



February 4, 2024

HE CURED MANY
WHO WERE SICK.
- MK 1:34

5TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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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
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/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

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: 2/5/24	9:00AM	Shelly Brockus † <i>By: Les & Mary Baker</i>
Tuesday: 2/6/24	9:00AM	Wendy Teichert (L) <i>By: John & Julie Teichert</i>
Wednesday: 2/7/24	9:00AM	Angele Gfeller (L) <i>By: Paula Clarke</i>
Thursday: 2/8/24	9:00AM	Betty Cassidy † <i>By: The Quackenbush Family</i>
Friday: 2/9/24	9:00AM	Frank Vlcek † <i>By: Bonnie Patton</i>
Saturday: 2/10/24	8:00AM	
Saturday: 2/10/24	5PM	Duane Montgomery † <i>By: Linda Shields</i>
Sunday: 2/10/24	9:30AM	Jared Pastega † <i>By: Gina Pastega</i>

(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living

*If you know of a parishioner who has recently died, Please
call the office at (805) 646-4338*

Bake Sale Next Sunday

To benefit

Life Choices

Pregnancy Center

Helping Women through

Testing, 3D/4D Ultrasound, Supplies, & Support

Contact Maria Doran (805) 649-3491

To bake or help serve after mass.

*If you know someone who could benefit from this
service have them text or call the 24hr Hotline at*

(805) 646-6830

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER



Everyone is Invited

March 17, 2024

5-9:00pm



Tickets available after mass & at the church office

For more information

Contact Marti Reid (805) 798-2888

The University Series

Seminars during the Season of Lent

Priorities from the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Synod

Some topics include

- Current Events
- Contemporary moral issues
- Evangelization
- Faith and Science
- Marriage and Family
- Church History
- Scripture
- Prayer



Descriptions, dates and locations, and additional information available at

www.theuniversityseries.org

Contact us at office@theuniversityseries.org

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Presentations will be offered Monday—Thursday evenings & Friday Lunchtimes
76 Presentations at 14 Parishes throughout Ventura County & San Fernando Valley

Important Dates:

February 14: Last date to purchase Season Pass or discounted single presentations

(Cash payments will be accepted at the door)

February 15—March 22: The University Series is in session

All presentations are subject to the Archdiocese and County Health directives at that time, including, but not limited to, Mask mandates, and hospitality guidelines. If in-person presentations must be cancelled at the last minute, virtual sessions may be substituted. Please watch the website for current, up-to-date information

Add to your Calendar

☞ **Every Sunday each month** (except the second Sunday*) - **Hospitality:** Donuts, coffee, and orange Juice available after mass. (A small donation is requested)

F1st Sunday of each month (Unless otherwise stated) - **Adult Faith formation—**

The program includes: Prayer, presentation, and time for discussion. A light brunch will be offered

For more information &/or childcare. Contact Aina Yates at (805) 646—4338 ext. 111) **Scheduled Topics**

F1st Thursday each month—Community Market: Sign in: 9am Distribution: 9:30-10:00am Call

(805) 646-4338 ext. 112 for more information & to volunteer. Leave a message. Someone will return your call.

FEvery Tuesday through March 31st—St. Thomas helps at the Ojai Valley Winter Shelter—

Donations needed. Our location for Winter Shelter is at the Ojai Valley Grange Hall, 381 Cruzero St. in

Mira Monte. For more information online ojaivalleyfamilyshelter.com or Call Chris Johnson (805) 402-0506

F2nd Sunday of each month—*Life Choices Bake Sale Contact Maria Doran (805) 649-3491 for

More information and to volunteer to bake.

F2nd Tuesday each month—Friendship Gathering: In the clubhouse on Mclaughlin Green After the 9:30 daily mass.. Contact Mary Wood for more information or to bring a snack to share (805) 640-5243

F3rd Saturday of each month—Open Pantry: Sign in 8:30am Distribution 10:30 Monetary Donations

payable to St. Vincent de Paul in a marked envelope dropped off at the church office or in the Sunday

Collection basket. For more information & to volunteer call (805) 646-4338 ext.104 & your call will be returned.

F4th Wednesday of each month—Family to Family: 303 N. Ventura Ave. Next to

Catholic Charities. Call the Parish Office for more information (805) 646-4338

Rev. John D. Keller O.S.A.

It is with no small blend of sadness mixed with gratitude and joy that the Augustinian Province of St. Augustine in the West announces the death of our brother, Rev. John D. Keller O.S.A. On January 26 th of this year, he died at Nazareth House in San Diego after a few months of failing health and bouts of Alzheimer-like symptoms.

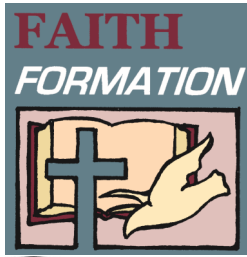
John was born in Brodhead, Wisconsin on June 11, 1937 to Aloysius Keller, and Ruth Heffran Keller. His brother is Edward Keller and his sisters are Sara Tancredy, Elizabeth Keller, and Mary Ellen Graber, all of whom survive their brother. He has a number of loving nieces and nephews. Fr. John was raised in Broadhead, Wisconsin until he was in the seventh grade, when his family moved to La Mesa, California. He attended Blessed Sacrament school in San Diego during the eighth grade. His high school years were spent at St. Augustine High School in San Diego. This is where he met the Augustinians of the Order of St. Augustine. After graduating from Saints, he began formation as an Augustinian religious in 1955.

Fr. Keller professed vows in the Order of St. Augustine in 1956. He later graduated from Villanova University. His theological studies took place at Collegio Santa Monica in Rome. He professed solemn vows on October 30th in 1959 and was ordained a priest in Rome on March 14, 1964. His first assignment was as a teacher at St. Augustine High School in San Diego, where he served two more times, the last of which was in the role of principal (2001-6.) From 1966 to 1971, he was the first Augustinian pre-novitiate director in the United States, as well as a teacher at St. John's Seminary College in Camarillo, CA. In 1971 he served as the assistant Headmaster at Villanova Prep School in Ojai, a school at which he served on two more occasions.

From 1974 until 1979 he served as pastor of Our Mother of Good Counsel parish in Los Angeles, and in 1980 he was assigned to the Augustinian House in San Francisco. The next two years he served as the Director of Students at Austin House in San Diego. The following eight years (1983-1991), he served as the provincial of the Augustinian province of St. Augustine. For the next six years he was the Director of Spiritual Ministry at the University of San Diego. He has served as prior at St. Augustine's monastery in San Diego and was the Province Director of Education for the past twenty-five years --- including the last sixteen years as province Regent of Studies and province archivist.

With all of his impressive resumé listed above --- with every job or assignment being handled by a master -- - nothing better typifies his life than the image of a person who so loved God he fell in love with His church and His people. Fr. John was the best of Augustinian priests! He was a person who loved religious life because he loved people. He didn't just serve others --- which would have been noble enough --- but as intelligent and holy as he was, he realized that everyone he met and served was a blessing in his life. Those people were entitled to his time, and in the process his friendships became lasting relationships in a manner that would make St. Augustine beam with joy. Ours is a better world because we knew Fr. John Keller OSA!

In a final act typical of his altruistic forethought, Fr. John directed that his body be donated to science. A mass for the deceased will be celebrated in his memory at St. Patrick's church in San Diego the morning of February 19 th at 11:00a.m. This will be preceded by a 10:30 a.m. Rosary and followed by a reception in the hall after mass. While your prayers are the most important gift, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Casa Hogar La Gloria in Tijuana or to the Augustinian Guild or to St. Augustine High School in San Diego, or to Villanova Preparatory School in Ojai, Ca. All of these ministries have benefitted by the dedicated leadership of Fr. John Keller OSA. May he rest in peace, and may his memory be a blessing



Faith Formation for Adults First Sunday of the Month

(Unless otherwise stated)

Prayer, presentation, and time for discussion.

A light Brunch will be served.

Contact Aina Yates for Childcare & more information at
(805) 646-4338 ext. 111



Lisa Boyd & Bryant Huber
11 am in English

This Sunday—February 4, 2024

Liturgical Music

Carlos Herrera
1 pm en español

March 3	The Real Presence	Fr. Barney Johns, O.S.A.	Laura Duran & Flora Ponce
April 7	Artificial Intelligence, Medicine, & Catholic Ethics	John Clark Levin	
	El Rosario (1:00 p.m.)		Massiel Grisin
April 28	Preparing the Catholic Way—Preparado el Camino	Michael Boyko	Michael Boyko



ALL-DAY LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

“CHRIST’S REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
& PARISH HALL

LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED / FREE WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED

TOPIC 1:

“How Christ taught
his real presence”

TOPIC 2:

“The divine science of
transubstantiation”

TOPIC 3:

“Why the Eucharist
can’t be a symbol”

Presenter: Fr Jeffrey “Skip” Thompson, MSA

Fr. Jeffrey “Skip” Thompson is a dad, a late vocation priest and a revert after years of agnosticism and various stripes of Protestantism.

The Eucharist *wooed* him home! He attended Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT and graduated Summa Cum Laude with degrees in Divinity and Theology. After ordination in 2015 he was Dean of Men at the Seminary. In 2022 Bishop Robert Barron installed him in the Retreat House at the Santa Clara parish in Oxnard, CA



Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
(see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/
Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-
15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-
20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1
Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Observances for the week of February 4, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani;
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Friday:
Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
World Marriage Day

First Reading: Job was overwhelmed with feelings of sadness and despair. How does your faith help you get through difficult times?

Second Reading: Paul sees his “gospel” (the good news of Jesus Christ) as the center of his life. What do you think is the focus of your life?

Gospel: At the start of Jesus’s public ministry in Galilee, we hear he was purpose-driven in performing many healings and exorcisms, as well as preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. What could you do this week as an intentional act of charity or kindness?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus went from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, following the need. He follows it still, to this very day. Your life is the town he is visiting, your heart the synagogue where he preaches. Remember that for this purpose he has come.

Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de la semana del 4 de febrero de 2024

Domingo: Job 7, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6(ver 3) /1
Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23/Mc 1, 29-39
Lunes: 1 Re 8, 1-7. 9-13/Sal 131, 6-7. 8-10/Mc 6, 53-56
Martes: 1 Re 8, 22-23. 27-30/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5 y 10. 11/
Mc 7, 1-13
Miércoles: 1 Re 10, 1-10/Sal 36, 5-6. 30-31. 39-40/
Mc 7, 14-23
Jueves: 1 Re 11, 4-13/Sal 105, 3-4. 35-36. 37 y 40/
Mc 7, 24-30
Viernes: 1 Re 11, 29-32; 12, 19/Sal 80, 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/
Mc 7, 31-37
Sábado: 1 Re 12, 26-32; 13, 33-34/Sal 105, 6-7. 19-20.
21-22/Mc 8, 1-10
Domingo siguiente: Lv 13, 1-2. 44-46/Sal 31, 1-2. 5.
11 (7)/1 Cor 10, 31—11, 1/Mc 1, 40-45

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 4 de febrero de 2024

Domingo: 5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: Santa Águeda, virgen y mártir
Martes: San Pablo Miki y compañeros, mártires
Jueves: San Jerónimo Emiliani;
Santa Josefina Bakhita, virgen
Viernes:
Sábado: Santa Escolástica, virgen
Domingo siguiente: 6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario,
Día mundial del matrimonio

Primera Lectura: Job estaba abrumado por sentimientos de tristeza y desesperación. ¿Cómo te ayuda tu fe a superar tiempos difíciles?

Segunda Lectura: Pablo ve su “evangelio” (la buena nueva de Jesucristo) como el centro de su vida. ¿Cuál crees que es el foco de tu vida?

Evangelio: Al comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús en Galilea, escuchamos que tenía un propósito al realizar muchas curaciones y exorcismos, además de predicar la buena nueva del reino de Dios. ¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana como acto intencional de caridad o bondad?

INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Jesús fue de pueblo en pueblo, de sinagoga en sinagoga, siguiendo la necesidad. La sigue todavía, hasta el día de hoy. Tu vida es el pueblo que está visitando, tu corazón la sinagoga donde predica. Recuerda que para esto ha venido.

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**Did
You Know?**



Effectively communicating with your teenagers

During conversations with teenagers, focusing on the matter at hand is essential. It is tempting to make every dispute an opportunity to discuss multiple issues at the same time, but this is often counterproductive. Instead, addressing a particular issue at a time you are better able to guide and mentor teenagers by helping them look with clear eyes at the situation in front of them and work toward a solution. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Communicating Tip No. 9: Avoid “Scope Creep” with Teens” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Read the VIRTUS® article “Communicating Tip No. 9: Avoid “Scope Creep” with Teens” here.

Cómo comunicarse con eficacia con sus hijos adolescentes

Durante las conversaciones con adolescentes es fundamental centrarse en el tema que nos ocupe. Es tentador hacer de cada disputa una oportunidad para discutir múltiples temas al mismo tiempo, pero esto suele ser contraproducente. En cambio, al abordar un problema particular en un momento en el que se puede guiar y asesorar mejor a los adolescentes, los ayuda a ver con claridad la situación que tienen frente a ellos y trabajar para encontrar una solución. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Communicating Tip No. 9: Avoid ‘Scope Creep’ with Teens” (Consejo de comunicación No. 9: Evite “el manejo descontrolado” con los adolescentes) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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