



EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8

April 9, 2023

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Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes

9:00AM - 5:00PM

Mass Times/Tiempos de misa

MONDAY—FRIDAY ~ LUNES—VIERNES

9:00AM

SATURDAY—SÁBADO

8:00AM

SATURDAY ~ SÁBADO POR LA NOCHE

English 5:00PM

Español 6:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES~ MISAS DEL DOMINGO

English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Español 11:30AM

**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/Friday ~ Jueves/Viernes 9:30AM-
10:30PM

PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN
Contact Parish Office
Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial
(805) 646-4338

WEDDINGS ~ BODAS
Contact Parish Office
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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS
English: Dn. Phil Nelson
Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS ~ FUNERALES
Contact Parish Office ~ Póngase en contacto con
la oficina parroquial (805) 646-4338

PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA
Church open Mon-Sat ~ Iglesia abierta de lunes a
sábado
10AM-4PM

INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: April 10, 2023	9:00AM	Paul Hennigan † <i>By: Kenneth Hennigan</i>
Tuesday: April 11, 2023	9:00AM	Raye Boone † <i>By Gina & John Clark Levin</i>
Wednesday: April 12, 2023	9:00AM	Irene Grimm † <i>By The Teichert Family</i>
Thursday: April 13, 2023	9:00AM	Jay Hersch † <i>By The Quackenbush Family</i>
Friday: April 14, 2023	9:00AM	Pierson John Dapier † <i>By: Les & Mary Baker</i>
Saturday: April 15, 20238AM	Eugene West † <i>By: The Wood Family</i>
Saturday:	5PM	Edmund Yorba † <i>By Linda Desch</i>

Family to Family

Join us preparing and serving a hot meal for
hungry clients
the 4th Wednesday of each month.
On the Avenue in Ventura
Call the parish office for more information



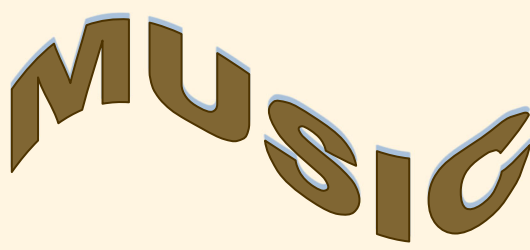
Join us this week for Friendship and Coffee
This Tuesday, April 11, 2023

after the 9:00 daily Mass
get to know one another

Clubhouse, (between the church and the parish hall)

Your welcome to bring a snack to share. There will be coffee.

For more information call either Mary Wood 805 640-5243 or Greg Sinicrope 805 455-4619.



I am the Bread of Life

Refrain 1

I am the bread of life. I am the hope in night
I am the door wide open. I am the shepherd's might
I am the truth and light. I am the way and life
I Am Who Am and I am for you. Come and follow me.

Refrain 2

I am bread for the world, hope for the hopeless
Come to me and know that I'll always be there
With my arms open wide
I Am Who Am and I am for you. Come and follow me.

Bridge

I give my heart to those in sorrow. I come to those who are in need
Hope for today and for tomorrow, light for all who want to see

Refrain 1 and Refrain 2 (sung simultaneously)



Faith Formation

For Adults

Held Monthly in the Parish Hall

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<i>April 30, 2023</i>	<i>Mary & the Saints</i>	<i>Mary Nelson</i>
<i>June 4, 2023</i>	<i>Spiritual & Corporal Works</i>	<i>James Valadez</i>
<i>July 9, 2023</i>	<i>Catholic Social Justice</i>	<i>Caryn Brady & Virginia Aguirre</i>
<i>August 6, 2023</i>	<i>Ministries of our Church</i>	<i>Phil Smith</i>

Childcare provided. Contact Aina Yates at (805) 646-4338 ext. 111

Presentations start at 11am. A light brunch will be offered.

Father Kirk's Letter

He is risen, alleluia! We have so very much to be grateful for as a community of believers. Easter calls us to renew our baptismal promises each year as we welcome new members to our community. The replenishing rains of our extraordinary winter have filled our reservoirs and our spirits. Our hills and valleys are spectacularly green. For my part, I'm filled with hope and joy as I continue my ministry with and for you all here in the spectacular Ojai Valley.

Our holy father St. Augustine left us one way of thinking about this day and the season ahead that certainly endures the test of time:

"Let us make of these days a symbol of that day without end. Let us make of this mortal place a symbol of time without end. Let us hurry to get to the eternal house. Blessed are those who live in your house, Lord; they will praise you for ever and ever. Thus says the law, the Scriptures, and the Truth: we are meant to arrive at the house of God, that is, Heaven. There we will praise God, not for fifty days but – as it is written – for ever and ever. We will see him, we will love him, and we will praise him; neither shall sight vanish, neither shall love run out, neither shall praise fall silent; everything shall be eternal, nothing shall come to an end". (Sermon 254,8)

Easter blessings upon you all and your families and loved ones...

Peace,

Fr. Kirk

Una Carta de Padre Kirk

¡Ha resucitado, aleluya! Tenemos mucho que agradecer como comunidad de creyentes. La Pascua nos llama a renovar nuestras promesas bautismales cada año al dar la bienvenida a nuevos miembros a nuestra comunidad. Las lluvias reparadoras de nuestro extraordinario invierno han llenado nuestros embalses y nuestros espíritus. Nuestras colinas y valles son espectacularmente verdes. Por mi parte, estoy lleno de esperanza y gozo mientras continúo mi ministerio con y para todos ustedes aquí en el espectacular Valle de Ojai.

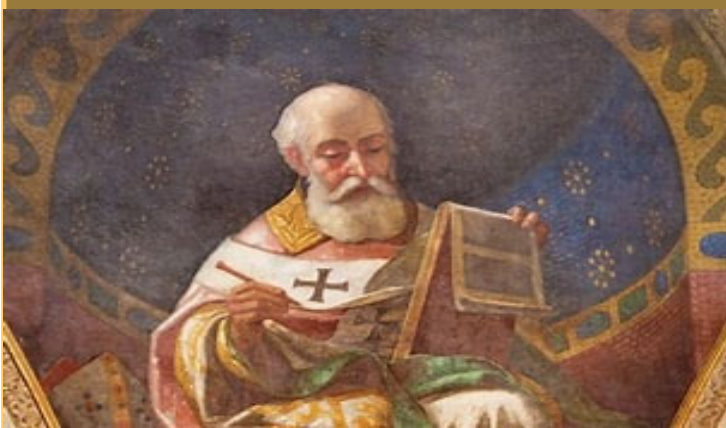
Nuestro santo padre San Agustín nos dejó una forma de pensar sobre este día y la temporada que se avecina que ciertamente resiste la prueba del tiempo:

"Hagamos de estos días un símbolo de ese día sin fin. Hagamos de este lugar mortal un símbolo del tiempo sin fin. Apresurémonos a llegar a la casa eterna. Bienaventurados los que habitan en tu casa, Señor; te alabarán por los siglos de los siglos. Así dice la ley, las Escrituras y la Verdad: estamos destinados a llegar a la casa de Dios, es decir, al Cielo. Allí alabaremos a Dios, no por cincuenta días, sino -como está escrito- por los siglos de los siglos. Lo veremos, lo amaremos y lo alabaremos; ni se desvanecerá la vista, ni se agotará el amor, ni se callará la alabanza; todo será eterno, nada llegará a su fin". (Sermón 254,8)

Bendiciones de Pascua para todos ustedes y sus familias y seres queridos...

Paz,

P. Kirk



Our Youth are Our Future



AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023**

19 DAYS • 26 JUL TO 13 AUG 2023 • AVILA • SEGOVIA • ALBA DE TORMES • SALAMANCA • FATIMA • LISBON • BARCELONA • DUBAI



Augustian Youth Encounter and World Youth Day

*To be held in **Lisbon, Portugal** this summer*

This journey is specifically tailored to young people between the ages of 16 and 36.

We will depart California on

July 24 and return on August 9.

The estimated cost of the pilgrimage is \$2250

Inclusive of airfare, accommodation and meals.

Financial aid is available.

To express interest and/or request more information, please contact

Fr. Kirk Davis, OSA - frkirk@stacojai.org



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&

Middle School

(students in 6th—8th grades)

Scholarships available based on need

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Villanova is now accepting Applications for

Fall 2023

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done — in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have seen the empty tomb. We have touched the abandoned burial cloths. "Go tell my brothers," Jesus commands us. "Do not be afraid."

Observances for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Saturday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, a Lithuanian immigrant to the USA, founded the Sisters of St. Casimir and started schools and hospitals all over the USA and Lithuania. The Sisters continue to care for immigrants, children, and the sick to this day!

Prayer

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Mother Maria

O loving Jesus, we beseech you, grant that your servant, Mother Maria, who was imbued with your Eucharistic Presence while on earth, may through the intercession of your Immaculate Mother and Saint Casimir, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by your power, be declared Blessed.

Amen.

(Prayer Source:
<https://www.sistersofstcasimir.org/>)

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Did you know? April 8-9

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/> that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> for help and support.

La Arquidiócesis continúa ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias

Durante el Mes Nacional de Prevención del Abuso Infantil, y en nombre del Arzobispo José H. Gomez, afirmamos nuestro compromiso continuo de reportar alegaciones de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, apoyar a las víctimas-sobrevivientes en su jornada de sanación y proteger a los niños y a las demás personas vulnerables. Para ello, la Arquidiócesis creó un sitio web, <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>, que sirve como una herramienta integral que contiene recursos, programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y denunciar el abuso. Si usted o alguien que conoce es víctima de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte de alguien afiliado a nuestra Iglesia, contacte a las autoridades policiales y llame a la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis al (213) 637-7650 o visite <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> para ayuda y apoyo.