



August 27, 2023
**21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on
earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you
loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven.”
- Mt 16:19

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Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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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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Office hours ~ Horario de oficina
Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes
9:00AM - 5:00PM

**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

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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

Este Martes

A las seis de la tarde



Rosary in English

*To the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Fridays after the 9am mass*

INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: 8/28/23	9:00AM	Connie Morgan † <i>By: Bereavement</i>
Tuesday: 8/29/23	9:00AM	Fr. Pascal Nocero † <i>By: Chuck Coscarelli</i>
Wednesday: 8/30/23	9:00AM	Alicea Nixon † <i>By: Tony Nixon</i>
Thursday: 8/31/23	9:00AM	Henry Teichert (L) <i>By: Jon & Julie Teichert</i>
Friday: 9/1/23	9:00AM	Mary Larramendy † <i>By: The Larramendy Family</i>
Saturday: 9/2/23	8:00AM	Edelmira Muñoz † <i>By: Barbara & Ana Luz</i>
Saturday: 9/2/23	5PM	
Sunday: 9/3/23	9:30AM	

(L) Signifies a special intention for a living person



St. Thomas Aquinas Prayer Line

The Prayer Line has been fixed so that daily emails to subscribers are being sent when there are new prayer request on the site.

To receive the prayer requests by email please go to the Prayer Line page on our website

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

If you were previously receiving the email, you need to resubscribe

Life Choices—Bake Sale

Sunday, September 3
proceeds will go to Life Choices

Providing services to women

Supporting them through pregnancy and beyond

If you can bake or help in any way

Call Maria Doran—(805) 649-3491

No Donuts will be served

RESTLESS

Verse 1

You dwell in the songs that we are singing
Rising to the heavens, rising to your heart, your heart
Our praises filling up the spaces
In between our frailty and everything you are, you are
The keeper of my heart

Refrain

And I'm restless, I'm restless
'Til I rest in you, 'til I rest in you
I am restless, I'm restless
'Til I rest in you, 'til I rest in you, O God



Verse 2

Oh, speak now for my soul is listening
Say that you have saved me, whisper in the dark, the dark
'Cause I know you're more than my salvation
Without you I am hopeless, tell me who you are, you are
The keeper of my heart

Refrain

Bridge

Still my heart, hold me close
Let me hear a still small voice
Let it grow, let it rise
Into a shout, into a cry

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Verse 1

We are the salt of the earth called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world not to be hidden but be seen
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain

Verse 2

We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

*Great,
O Lord, is your Power
and Infinite is your
Wisdom, Therefore we
bless you without ceasing
and delight in Your
Praise
You have made us
for Yourself and
Our Hearts are
Restless
Until they Rest in
You*

St. Augustine of Hippo



GROW IN YOUR FAITH AND PASS IT ON!

The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

Proverbs 18:15

St. Thomas Aquinas Monthly Adult Formation Presentations continues New Schedule Begins Next Week—September 3—11am

Each Session includes light refreshments

Contact Aina Yates (646-4338 ext. 111) for more information or for childcare

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
September 3	Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy	James Valadez
October 1	Augustinian History	Fr. Gary Rye
November 5	Pilgrimage	Fr. Kirk Davis
December 3	Confession	Fr. Manny Isaac
January 7	Why We Go to Mass	Brian Campos
February 4	Liturgical Music	John & Lisa Boyd and Bryant Huber
March 3	The Real Presence	Fr. Barney Johns
April 7	Catholicism and AI	John Clark Levin

Thanks to all those who attended our adult ed sessions this past year. We had amazing speakers and learned more about our faith. It was exciting to hear about all the great work that goes on in this parish behind the scene, and to learn how truly gifted this parish is. Come and share fellowship and learn more about our faith; - The Religious Education Team

VERY IMPORTANT

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!

READ THIS!!

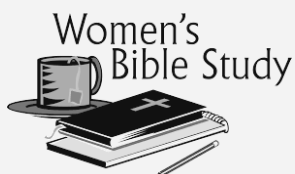


Required for New or Returning Volunteers

A Protecting God's Children training will be offered on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m.
for those who have not taken it.

The Recertification, Keeping the Promise Alive will be on Wednesday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m.
Both sessions will be held at Bethany Hall.

Please make every effort to attend
if you need to make special arrangements, please let Kathleen know asap.



Women's
Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Continues

Fridays at 6:30pm in Bethany Hall

Questions/RSVP:

Lindsay Boubel lindseyboubel@gmail.com
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A Letter from Father Kirk

As we gather to celebrate the Solemnity of our Holy Father St. Augustine this weekend, I'm mindful of how blessed we Augustinians here in California have been with welcoming new members to the Order. Earlier this month three men from the Province of St. Augustine in California--Tony Moreno, Lou San Vicente and Shon Alam--professed first vows. Brothers Tony, Lou and Shon will be continuing initial formation in our house of studies in Chicago this fall. Javier Medina, another Californian, began his yearlong Novitiate experience outside of Philadelphia earlier this month. These men have said 'yes' to entering more deeply into discerning God's call to religious life. Please join me in praying for them as they continue their communal and individual journeys.

God's peace

Fr. Kirk

Prayer for Augustinian Vocations

Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest who calls men and women to serve Him in love.

That they may know their vocation and live it.

All glory and praise are yours,

God of truth and light of our hearts,

for you guide your people in the ways of holiness.

Help those who follow in the footsteps of Augustine to seek you through mutual love and worship and to be servants of your Church as examples that others may follow.

Enlighten men and women

to see the beauty of common life

in the spirit of Saint Augustine,

and strengthen them in your service

so that the work you have begun in them may be brought to fulfillment.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Una Carta de Padre Kirk

Mientras nos reunimos para celebrar la Solemnidad de nuestro Santo Padre San Agustín este fin de semana, estoy consciente de lo bendecidos que hemos sido los agustinos aquí en California al dar la bienvenida a nuevos miembros a la Orden. A principios de este mes, tres hombres de la Provincia de San Agustín en California, Tony Moreno, Lou San Vicente y Shon Alam, Profesaron sus primeros votos. Los hermanos Tony, Lou y Shon continuarán la formación inicial en nuestra casa de estudios en Chicago este otoño. Javier Medina, otro californiano, comenzó su experiencia de noviciado de un año fuera de Filadelfia a principios de este mes. Estos hombres han dicho 'sí'; a entrar más profundamente en el discernimiento del llamado de Dios a la vida religiosa. Únase a mí para orar por ellos mientras continúan sus jornadas comunitarias e individuales.

La paz de Dios,

P. Kirk

Go Forth...

A SERVICE OF U.S. CATHOLIC MISSION ASSOCIATION

Most of us know the song, "Here I am Lord" that we sing in Church. USCMA is a community of leaders engaged in God's mission. They are sent by God to take the Good News of Salvation to "the ends of the earth." They need our support and encouragement.

Your generous gift will provide the resources they need to stay connected to us, the Church, and each other.

*To learn more, visit our website –
www.uscatholicmission.org.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Psalm 100:2

Fall Festival October 7 & 8

If you are new to the parish or just want to get to know others in our community

This is your chance!

We have a lot of fun preparing for and celebrating at our Fall Festival

Serve as much as you can before and during the festival.

Some of the areas of need are

- Contacting our sponsors
- Ordering and selling raffle tickets
- Preparing & setting up the Rummage Sale and Auction
- Helping clean & sort books at the Book Sale
- Setting up tables and chairs, the stage, taking down, and cleaning up
- Setting up and helping with Games for the kids
- Helping in plant booth and other booths
- Cooking and Baking Goodies for sale

Contact Marti Reid at reidmarti4@gmail.com

To confirm your continued participation and sign-up if you are new!

On our Parish Campus

St Vincent de Paul Pantry

3rd Saturday of each Month

Sign in: 8 to 9:30am

Distribution: 9:30 -10:30

No Pets Allowed

Community Market

1st Thursday of each Month

Sign in: 9am

Distribution: 9:30 to 10:30am

In Ventura by Catholic Charities

Family to Family

4th Wednesday of each Month

Help keep the Pantry stocked & emergency assistance available for those in need.

Please leave your non perishable donations in the receptacle at the back of the Church entrance.

Monetary Donations

can be made payable to:

St. Vincent de Paul and enclosed in an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul, dropped off at the office or in the Sunday collections.

Volunteers Needed

We are very grateful for all your donations, help and prayers for this ministry.

For more information on the Pantry or Food Share

call (805) 646-4338 Ext 112.

Please leave a message & your call will be returned.

Some other ministries you also might consider

- ★ Bereavement:: Help prepare a reception after a funeral. *"Blessed are they who mourn"* (Mt 5:4)
- ★ Communion to the Sick: *"I was sick and you visited me."* (Mat 25:36)
- ★ Liturgical Environment: Help create a prayerful environment for a deeper awareness of God through creation. *"And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts."* (Hg 2:9)

Volunteer your time and talents in any way you can!

You can help with many needs, including being available to help at a moment's notice.

Big Shout out to Tony Passolano for his help spreading the Mulch! !

For more information see page 7 of this bulletin or go to the parish web page under ministries.

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Food Pantry; Food Share	(805) 646-4338 x112	
<p>Did you know? The NCMEC CyberTipline Online exploitation and enticement of young people is an ongoing problem, across social media, gaming platforms, and other websites. Victims can range in age and background, making it harder to prevent exploitation. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) operates the CyberTipline, a centralized system for reporting suspected cases of technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation. Reports can be filed online at report.cybertip.org or via a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-843-5678. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article "Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline" here.</p>		<p>La línea cibernética de denuncias del Centro de Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados La explotación y la tentación en línea de los jóvenes es un problema constante en las edes sociales, en las plataformas de juegos y en otros sitios web. Las víctimas pueden variar en edad y antecedentes, lo que dificulta la prevención de la explotación. El Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados (NCMEC, por sus siglas en inglés) opera la línea cibernética para denuncias, un sistema centralizado para denunciar casos sospechosos de explotación sexual infantil que ocurren a través de la Internet. Se pueden hacer las denuncias en línea en report.cybertip.org o a través de la línea telefónica directa de 24 horas 1-800-843-5678. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, "Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline" (Explotación sexual infantil en línea y la línea cibernética del NCMEC) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/ Lea el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, "Online Child Sexual Exploitation and the NCMEC CyberTipline" (Explotación sexual infantil en línea y la línea cibernética del NCMEC) aquí.</p>