new exterior sign formally identifying St. Monica Catholic Church.

### Transparency, Realignment, and Financial Realities

•**Contracts and Community Groups:** We are reviewing all service contracts to align them with the Church's current financial reality. We have also reached out to the groups using our facilities to bring their financial contributions to present value and ensure space usage aligns with Catholic teachings.

### •Archdiocese Settlement

**Contribution:** We face a major financial challenge. As part of the global reorganization and settlement between the Archdiocese and claimants, our parish was required to fund a highly significant financial assessment for the centralized settlement trust. Despite this unexpected burden, our mission to preserve our ministries remains unshakable.

•**Securing Our Future for the Next Generation**



As we navigate these financial realities, we must remember that our investments today are the bedrock for the next generations of faithful. Securing the financial health and physical splendor of our parish is a direct gift to our children and youth, ensuring they inherit a vibrant spiritual home where they can encounter Christ. By committing our financial support and tithes today, we are not just maintaining buildings; we are safeguarding the future of our youth groups, religious education, and sacramental life. Let us build a legacy of stewardship together, so that the young people of St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle will grow up in a thriving community, ready to carry the torch of faith into tomorrow.

#### A Call to Unity and Heartfelt Gratitude

This reality calls us to stand together. We invite all Catholics to support our spiritual home, and we warmly invite non-Catholics to walk alongside us with respect. My deepest thanks go to the parishioners volunteering their time and to our local contractors, who provided significant discounts as a direct contribution to the house of God. Let us continue walking together under the intercession of St. Monica and St. Thomas the Apostle.

In Christ Jesus,

Santiago Ron  
Parish Manager



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# Misa Latina para Hispanos

## Padre Javier Olivera Ravasi

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San Francisco, CA 94121

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**20 DE**  
**SEPTIEMBRE,**  
**3PM**



Misa tradicional,  
única! en Latin con  
lecturas y sermón  
en Español.



Hospitalidad  
después de la Misa.

Misa Latina para hispanos en  
San Francisco

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¡Cada cual lleve su comida  
para compartir después de la Misa!



## Sunday Gospel reading: Matthew 18:15-20

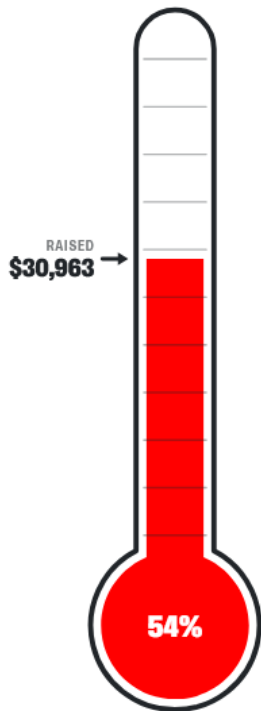
Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."





# Archdiocese Annual Appeal

**Parish Goal: \$57,058**



**Clergy Support — 35%**

Funds priest formation, retreats, sabbaticals, and retirement needs, plus the Office of Vocations, which supports discernment for the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

**Parish Ministry & Schools — 25%**

Supports Catholic schools, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry (catechesis, sacramental prep, OCIA), the Office of Worship, and Marriage & Family Life programs.

**Social Ministry — 23%**

Funds hospital and prison chaplains, the Office of Human Life and Dignity, Restorative Justice, Ethnic Ministries, and the Tribunal.

**Universal Church & Communications — 17%**

Supports the Holy See, USCCB, California Catholic Conference, and the Archdiocese's communications, including *Catholic San Francisco* magazine.

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2026 Goal: \$6,450,000**

**To learn more about the Archdiocese Annual Appeal, and to donate, please visit <https://sfarch.org/aaa/>**



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## EL COMBATE ESPIRITUAL 2026

CONFERENCIA DE HOMBRES CATÓLICOS DEL ÁREA DE LA BAHÍA DE  
SAN FRANCISCO

**Septiembre 12**

**8:30am - 3:30pm**

**Iglesia Star of the Sea**

**Inscripción:**

**7:30am - 8:30am**

**Costo:**

**\$30 (hasta el 7 de septiembre)**

**\$40 (día del evento)**

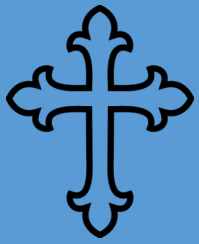
**Registrarse en [www.sfarch.org/hombres](http://www.sfarch.org/hombres)**

CONFERENCISTA PRINCIPAL:

**PADRE JAVIER OLIVERA RAVASI**

CONFERENCISTA ADICIONAL:

**PADRE GERARDO VASQUEZ**



**Children's Catechism Classes**  
Registration is open for classes preparing children for **First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. Classes begin **Sunday, September 20, 2026**. We encourage all parents of catechism-age children to register soon. To register or for more information, contact Terry at (415) 465-2133.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

**Interested in becoming Catholic, or completing the sacraments of initiation?** The OCIA program prepares adults for entry into the Church. Email [pastor@smstaparishsf.org](mailto:pastor@smstaparishsf.org) for more information.

#### Liturgical Calendar

|             |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sun 09/06   | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time         |
| Mon 09/07   | Monday in Ordinary Time              |
| Tues 09/08  | Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary     |
| Wed 09/09   | St. Peter Claver, Priest             |
| Thurs 09/10 | Thursday in Ordinary Time            |
| Fri 09/11   | Friday in Ordinary Time              |
| Sat 09/12   | Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

**New to the Parish?**

**Sign up to be an official parishioner and for Friday Adoration**



## 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?*

Adoration is a Catholic devotional practice of spending time in the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a practice that finds its seeds in the earliest days of the Church. To spend a Holy Hour with Him is to fulfill His request to St. Peter in Gethsemane: "What? Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 26:40). 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 intentions of our Holy Father the Pope).

#### Sunday Collection

| Collection                     | Sunday Collection |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>St. Monica</b>              |                   |
| English                        | \$1,287.92        |
| St. Vincent de Paul Collection | \$457             |
| <b>St. Thomas the Apostle</b>  |                   |
| English                        | \$941             |
| Vietnamese                     | \$454             |
| St. Vincent de Paul Collection | \$366             |

## Mass Intentions

|                        | St. Monica |                      | St. Thomas the Apostle |                         |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> 09/06    | 11:00am    | † Lucio Aguirre      | 9:00am                 | Agnes Tung              |
| <b>Monday</b> 09/07    | 8:00am     | † Peter Arthur Tobin | 8:30am                 | † Tomas + Mary          |
| <b>Tuesday</b> 09/08   | 8:00am     | Naty Soliban         |                        | No Mass                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> 09/09 | 8:00am     | † Bernard Ramon, Sr. | 8:30am                 | † Ana Gonsalves         |
| <b>Thursday</b> 09/10  | 8:00am     | All Souls            |                        | No Mass                 |
| <b>Friday</b> 09/11    | 8:00am     | † John + Mary Hanley | 8:30am                 | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| <b>Saturday</b> 09/12  | 5:00pm     | Cedric Concon        |                        | No Mass                 |