

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Associate Pastor Father Fernando Lopez O.S.A. and Deacon Phil Nelson

St. Thomas Aquinas Church - 100 Years of Serving the People of the Ojai Valley

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday  
of

Lent

Whoever is in Christ  
is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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## LITURGIES

Saturday  
8:00AM Daily Mass

Vigils  
5:00PM English & 7:30PM Spanish

Sunday  
7:30AM & 9:30AM English  
11:30AM Spanish

Weekdays  
M-F 9:00AM Parish

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays  
3:30-4:30PM or  
by appointment 646-4338 X105

ROSARIES  
Wednesday 6:15PM ~ Spanish  
Friday 9:30AM ~ Cenacles of Life  
Sunday 7:00AM

ADORER CHAPEL HOURS  
Thursday morning through  
Saturday mornings

## PRAYER LINE

805-276-3799 or  
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## WEDDINGS

Call for appointment with the Pastor

## BAPTISMS

(Call for appointment)  
Spanish-Father Fernando  
English-Deacon Phil

## FUNERALS

Please call 646-4338 X101

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jan 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]  
**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;  
Jan 4:43-54

The prophecy of eschatological hope finds its fulfillment in Jesus who heals and restores to life, who rescues us from death.

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
From the temple of Sion flows a stream of life-giving water, a symbol of the healing grace of baptism.

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
Jn 5:17-30

As the prophet proclaims God's faithful love for his people, so Jesus speaks of his union with his Father.

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
Moses, who interceded on behalf of the Israelites, will accuse all unbelievers before the Father.

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
Jesus' enemies begin to plot against him. He professes to have knowledge of God, and trusts in his love.

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
Some people wish to apprehend Jesus. Like a trusting lamb, he takes refuge in God his Father.

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny  
**Monday:** April Fool's Day  
**Tuesday:** St. Francis of Paola  
**Thursday:** St. Isidore of Seville  
**Friday:** St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday;  
Abstinence  
**Saturday:** First Saturday

**GOD'S CAPACITY FOR FORGIVENESS**

Where is the foolish person who would think it in his or her power to commit more than God could forgive?  
—St. Francis de Sales

**LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA**

**Domingo:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]  
**Lunes:** Is 65:17-21; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-13b;  
Jn 4:43-54  
**Martes:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Sal 46 (45):2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
Jn 5:1-16  
**Miércoles:** Is 49:8-15; Sal 145 (144):8-9, 13cd-14,  
17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
**Jueves:** Ex 32:7-14; Sal 106 (105):19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
**Viernes:** Sab 2:1a, 12-22; Sal 34 (33):17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Sábado:** Jer 11:18-20; Sal 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53  
**Domingo:** Ez 37:12-14; Sal 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES**

**Domingo:** Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma;  
Segundo Escrutinio  
**Lunes:** Día de los inocentes  
**Martes:** San Francisco de Paola  
**Jueves:** San Isidoro  
**Viernes:** San Vicente Ferrer; Primer viernes;  
Abstinencia  
**Sábado:** Primer sábado

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Cuaresma es tiempo de reconciliación por medio del perdón. En este espíritu, el Papa san Juan Pablo II pidió perdón por pecados cometidos por la Iglesia. Uno de estos pecados es la manera como América fue cristianizada.

La relación del latino con la religión católica ha sido entre buenas intenciones y antagonismos. Gracias a Dios, ¡somos cristianos! Lamentablemente, nuestro bautizo, en la mayor parte de los casos, fue en agua bendita y sangre indígena a la vez, ya que América fue evangelizada con cruz y espada. Los pobres misioneros que con fatiga, predicaron en nuestras tierras venían acompañados por hombres poderosos en busca de riquezas.

El filósofo romano-español Séneca (siglo I) afirmaba: "la religión es algo que para la persona común es verdad, para el sabio es falso y para el poderoso es útil". A su vez, el romano-judío Pablo de Tarso declara que en Cristo, Dios ha revelado que la persona común y necia derribará la falsedad de los sabios (1 Cor 1:18-31).

El latino creyente reconoce que su fe nació del dolor de la conquista y no niega los abusos clericales, pero confía en el Evangelio reconciliador.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**ESTA SEMANA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA**

Sun:	3-31	7:00AM 10:30AM	Rosary RCIA
Mon:	4-01	9:00AM	Daily Mass
Tue:	4-02	7-8:30PM 7:00pm	English class RCIA Spanish class
Wed:	4-03	3:30PM 6:00PM 6:00PM-8:00PM	Religious Ed class Religious Ed Spanish High School Youth Group
Thurs:	4-04	7:00PM	Adoration Choir
Fri:	4-05	9:30AM 3:00PM 3:00PM 7:00PM	Adoration Rosary Bulletin Submission Deadline <b>Stations of the cross- English</b> <b>Stations of the cross- Spanish</b>
Sat:	4-06	3:30-4:30PM	Adoration Reconciliation
Sun:	4-07	7:00AM 10:30AM	Rosary RCIA

Dom:	3-31	7:00 AM 10:30AM	Rosario RCIA
Lun:	4-01	9:00AM	Misa diaria
Martes	4-02	7-8:30pm 7:00PM	Clase de inglés RCIA Spanish class
Miér:	4-03	3:30PM 6:00PM 6:00PM-8:00PM	religioso Ed classes Religioso ed spanish grupo de jóvenes de la escuela secundaria
Jue:	4-04	7:00PM	Adoración Coro
Viernes:	4-05	9:30AM 3:00PM 3:00PM 7:00PM	Adoración Rosario envío del boletín Plazo <b>estaciones de la Cruz- Inglés</b> <b>estaciones de la Cruz- Español</b>
Sáb:	4-06	3:30-4:30PM	Adoración Reconciliación
Dom:	4-07	7:00 AM 10:30 AM	Rosario RICA

**Open Pantry Saturday**

April 16, 2019  
9:00AM

If you can't feed a hundred people,  
then feed just one.

-Mother Teresa



**Dispensa abierta**

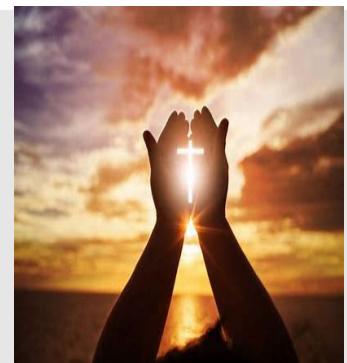
Sábado, 16 de abril, 2019  
9:00 AM

Si usted no puede alimentar a un centenar  
de personas, Entonces sólo una  
alimentación.

-Madre Teresa

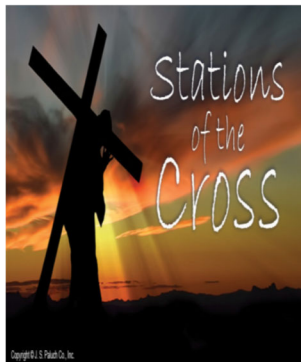
**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday	Mar 31	9:30AM	Zach Bovee †	By: The Rod Smith Family
Monday	Apr 01	9:00AM	Elena Sayson †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Apr 02	9:00AM	Brian Nysewander †	By: The Finley Family
Wednesday	Apr 03	9:00AM	Frank Coscarelli Sr. †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Thursday	Apr 04	9:00AM	Teresa Laber ☼	By: Louanne Fay
Friday	Apr 05	9:00AM	Joseph Brady †	By: Caryn Brady
Saturday	Apr 06	8:00AM	Tim Crush †	By: At The Home in Ojai
		5:00PM	Bob Nelson †	By: The Nelson Family



**THINGS TO KNOW**

**COSAS QUE SABER**



**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

Stations of the Cross  
English 3:00 PM

**VIERNES DURANTE LA CUARESMA**

Estaciones de la Cruz  
Spanish 7:00PM

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE**



A warm shout out to all their helpers that provided a wonderful evening of fun antics, song, laughter ~ an evening where we all became Irish. THANK YOU!

Un saludo cálido a todos sus ayudantes que proporcionaron una maravillosa velada de divertidas travesuras, canciones, risas ~ una noche en la que todos nos convertimos en irlandeses. ¡Gracias!

**LENT WITH BISHOP BARRON**

**WORDONFIRE.ORG**

Bishop Barron offers great resources and you can sign up to receive via email daily reflections on the Gospel

**CUARESMA CON EL OBISPO BARRON**

**WORDONFIRE.ORG**

Bishop Barron ofrece grandes recursos y puede inscribirse para recibir por correo electrónico reflexiones diarias sobre el Evangelio.

**Lent Reflections with Bishop Barron**

Lent is a wonderful time of reflection and a reminder of why we are called to the Mass and the miracle that happens right before our eyes.

Mondays, April 1st, 8th  
at 11am and 7pm in English  
March 20th, 27th at 7pm in Spanish.

Please contact the parish office for questions or to RSVP. All are welcome for this Lenten time of reflection!

**Reflexiones prestadas con el obispo Barrón**

La Cuaresma es un tiempo maravilloso de reflexión y un recordatorio de por qué estamos llamados a la Misa y al milagro que sucede justo delante de nuestros ojos.

Lunes 1 de abril, 8º  
a las 11am y 7pm en inglés  
el 20 de marzo, 27 a las 7pm en español.

Comuníquese con la oficina parroquial para preguntas o para RSVP. ¡ Todos son bienvenidos para este tiempo cuaresmal de reflexión!

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE 2019**

April 1, Monday	Mission San Buenaventura, Ventura: 7 PM
April 3, Wednesday	St Anthony, Oxnard: 7 PM
April 9, Tuesday	St. Francis of Assisi, Fillmore: 7 PM
April 10, Wednesday	Our Lady of Assumption, Ventura: 7 PM
April 11, Thursday	St. Sebastian, Santa Paula: 7 PM
April 11, Thursday	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Paula: 7 PM
April 12, Friday	Mary Star of the Sea, Oxnard: 7 PM
April 17, Wednesday	Santa Clara, Oxnard: 6:30 PM



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**INFORMACION IMPORTANTE**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

All children are vulnerable to potential sexual abuse, but predators look for situations and circumstances to manipulate that may make some children more susceptible than others. Many studies show that a higher percentage of young girls are vulnerable to sexual abuse than young males.

Child abuse is a societal problem, and we must be aware of signs that indicate vulnerability or potentially troubling circumstances in inappropriate relationships between an adult and a young child, a child demonstrating signs of abuse by his or her behavior.

All children are our responsibility. To read the full VIRTUS® article “Who is Most Vulnerable to Potential Sexual Abuse?”

**¿SABÍA USTED?**

Todos los niños son vulnerables a posibles abusos sexuales, pero los depredadores buscan situaciones y circunstancias para manipular el entorno y hacer que algunos niños sean más susceptibles que otros. Muchos estudios demuestran que un mayor porcentaje de niñas jóvenes son más vulnerables al abuso sexual que los hombres jóvenes. El abuso infantil es un problema de la sociedad, por lo que debemos estar conscientes de los signos que indican vulnerabilidad o circunstancias potencialmente problemáticas, como relaciones inapropiadas entre un adulto y un niño pequeño, o con un/a niño/a que muestra signos de abuso por su comportamiento. Todos los niños son nuestra responsabilidad. Para leer el artículo completo de VIRTUS® “Who is Most Vulnerable to Potential Sexual Abuse” (¿Quién es el más vulnerable al abuso sexual potencial?)



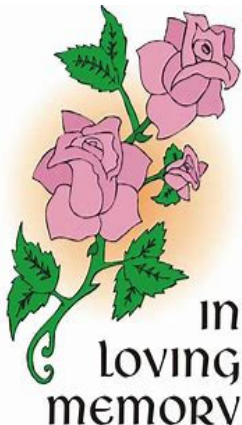
**“Unplanned”**

Is a very impactful movie. It portrays the reality of abortion and is graphic in some moments. It is also a beautiful film that depicts the transformative power of mercy and human kindness.

For those you know who are suffering from the effects of having an abortion the following assistance is available: By your sideLA.org (877) 301-9684  
Pregnant and need help? OptionsForPregnancy.com (877) 398-7734

**“No planificado”**

Es una película muy impactante. Retrata la realidad del aborto y es gráfico en algunos momentos. También es una hermosa película que representa el poder transformador de la misericordia y la bondad humana. Para aquellos que usted sabe que están sufriendo de los efectos de tener un aborto la siguiente ayuda está disponible: Por su sideLA.org (877) 301-9684 ¿Está embarazada y necesita ayuda? OptionsForPregnancy.com (877) 398-7734

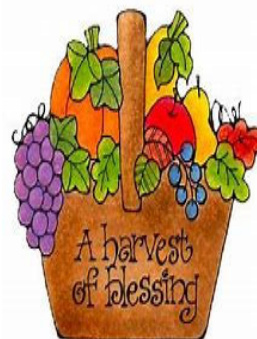


**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Bereavement meeting  
1st Monday of the Month  
2:00PM parish Library.

**MINISTERIO DE DUELO**

Reunión de duelo,  
1º lunes del mes  
2:00PM biblioteca parroquial.



**SHARE THE HARVEST**

Share the Harvest  
1st Thursday  
Of each month

**COMPARTIR LA COSECHA**

Comparta la cosecha  
1er jueves  
De cada mes

**PARISH FESTIVAL INFORMATION**

**FESTIVAL PARROQUIAL INFORMACION**

PARISH FESTIVAL  
SAVE THE DATES  
MAY 4th & 5th

FESTIVAL PARROQUIAL  
GUARDAR LAS FECHAS  
del 4 y 5 de mayo

Our annual Parish Festival  
will be a weekend  
Community event!  
We will need:

- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Auction Items
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Rummage Sale Items

Contact Marti Reid  
with questions or ideas to  
make it even more fun  
805-798-2888 or  
reidmarti4@gmail.com



¡Nuestro Festival Parroquial  
anual será un evento comuni-  
tario de fin de semana!  
Necesitaremos:

- ◆ Voluntarios
- ◆ Plantas
- ◆ Artículos de subasta
- ◆ Libros
- ◆ Artículos de venta de artículos  
usados

Póngase en contacto con Marti  
Reid con preguntas o ideas para  
hacerlo aún más divertido  
805-798-2888 o  
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**TO ALL BUSINESS OWNERS:**

If you would like to have the name of your business  
prominently displayed at the Festival this year please call  
Franceen Fallet 646-5848  
about becoming a SPONSOR.

**A TODOS LOS PROPIETARIOS DE NEGOCIOS:**

Si desea que el nombre de su empresa se muestre de  
forma destacada en el Festival este año, por favor llame  
Franceen Fallet 646-5848 acerca de convertirse en un  
PATROCINADOR



**Parish Festival  
Early Bird  
Drawing**

**April 9th**

**Festival parroquial  
dibujo temprano  
de aves**

**9 de abril**



**Rummage sale**

Now is the time to start sorting through your Books, DVD's, CD,  
cupboards, closets and garage for things to donate.  
Our Rummage sale is one of our biggest fundraisers.

**Venta de Rummage**

Ahora es el momento de empezar a clasificar a través de su libros,  
DVD, CD, Alacenas, armarios y garage para cosas para donar. Nues-  
tra venta de Rummage es una de nuestras mayores recaudaciones  
de fondos.

**WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR**

**PALABRAS DE NUESTRO PASTOR**



Dear Friends in Christ,

I have just received official notice from my Provincial of changes in the Ojai Augustinian community and wanted you to know as soon as possible. Effective June 15, 2019, I will be returning to my old parish in San Diego, St. Patrick. I will be in residence on the bus line due to my failing eyesight and the inability, therefore, to get my driver's license renewed. I hope to continue celebrating Mass as long as eyesight permits.

Your new pastor is Fr. Kirk Davis, OSA. He has been at St. Augustine High School in San Diego as Chaplin and in Campus Ministry. Fr. Fernando will stay, and Fr. Mike McFadden will return and be in residence also.

At Villanova Prep School Brother Mike Bube will be replaced by Fr. Gary Rye who will be in residence there. Brother Barney Johns will continue at VPS and, thanks be to God, will be ordained to the Diaconate, then to the priesthood.

Fr. Alvin, formally at VPS, is the new pastor at our Hollywood parish, Our Mother of Good Counsel.

Thanks to all who have prayed for me, and for vocations to the Province. Your prayers are important. In addition to Brother Barney, there are many other ordinations in the near future. We have become quite diversified with two ordinations from Pakistan and Brother Barney to be ordained in London at the Augustinian Hammersmith Church.

Also, Brother Thi Van Truong, OSA, a Vietnamese, is joining our province and will continue his formation in San Diego.

Please continue to pray for us as we minister to the people of California.

Fr. Tom

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