

## Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ojai, CA

### Prayer of the Faithful for Sunday 3/26/2017

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

##### Presider

Gathered into one flock by our loving Shepherd, we rejoice in God's merciful love.

##### Deacon / Lector

1. For all God's people, that we recognize our blindness and repent, so Christ may heal us from all that blinds us to his love. We pray to the Lord.
2. For national and local representatives, that they consider the long-term effects of their decisions and lead with compassion for all. We pray to the Lord.
3. For those who think their sins are unforgivable, that they turn to God with trust in his loving mercy. We pray to the Lord.
4. For those who take their blessings for granted, that they learn generosity of spirit. We pray to the Lord.
5. For those preparing for the Easter sacraments and their sponsors, that their faith, nourished by this community, grow deeper each day. We pray to the Lord.
6. **(5:00 p.m.)** For the special intention for the peaceful repose of the soul of Frank Coscarelli Sr. 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 Bob Nelson for whom this Eucharist is offered. We pray to the Lord.
7. For the prayers on our parish prayer line, especially for the peaceful repose of the souls of Helen Elliott and Maria Osborne; healing for Pat Hunt; 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

God of mercy and love, you defend the poor and weak. Listen to our prayer and lead us out of darkness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.