

“FOR THE BREAD OF
GOD IS THAT WHICH
COMES DOWN FROM
HEAVEN AND GIVES
LIFE TO THE WORLD.”
- JN 6:33

18TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

August 4, 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
Temporary hours—Horas temporales
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

Contact Parish Office ~ Póngase en contacto con
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: 8/5/24	9:00AM	Mark Allen † <i>By: Maureen Quackenbush</i>
Tuesday: 8/6/24	9:00AM	Mary Gerard † <i>By: Mary Kazmer</i>
Wednesday: 8/7/24	9:00AM	Ellie Nelson † <i>By: Charles "Chuck" Coscarelli</i>
Thursday: 8/8/24	9:00AM	Josephine Nocero † <i>By: Charles "Chuck" Coscarelli</i>
Friday: 8/9/24	9:00AM	Franceen Fallett † <i>By: Tony Nixon</i>
Saturday: 8/10/24	8:00AM 5:00PM	Franceen Fallett † <i>By: Bereavement</i> Joseph Godinez (L) <i>By: Charles "Chuck" Coscarelli</i>
Sunday: 8/11/24	7:30AM 9:30 AM	People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Julia Coscarelli † <i>By: Charles "Chuck" Coscarelli</i>

(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living

Life Choices

Next Sunday, August 11, 2024
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
(Bakers Always Welcomed)

For more information for Life Choices Pregnancy Center
ojailifechoices.org—(805) 646-6830

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



OJAI BAND

Free Summer Concert Series

Every Wednesday in the Libbey Park Bandstand

July 3 – August 14, 2024, 7pm



Bring a blanket or a chair and join us at Libbey Park in the heart of Ojai for an evening of music under the stars. American favorites, marches, musicals, big band hits and more. Each concert features a balloon march for all ages. The Ojai Band is an all volunteer band, made up of musicians from across Ventura County.



Ojai Band free concerts are sponsored by the
Rotary Club of Ojai-West.



The Libbey Park Bandstand is located in Libbey Park in downtown Ojai.



For more info visit:
www.OjaiBand.com



Rotary
Club of Ojai-West



OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW



LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT

Catholics for Our Common Home

Season of Creation Series – US and Canada

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

One of the things that has impressed me about this parish community is the pride you all take in the aesthetic environment of the church, and the attention you give to supporting the reverent celebration of our liturgies here. Thank you to the many volunteers who faithfully attend to flowers and live plants, candles, altar linens and vestments.

Related to this theme, I wish to draw your attention to the new Processional Cross that we are using beginning this weekend. Members of our environment team have been encouraging me for some time to consider this purchase, and thanks to the generosity of the Women's Guild we recently made the purchase of the cross along with two matching processional candle holders that will be used for select liturgies moving forward. The set was acquired from Adrian Hammers, a family-owned religious goods store in Larchmont, New York and my hope is that the beautiful new processional cross will be a part of our worship for many years to come.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Una Carta de Padre Kirk

Una de las cosas que me ha impresionado de esta comunidad parroquial es el orgullo que todos sienten por el ambiente estético de la iglesia y la atención que prestan a apoyar la celebración reverente de nuestras liturgias aquí. Gracias a los muchos voluntarios que se ocupan fielmente de las flores y plantas vivas, las velas, manteles del altar y las vestimentas.

En relación con este tema, deseo llamar su atención sobre la nueva cruz procesional que estamos utilizando a partir de este fin de semana. Los miembros de nuestro equipo de medio ambiente me han estado animando durante algún tiempo a considerar esta compra y, gracias a la generosidad del Women's Guild, recientemente hicimos la compra de la cruz junto con dos candelabros procesionales que se utilizarán para liturgias selectas en el futuro. El juego fue adquirido de Adrian Hammers, una tienda de artículos religiosos en Larchmont, Nueva York y mi esperanza es que la hermosa cruz procesional nueva sea parte de nuestras celebraciones en los años que vienen.

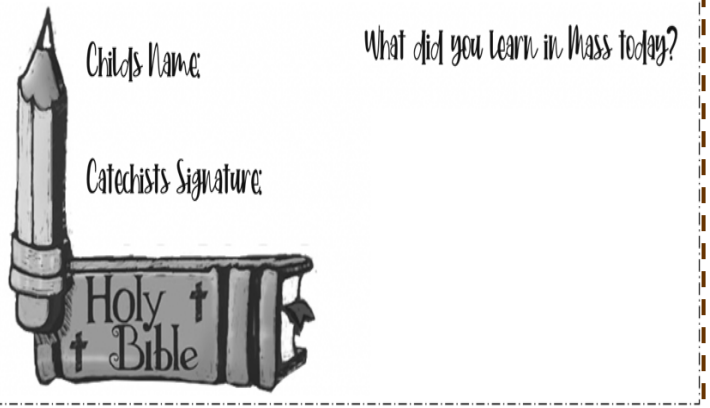
Bendiciones,
P. Kirk



Opportunity to Serve in Mass for boys & girls
The altar server is an important part of the normal celebration of the Mass and **assists the priest and deacon throughout the celebration the Mass and other liturgical celebrations.**

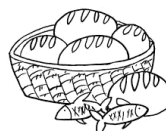
Parents, support your child in Serving God as an altar server. It's a wonderful way for a child to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues.

Must have received First Communion
Leave a message at the office (805) 640-4338



Psalm 136:4

Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles.



His faithful love endures forever.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 7, 2024

First Reading:

God heard the plea of the Israelites who feared they would die of starvation in the desert and in response, God sent them quail and bread to eat. What will you pray for this week?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Gentiles of the Ephesian church to give up their former way of life and live with renewed minds in the truth of Jesus. What have you gained by being a believer in Jesus?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches the crowds in Capernaum that he is “the bread of life” who feeds all who believe in him. Is there someone you know hungry for Jesus?

17^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 7 de julio de 2024

Primera Lectura:

Dios escuchó la súplica de los israelitas que temían morir de hambre en el desierto y en respuesta, Dios les envió codornices y pan para comer. ¿Por qué orarás esta semana?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo enseñó a los gentiles de la iglesia de Éfeso a abandonar su forma de vida anterior y vivir con mentes renovadas en la verdad de Jesús. ¿Qué has ganado al ser creyente en Jesús?

Evangelio:

Jesús enseña a las multitudes en Cafarnaúm que él es “el pan de vida” que alimenta a todos los que creen en él. ¿Hay alguien que conoces que este hambriento de Jesús?

Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Next 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

Observances for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Thursday: St. Dominic, Priest

Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Las lecturas de la semana del 4 de agosto de 2024

Domingo: Ex 16, 2-4. 12-15/Sal 77, 3-4. 23-24. 25. 54 (24)/Ef 4, 17. 20-24/Jn 6, 24-35

Lunes: Jr 28, 1-17/Sal 118, 29. 43. 79. 80. 95. 102/Mt 14, 13-21

Martes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9/2 Pe 1, 16-19/Mc 9, 2-10

Miércoles: Jr 31, 1-7/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 15, 21-28

Jueves: Jr 31, 31-34/Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/Mt 16, 13-23

Viernes: Nah 2, 1. 3; 3, 1-3. 6-7/Dt 32, 35-36. 39. 41/Mt 16, 24-28

Sábado: 2 Cor 9, 6-10/Sal 111, 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9/Jn 12, 24-26

Domingo siguiente: 1 Re 19, 4-8/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (9)/Ef 4, 30—5, 2/Jn 6, 41-51

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 4 de agosto de 2024

Domingo: 18^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: La dedicación de la basílica de Santa María la Mayor

Martes: La transfiguración de Jesús

Miércoles: San Sixto II, papa, y compañeros, mártires; San Cayetano, sacerdote

Jueves: San Domingo, sacerdote

Viernes: Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz, virgen y mártir

Sábado: San Lorenzo, diácono y mártir

Domingo siguiente: 19^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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Prayer of Hunger

Dear Jesus,
 You are the one who fed the hungry. But your work doesn't only exist on the pages of an old book. You're working now. Work in us, to bring food to those in need. Work in us, to satisfy the places we most need you.
 Amen.



Oración del Hambre

Querido Jesús,
 Tú eres quien alimentó a los hambrientos. Pero tus obras no sólo existen en las páginas de un libro antiguo. Estás obrando ahora. Obra en nosotros, para llevar alimentos a los necesitados. Obra en nosotros, para satisfacer los lugares que más te necesitamos. Amén.

August 3-4 || What does it mean to be trauma-informed?

To be a trauma-informed person means that you have cultivated an awareness about trauma and the effects it has in people's lives. Trauma is a far more common experience than we would like to believe, and includes, but is not limited to child sexual abuse, genocide, and domestic violence. Trauma-informed people recognize that trauma has a profound, lasting impact, and can leave victims struggling to cope. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "Being Trauma-Informed" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.
[Read the VIRTUS® article "Being Trauma-Informed" here.](#)

¿Qué significa estar informado sobre el trauma?

Ser una persona informada sobre el trauma significa que ha cultivado una conciencia sobre el trauma y sus efectos en la vida de las personas. El trauma es una experiencia mucho más común de lo que nos gustaría creer, e incluye, entre otros, abuso sexual infantil, genocidio y violencia doméstica. Las personas informadas sobre el trauma reconocen que el trauma tiene un impacto profundo y duradero y puede dejar a las víctimas en una lucha para poder seguir adelante con sus vidas. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "Being Trauma-Informed" (Estar informado sobre el trauma) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. [Lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "Being Trauma-Informed" \(Estar informado sobre el trauma\) aquí.](#)