



“I AM THE BREAD
OF LIFE.”
- JN 6:48

19TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2024

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Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
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Mass Times/Horarios de la 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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la oficina parroquial (805) 646-4338

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: 8/12/24	9:00AM	Therese Montag † <i>By: Linda Desch</i>
Tuesday: 8/13/24	9:00AM	Mark Allen † <i>By: Maureen Quackenbush</i>
Wednesday: 8/14/24	9:00AM	Nancy Bugé (L) <i>By: Linda Desch</i>
Thursday: 8/15/24	9:00AM	Kirk Desch † <i>By: Linda Desch</i>
Friday: 8/16/24	9:00AM	Francis Xavier McCauley † <i>By: Bereavement</i>
Saturday: 8/17/24	8:00AM 5:00PM	John Kazmer † <i>By: Linda Desch</i>
Sunday: 8/18/24	7:30AM 9:30 AM	People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Betty Cunningham † <i>By: Linda Desch</i>

(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living



**Today
Life Choices
Bake Sale**



Every Second Sunday
proceeds will benefit Life Choices Pregnancy Center
Providing services to women & babies
Supporting them through pregnancy and beyond



For more information
Call Maria Doran—(805) 649-3491
For more information for Life Choices Pregnancy Center
ojailifechoices.org—(805) 646-6830



Hospitality



1st, 3rd, and 4th Sunday
after mass



Donuts, Coffee, orange Juice

Fellowship



Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Verse 1

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom
Come to him and bless his name
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever
Faithful to the end of days

Refrain

Come, then, all you nations, sing of the Lord's goodness
Melodies of praise and thanks to God
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music
Worship him and bless his name

Verse 2

Power he has wielded, honor is his garment
Risen from the snares of death
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken
New life he now gives to all
Into a shout, into a cry



Next Saturday,
August 17

OPEN PANTRY

Volunteer & Donate

*Place Monetary Donations in an envelope marked
St. Vincent de Paul & place in Sunday Collection
basket or drop off at the office.*

*Put Non-Perishable Items by the doors to the hall or in
the receptacles at entrance to Church*

Sign in: 8 to 9:30am

Distribution: 9:30 -10:30

(No Pets Allowed)

(For I was hungry and you gave me to drink) Matt. 25:35



Child's Name:

What did you learn in Mass today?

Catechists Signature:

OJAI BAND

Free Summer Concert Series

Every Wednesday in the Libbey Park Bandstand

IN THE HEART OF OJAI

Through August 14, 2024, 7pm

Bring a blanket or chair and listen to music under the stars.

Each concert features a balloon march for all ages.



For more info visit:
www.OjaiBand.com

Rotary
Club of Ojai-West



RETREATS

September, October, and November

Come away and rest awhile on a peaceful, healing time of retreat & spiritual reflection.

Events are located at the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center, 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275.
Call Jose Salas at 310.377.4867 x250 for reservations or information. More information: www.maryjoseph.org

- Weekend Healing Retreat: Begin with the Heart ~ Meister Eckhart
- Grateful Gatherings
- Labyrinth Walk- Under a Hunter's Moon
- Uniting the Past, Present, and Future in Hope and Joy



Season of Creation Series—US and Canada

Laudato Si' Movement

Three Conversations about Climate in light of our Catholic Faith

August 12, August 19, and August 26

All sessions will be held at 4:00 pm Pacific Time

And will be zoomed

For more information and to register

202-987-7581

info@catholicclimatecovenant.org

"The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion."

Pope Francis Laudato Si', no. 219

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

RETREAT WEEKEND

FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION



Rachel's Vineyard retreat is for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat is designed to help participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope for the future. Developed in the Roman Catholic Tradition, it utilizes spiritual exercises and rituals to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness.

(All inquiries and registrations are confidential)

[www.youtube.com /user/rachelsvineyard](http://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard)

September 13—15

San Pedro, CA

Cost: \$300.00 per person

For registration or more information • Please call (323) 577—5693 • Email RVLA.Christine@gmail.com • www.rachelsvineyard.org

Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

Single, young adult women between 18 and 40 years of age who might be considering religious life.

Discernment Retreat

Sept. 27 - 29, 2024

Spend a weekend with the Sisters in the San Jose area

Together, we can pray and talk about God's plans.

Check out our site at **[Daughters of Charity - Retreats](#)**

or contact **Sr. Lisa Laguna, DC** at (213) 210-9903 for more information. There is no cost to attend

A Letter from Father Kirk

Since early this year members of the Parish Finance Committee and I have been discerning the possibility of taking our annual Parish Festival in a new direction. The past several years has seen this time-honored tradition slowly diminish in attendance, in revenue generated, and in participation by parish volunteers. Those dedicated stalwarts who have continued to offer their time and talent to the festival have reported the experience as feeling increasingly burdensome.

Given this reality now is a good time to consider a 'reset' of this tradition, and I am happy to report that we have agreed on a way forward. We have contracted with En Fuego Events to assume responsibility for the production and running of the re-imaged festival, now scheduled to take place the weekend before Thanksgiving:
November 24 – 26.

The Festival Committee met on July 27 to consider this proposal. They are unanimously supportive and enthusiastic about this new direction. I'm grateful to parishioner Michael VanStry who is a co-owner of En Fuego Events for bringing this opportunity to us, and I look forward to working together on this exciting new venture, which will include a full carnival, a professional stage with local acts, games and activities for kids, food trucks and a beer garden. We will still produce the festival raffle, the rummage sale, and other selected activities that will be given booth space by the event organizer. The festival will be a family friendly event unlike anything currently on offer in the Ojai Valley, and it will attract folks to our campus who have not had the opportunity to visit us before.

More details will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Una Carta de Padre Kirk

Desde principios de este año, los miembros del Comité de Finanzas de la Parroquia y yo hemos estado discerniendo la posibilidad de llevar nuestro Festival Parroquial anual en una nueva dirección. En los últimos años, esta antigua tradición ha disminuido lentamente en asistencia, en ingresos generados y en participación de voluntarios de la parroquia. Aquellos fieles fieles que han continuado ofreciendo su tiempo y talento al festival han informado que la experiencia se está volviendo cada vez más pesada.

Dada esta realidad, ahora es un buen momento para considerar un "reinicio" de esta tradición, y me complace informar que hemos acordado un camino a seguir. Hemos contratado a En Fuego Events para que asuma la responsabilidad de la producción y el funcionamiento del festival renovado, ahora programado para el fin de semana anterior al Día de Acción de Gracias:

del 24 al 26 de noviembre.

El Comité del Festival se reunió el 27 de julio para considerar esta propuesta. Apoyan unánimemente y están entusiasmados con esta nueva dirección. Estoy agradecido con el feligrés Michael VanStry, copropietario de En Fuego Events, por brindarnos esta oportunidad y espero trabajar juntos en esta nueva y emocionante aventura, que incluirá un carnaval completo, un escenario profesional con actuaciones locales, juegos y actividades para niños, camiones de comida y un jardín de cerveza. Seguiremos produciendo la rifa del festival, la venta de artículos usados y otras actividades seleccionadas que contarán con un espacio en el stand que asignará el organizador del evento. El festival será un evento familiar diferente a todo lo que se ofrece actualmente en el Valle de Ojai y atraerá a nuestro campus a personas que no han tenido la oportunidad de visitarnos antes.

Compartiremos más detalles con usted en las próximas semanas.
La paz de Dios, P. Kirk

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Readings for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,
14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:15-20

19^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario / 11 de agosto

Thursday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:
6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



Observances for the week of August 11, 2024

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Tuesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus,
Priest, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and
Martyr

Thursday: The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday: St. Clare of Montefalco

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Las conmemoraciones

de la semana del 11 de agosto de 2024

Domingo: 19^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal,
religiosa

Martes: San Ponciano, papa, y San Hipólito,
sacerdote, mártires

Miércoles: San Maximiliano Kolbe, sacerdote y
mártir

Jueves: La Asunción de la
Santísima Virgen María

Viernes: San Esteban de Hungría

Sábado: San Clara de Montefalco

Domingo siguiente: 20^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings — they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life. They are food for our journey, and they are forever.

INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Jesús nos dice que él es el pan vivo bajado del cielo. Sus acciones, su ejemplo, sus enseñanzas no son sólo palabras en una página, historias de un libro de historia apollillado. Son vida. Son alimento para nuestro viaje y lo son para siempre.

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Food Pantry	(805) 646-4338 x112	



30And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. **31**All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. **32**[And] be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

Ephesians 4:30-32

What can you do to end human trafficking?

Even if you have no daily connection with human trafficking, you can do your part to help stop this crime. Start with the basics — know the facts about human trafficking, what it looks like, and how to get help from the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Look at your community, and what resources are available for anti-trafficking organizations. You can volunteer, raise awareness, or even simply educate yourself and others about the dangers. For more ideas, visit acf.hhs.gov.



¿Qué puedes hacer para acabar con la trata de personas?

A pesar que no se tenga una conexión diaria con la trata de personas, usted puede hacer su parte para ayudar a detener el delito. Comience con lo básico: conozca los hechos sobre la trata de personas, cómo se ve y cómo obtener ayuda de la Línea Directa Nacional contra la Trata de Personas. Busque en su comunidad los recursos que estén disponibles para las organizaciones contra la trata. Usted puede ser voluntario, crear conciencia o simplemente educarse a sí mismo y a los demás sobre los peligros de la trata de personas. Para obtener más información, visite acf.hhs.gov.