

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ojai, CA

Prayer of the Faithful for Sunday 1/22/2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presider

God promises to lighten our load and free us from oppression. Let us lift up our prayer, confident that God's reign is near.

Deacon / Lector

1. That the Church continue to reveal the merciful face of God. We pray to the Lord.
2. That all of our elected and appointed leaders govern with compassion, integrity and respect for all people. We pray to the Lord.
3. That people who are still struggling for their independence soon achieve it without bloodshed. We pray to the Lord.
4. That all would come to believe in the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death and participate in the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children this coming Monday. We pray to the Lord.
5. That this community show respect for the sanctity of life by supporting pregnant women, caring for the dying, and welcoming people of all abilities. We pray to the Lord.
6. **(5:00 p.m.)** For the special intention for the peaceful repose of the soul of Dicky Myers for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.
(7:30 a.m.) For the special intention for the entire Saint Thomas Aquinas parish community for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.
(9:30 a.m.) For the special intention for the peaceful repose of the soul of Ernie Rischar for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.
7. For the prayers on our parish prayer line, the prayers in our book of intentions, and the prayers that we hold in the silence of our heart. [pause] We pray to the Lord.

Presider

Faithful God, you gather all people together by the power of your Holy Spirit. Grant what we humbly ask in faith through Christ our Lord.