



“I AM THE TRUE
VINE, AND MY
FATHER IS THE
VINE GROWER.”
—JN 15:1

5TH SUNDAY OF
EASTER

April 28, 2024

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Mass Times/Tiempos de misa

Monday—Friday~ Lunes—Viernes
9:00AM

Saturday—Sábado
8:00AM

Saturday Evening
English 5:00PM

Sábado Por la Noche
Español 6:30PM

Sunday Mass
English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Misa Del Domingo
Español 11:30AM

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Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes
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9:30AM—1:30PM or by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~
SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN**

of the Blessed Sacrament ~
del Santísimo Sacramento



Thursday/Jueves 9:30AM-through
Saturday/Sabado morning Benediction 7:45AM

PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN

Contact Parish Office

Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial

(805) 646-4338

<https://stacojai.org/worship/prayer-line>

WEDDINGS ~ BODAS

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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS ~ FUNERALES

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PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA

Chapel open Mon-Sat ~ Capilla abierta

de lunes a sábado:

10AM-4PM

Rosario en Español

Lunes y Martes

A las seis de la tarde

Rosary in English

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fridays after the 9am mass



INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: 4/29/24	9:00AM	Winifred Caballero † By: Sister Barbara
Tuesday: 4/30/24	9:00AM	John Kazmer † By: Mary Kazmer
Wednesday: 5/1/24	9:00AM	Paul Hennigan † By: Aldine Hennigan
Thursday: 5/2/24	9:00AM	Fr Bob Gavotto, OSA †
Friday: 5/3/24	9:00AM	Sandra Kopp † By: The Wilber Family
Saturday: 5/4/24	8:00AM 5:00PM	Fr John Keller, OSA † By: Sister Barbara & Sister Luz
Sunday: 5/5/24	7:30AM 9:30 AM	The St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Community

(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living

Please Remember

*All Intentions & Announcements for Sunday & The
following week are due by Friday - 9 days before Publication.*

**May is a month
devoted to the
Blessed Virgin Mary**



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pray] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance"

(Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

List of Candidates for Confirmation

Aaron Rodriguez
Adam Winters
Adrianna Sosa
Alejandro Manriquez
Anthony Passolano
Bryce Parent
Cristian Perez
Cynthia Fregoso
Daisy Martinez
Destiny Barrios
Eric Arriaga
Gabriela Aguilar
Gustavo Albarran
Hernan Estrada
Jannet Mendez
Joanna Borjas
Jocelyn Jimenez
Jocelyn Vega
Katia Bueno
Leslie Arriaga
Liliana Ponce
Maria Perez
Nefi Bueno
Pablo Rodriguez
Refugio Flores
Rhina Guardado
Ricardo Torres
Rodrigo Martinez
Sayra Ruiz
Sebastian Robles
Taylor Anthony Rodriguez
Vanessa Ponce
Yudith Alexandra Cornejo

Celebrants

Auxiliary Bishop of Santa Barbara Region,
Most Reverend Slawomir Szkredka
Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A.
Fr. Fernando Lopez, O.S.A.
Fr. Barnaby Johns, O.S.A.
Fr. Gary Rye, O.S.A.
Fr. Manny Isaac, O.S.A.

Confirmation Prayer

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts
of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom
You sent.*

*Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.*

*Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to
fulfillment
the good work that You have begun in them.*

*Make each of us an instrument of Your love.
Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.*

*Deepen our faith in the Gospel
and help us to pass it on by our example.
We pray that You will continue to guide us and
sustain us.*

*Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*



We hear in the first reading this Fifth Sunday in Easter these words from the Acts of the Apostles: "The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers."

It is fair to say that the church throughout the Ojai Valley is being built up and with the grace of the Holy Spirit is growing in numbers this weekend as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

Let us all pray for the newly confirmed, that they may receive the gifts that come from full initiation into our Roman Catholic faith, and that they may, in turn, grace the Church by generously sharing their God-given gifts with the greater community.

He is Risen! Alleluia!!
God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Escuchamos en la primera lectura de este quinto domingo en Pascua estas palabras de los actos de los apóstoles: "La iglesia en toda Judea, Galilea y Samaria estaba en paz. Se estaba construyendo y caminó por temor al Señor, y con el consuelo del Espíritu Santo, creció en número"

Es justo decir que la iglesia en todo el valle de Ojai se está construyendo y con la gracia del Espíritu Santo está creciendo en número este fin de semana mientras celebramos el sacramento de Confirmación aquí en la parroquia de St. Thomas Aquinas.

Oremos todos por los recién confirmados, para que puedan recibir los dones que provienen de la plena iniciación en nuestra fe católica romana, y que, a su vez, pueden adornar a la Iglesia al compartir generosamente sus dones dados por Dios con la comunidad en general.

¡Él ha resucitado! ¡¡Aleluya!!
Paz y bien,
P. Kirk

Augustinian Pilgrimage to Italy

November 5 to 21, 2024

Following in the Footsteps of St. Augustine

Inspired by St. Augustine's Italian travels and conversion in the 4th Century.

Led by Fr. Kirk Davis OSA – Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish-Ojai



November 5	Depart for Milan
November 6 – 8	Milan/Pavia
November 8 – 9	Florence
November 9 – 13	San Gimignano/Siena/Lecceto
November 13 – 15	Cascia/Assisi
November 15 – 21	Rome/Ostia
November 21	Return to US



What's Included:

RT airfare, airport transfers in US and Italy, all ground transportation in Italy, portage as needed, two meals per day (breakfast + lunch or dinner), modest hotel and monastery accommodation in shared rooms, guided tours and entry fees, gratuities for guides, & drivers.

Cost: \$4750.

Total number of participants: limited to 30.

Please contact Fr. Kirk Davis: 805-646-4338 x105 or frkirk@stacojai.org for more information

Retreat Opportunity

(All Valley Women's 2024 Retreat Registration)



“We Are All Called”

May 11, 2024 8:30 am — 4:30 pm

at Forest Home 655 Burnham Rd Oak View (805) 715-6060

(Day before Mother's Day - invite your mom!)

\$50 includes breakfast, lunch, speakers, and activities

Name & Church: _____

Phone & Email” _____

Childcare is available up to age 8. Please list names and ages:

¿Necesitancuidado de niños? (De 8 años y menos. Escribanombre y edades:)

Please return this registration packet by April 28th to your church Contact with \$50, or mail to: Wesleyan Church, Box 56, Ojai, CA 93024

Contact Forest Home directly at the number listed above as St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church has no designated contact)

Make checks payable to O.V.W.C. (no refunds, but fees are transferable.)

FOREST HOME REQUIRES AN ONLINE MEDICAL CONSENT FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN. PLEASE GO TO THIS LINK:

<https://form/jotform.com/233461853608157?itinerary=68044>

(the form above is a replica of the actual form—but can be used)

join us
for the annual

Mass at Serra Cross
Santa Misa a la SeRra Cruz

Bilingüe

Grant Park, Ventura

Saturday/Sábado, May 4, 2024

7:30 A.M. Walk begins in the garden
at San Buenaventura Mission

Pray the Rosary as we

Walk To Serra Cross

8:00 A.M. Mass celebrated at Serra Cross

Grant Park, Ventura



In 1782 Padre (Saint) Junipero Serra Founded Mission San Buenaventura. Soon after, a large wooden cross was placed on a neighboring hillside as a guidepost for travelers.

Over the years, the original cross and a series of replacements were lost to the elements, but locals never gave up. The current cross has stood atop its circular stone pedestal since 1941.

Child's Name:

What did you learn in Mass today?

Catechists Signature:



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Food Pantry	(805) 646-4338 x112	

Did You Know?

Healing Gardens for victims-survivors in the Archdiocese's five pastoral regions

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has created gardens of healing in each of the Archdiocese's pastoral regions, dedicated to those harmed by sexual abuse, in their family, church or community. Located at St. Camillus Pastoral Center in Los Angeles (Our Lady of Los Angeles Pastoral Region), Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura (Santa Barbara Pastoral Region) St. Francis de Sales Parish, Sherman Oaks (San Fernando Pastoral Region), and St. Bernadette Parish, Los Angeles (San Gabriel Pastoral Region), these gardens offer a sacred space for all those impacted by abuse to seek comfort and solace. A fifth garden will be built in the San Pedro Pastoral Region. In each garden there is a weeping wall and a plaque with a reflection by Archbishop Gomez, which starts with this paragraph: "Dedicated to all those impacted by sexual abuse in the Church, their communities, their families – may all who visit find some measure of renewal, peace and comfort in doing so." For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens/>.

Jardines de sanación para víctimas-sobrevivientes de las cinco regiones de la Arquidiócesis

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles ha creado jardines de sanación en cada una de las regiones pastorales de la Arquidiócesis, dedicados a aquellos perjudicados por el abuso sexual, en su familia, iglesia o comunidad. Ubicados en el Centro Pastoral San Camilo en Los Ángeles (Región Pastoral Nuestra Señora de Los Ángeles), Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Asunción en Ventura (Región Pastoral de Santa Bárbara), Parroquia San Francisco de Sales en Sherman Oaks (Región Pastoral de San Fernando) y Parroquia Santa Bernadette en Los Ángeles (Región Pastoral San Gabriel), estos jardines ofrecen un espacio sagrado para que todos aquellos afectados por el abuso busquen consuelo. Se construirá un quinto jardín en la Región Pastoral de San Pedro. En cada jardín hay un muro de llanto y una placa con una reflexión del Arzobispo José H. Gomez que comienza con este párrafo: "Dedicado a todos aquellos afectados por el abuso sexual en la Iglesia, sus comunidades, sus familias —que todos visitantes encuentren alguna medida de renovación, paz y consuelo al hacerlo". Visite <https://lacatholics.org/healing-gardens/> para obtener más Información.