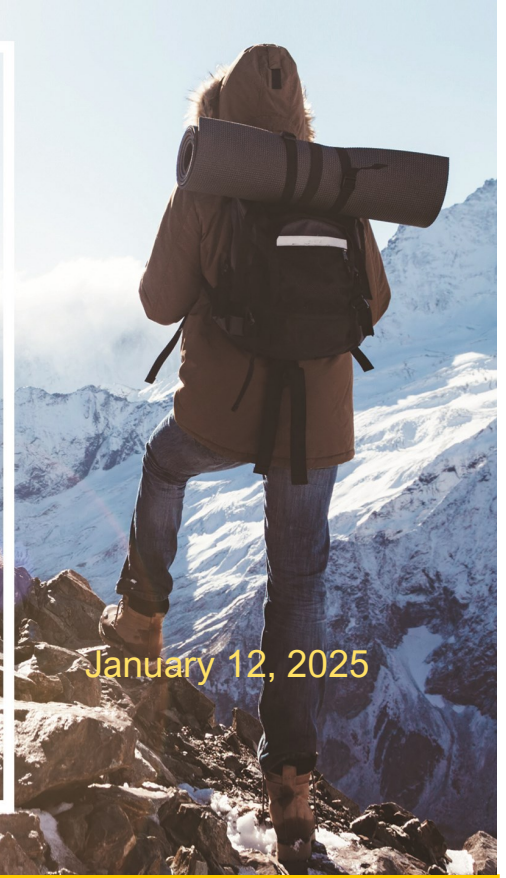


THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

BAPTISM

"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the
thongs of his sandals. He will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit
and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

January 12, 2025



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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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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~
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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

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English: Dn. Phil Nelson
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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: 1/13/25	9:00AM	The Bereavement Ministry <i>By: The Mellein Family</i>
Tuesday: 1/14/25	9:00AM	The Bereavement Ministry <i>By: The Mellein Family</i>
Wednesday: 1/15/25	9:00AM	The Bereavement Ministry <i>By: The Mellein Family</i>
Thursday: 1/16/25	9:00AM	Louanne Fay † <i>By: Dick & Kathy Sebek</i>
Friday: 1/17/25	9:00AM	Virginia Rodarte † <i>By: Bereavement</i>
Saturday: 1/18/25	8:00AM	Marisa Galieote (L) Belated Birthday <i>By: The Galieote Family</i>
	5:00PM	Louanne Fay † <i>By: Mary Kazmer</i>
Sunday: 1/19/25	7:30AM	People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
	9:30AM	Frank Coscarelli † <i>By: Charles (Chuck) Coscarelli</i>

(L) Designates a special intention for someone living.

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Second Sunday of the Month

Life Choices Bake Sale

*Life choices Pregnancy Center provides
Services to women
throughout their Pregnancies*

*For more information about the Sale and to volunteer
Call Maria Doran — (805) 649-3491*



For more information about the Pregnancy Center
ojailifechoices.org
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Notices for the Bulletin

All Submissions to the Bulletin are due
Monday for the following Sunday
unless otherwise specified.

Message from Fr. Kirk

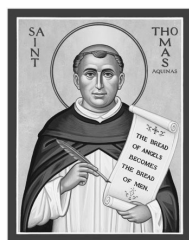
I'm happy to welcome Fr. Adnan Ghani OSA to the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish community this weekend. Fr. Adnan will be ministering here until the beginning of June.

Many of you have expressed curiosity about how successful the Ojai Fall Festival at St. Thomas Aquinas Church was. There are several ways we can evaluate and answer this question. The army of parish volunteers who helped over that weekend was remarkable. Both volunteers and attendees reported having a lot of fun. This said, in the past nine months we have had two days of rain, and sadly those two days coincided with the weekend of the festival and cut down on both the number of people who attended and on the revenue the event generated. Even so, the parish 'netted' about 20K from the event, which is about what the festival AND rummage sale have brought in the past few years. The parish planning committee met with the management team from En Fuego events on January 4 to evaluate and consider options for moving forward. We are actively considering finding an alternate date...perhaps in the summer... to host the next festival and will keep you posted as this develops.

The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas will be celebrated here at the parish on January 25 and 26, with a parish potluck planned for 12:30PM on Sunday, January 26. You can sign up to bring a dish to share after masses next weekend. This is always a great opportunity for the whole parish to get together, and it will also be an opportunity for you all to welcome Fr. Adnan.

I will be flying away on Monday 1/13 to begin my sabbatical and will return on Friday 7/11. I will be praying for you all during my time away and will look forward to returning with tales of my adventures. Meanwhile be good to each other and please look after Fr. Fernando and Fr. Adnan in my absence!

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk



Mensaje del Padre Kirk

Estoy feliz de darle la bienvenida al Padre Adnan Ghani OSA a la comunidad de la Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino este fin de semana. El Padre Adnan estará ministrando aquí hasta principios de junio.

Muchos de ustedes han expresado curiosidad sobre el éxito que tuvo el Festival de Otoño de Ojai en la Iglesia de Santo Tomás de Aquino. Hay varias formas en las que podemos evaluar y responder a esta pregunta. El ejército de voluntarios de la parroquia que ayudaron durante ese fin de semana fue notable. Tanto los voluntarios como los asistentes informaron que se divirtieron mucho. Dicho esto, en los últimos nueve meses hemos tenido dos días de lluvia y, lamentablemente, esos dos días coincidieron con el fin de semana del festival y redujeron tanto la cantidad de personas que asistieron como los ingresos que generó el evento. Aun así, la parroquia "alrededor" de 20 000 dólares del evento, que es aproximadamente lo que el festival y la venta de artículos usados han aportado en los últimos años. El comité de planificación de la parroquia se reunió con el equipo de gestión de eventos de En Fuego el 4 de enero para evaluar y considerar opciones para seguir adelante. Estamos considerando activamente encontrar una fecha alternativa... quizás en el verano... para organizar el próximo festival y los mantendremos informados a medida que esto se desarrolle.

La fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino se celebrará aquí en la parroquia el 25 y 26 de enero, con una comida compartida parroquial planeada para las 12:30 p.m. el domingo 26 de enero. Pueden inscribirse para traer un plato para compartir después de las misas del próximo fin de semana. Esta es siempre una gran oportunidad para que toda la parroquia se reúna, y también será una oportunidad para que todos ustedes den la bienvenida al Padre Adnan.

Volaré el lunes 13 de enero para comenzar mi año sabático y regresaré el viernes 11 de julio. Rezaré por todos ustedes durante mi tiempo fuera y espero regresar con historias de mis aventuras. Mientras tanto, sean buenos entre ustedes y cuiden al Padre Fernando y al Padre Adnan en mi ausencia. La paz de Dios, Padre Kirk

Our Parking Lot *Progress Update*

Tomorrow, Monday the 13th,
Begins the second phase of the paving
This will block off the El Roblar
entrance all week.

Enter and exit from Maricopa Highway

There will be parking on the newly paved half of the lot. A newly paved section in front of the Aquinas Center will allow parishioners to not have to cross the area they will be working on.

Please watch for the blocked off areas.

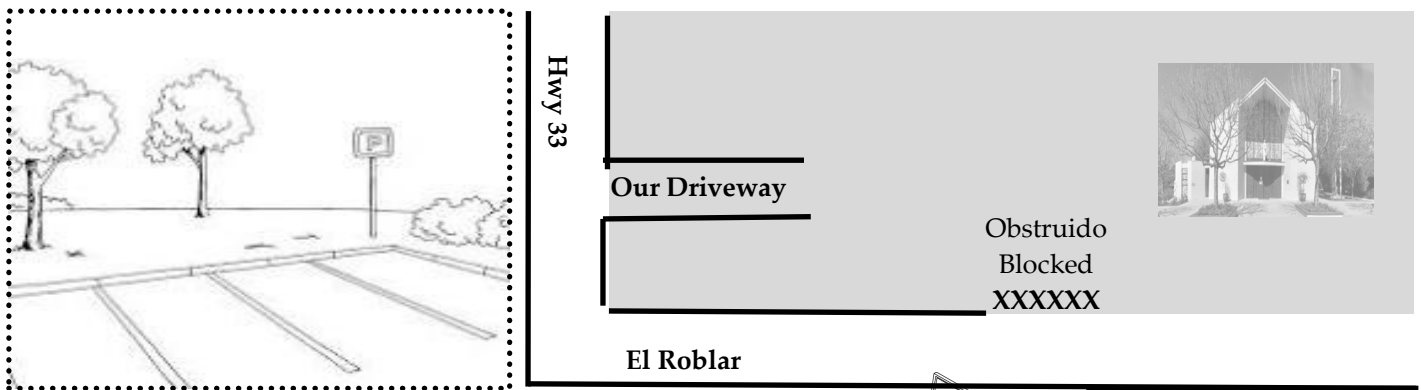
Nuestro estacionamiento *Actualización de progreso*

Mañana, lunes 13,
Comienza la segunda fase de la
pavimentación
Esto bloqueará la entrada de El Roblar
durante toda la semana.

Entre y salga por Maricopa Highway

Habrà estacionamiento en la mitad recién pavimentada del estacionamiento. Una sección recién pavimentada frente al Centro Aquinas permitirá que los feligreses no tengan que cruzar el área en la que estarán trabajando.

Esté atento a las áreas bloqueadas.



New Online Giving Service

The parish has partnered with Flocknote to provide for Online Giving to support our parish community. Through Flocknote, you may set up a recurring gift or make a one-time donation. Setting up a recurring gift is a great way to ensure your consistent support of the parish. This service is safe, secure, and convenient for both you and our parish staff. You can sign-up for online giving by going to the website below or scanning the QR code. Online giving through Our Sunday Visitor will end after 2/23/25. If you have a recurring gift in Our Sunday Visitor you will need to set up a new recurring gift in Flocknote and stop your gift in Our Sunday Visitor before 2/23/25.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our St. Thomas Aquinas parish community.

<https://stthomasaquinaschurch.flocknote.com/give>

Stay Connected: The parish is using a service called Flocknote for managing communications and keeping parishioners informed about what is happening in the parish. If you're not already on Flocknote, we would love to have you join us. Simply text the Keywords below to "84576" on your mobile phone.

- ◆ Text "STACJOIN" to join the parish Flocknote account.
- ◆ Text "STACNEWS" to receive parish announcements.
- ◆ Text "STACREFLECT" to receive spiritual reflections.
- ◆ Text "STACPRAY" to receive prayer requests from the prayer line.



Dates to Remember - Fechas para recordar

St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day

Pot Luck

January 26, 2025

Bring a dish to share

Sign up after masses next week



Fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino

Comida compartida

26 de enero de 2025

*Traiga un plato para compartir
Inscríbese después de las misas de
la próxima semana*

CUT AND SAVE



PANTRY NEEDS

SHOPPING LIST

- _____ Canned meat (protein)
- _____ Beef, chicken, spam, Vienna
- _____ Sausages, stews, etc.
- _____ KRAFT- Macaroni and Cheese
- _____ Crackers
- _____ Cereal
- _____ Soups
- _____ Jelly
- _____ Boxed or powdered milk
- _____ Soap, Shampoo, tooth brushes
- _____ Tooth paste.
- _____ Paper towels, Toilet paper

Saturday January 18, 2025

Open Pantry

Food for Our Neighbors

(805) 646-4338 ext. 104

*We have more neighbors – we need more food
Leave non-perishable food, toilet paper,
Paper towels & other needed items & place
them in the bins at the back of the church or by
the doors to the church hall.*

*For Monetary donations please put in an
envelope designating "St. Vincent de Paul"
& leave at the Church Office.*

"I was hungry and you gave me to eat"

Matt. 25:35

ADULT



Learn more about the Catholic Church

Aprenda más sobre la Iglesia Católica

*For more information on future presentations and information about childcare.
Para más información sobre futuras presentaciones o cuidado de niños si es necesario*

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



Mark your Calendar for 2025 Presentations on Faith

	Presentation in English 11 AM	Presenter	Presentation en español 1 PM	Presenter
Feb 2 2025	Breaking Open the Liturgical Calendar	Phil & Mary Nelson	Ministerios de la Iglesia	Flora Ponce
Mar 2 2025	The Eucharist	Fr. Manny	Vivir en Cristo	Luis Hernandez y Jose Martinez
Apr 6 2025	The Brain's Relationship with God	Allan Doane	Bienaventuranzas	Odalisca Vil- laroel

More are on their way in 2025!

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Gospel Question:

The Holy Spirit affirms Jesus as the Christ, the beloved Son of God. When do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Pregunta del Evangelio:

El Espíritu Santo afirma a Jesús como el Cristo, el Hijo amado de Dios. ¿Cuándo sientes la presencia del Espíritu Santo en tu vida?

1st Reading Question: The prophet Isaiah brought words of comfort and hope from God to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. Is there someone in your life who needs hope for the future?

Pregunta de la 1^a lectura:

El profeta Isaías trajo palabras de consuelo y esperanza de Dios a los Israelitas exiliados en Babilonia. ¿Hay alguien en tu vida que necesite esperanza para el futuro?

2nd Reading Question: Paul challenged Titus to reject godless ways and worldly desires. Do you have any family or friends you consider a role model in living an exceptional life?

Pregunta de la 2^a lectura:

Pablo desafió a Tito a rechazar los caminos impíos y los deseos mundanos. Tienes familiares o amigos que consideres un modelo a seguir para vivir una vida excepcional?

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Las lecturas de la semana del 12 de enero de 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab &5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 (1)/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22
 Lunes: Heb 1, 1-6/Sal 96, 1 y 2. 6 y 7. 9/Mc 1, 14-20
 Martes: Heb 2, 5-12/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 21-28
 Miércoles: Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Mc 1, 29-39
 Jueves: Heb 3, 7-14/Sal 94, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mc 1, 40-45
 Viernes: Heb 4, 1-5. 11/Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-7. 8/Mc 2, 1-12
 Sábado: Heb 4, 12-16/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mc 2, 13-17
 Domingo siguiente: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8. 9-10 (3)/1 Co 12, 4-11/Jn 2, 1-11

Observances

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Saturday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Las conmemoraciones

Domingo: El Bautismo del Señor
 Lunes: San Hilario, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
 Viernes: San Antonio, abad
 Sábado: Del 18 al 25 de enero se celebra la semana de oración por la unidad de los cristianos
 Domingo siguiente: 2^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

O'God, You desire each of us to be a part of Your sacred family, called and invited into relationship with You. May the grace of our Baptisms surround us anew, who are beloved and chosen by You. Amen.

Oh, Dios, Tú deseas que cada uno de nosotros seamos parte de Tu sagrada familia, llamados e invitados a tener una relación contigo. Que la gracia de nuestro Bautismo nos rodee de nuevo, quienes somos amados y elegidos por Ti. Amen

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"The people were filled with expectation," writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

"La gente estaba llena de expectación," escribe Lucas. Y así nos encontramos, dos mil años después, llenos de expectación, de anhelo. ¿Quién puede darnos lo que buscamos? Solo aquel sobre quien descendió la paloma. Síguelo.

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St. Vincent de Paul	(805) 646-4338 x104	<i>Leave a message to be returned</i>
Food Pantry	(805) 646-4338 x112	<i>Leave a message to be returned</i>

In Appreciation

The Vize, Nerhus, Rodriguez, and Moody families would like to publicly express our thanks and gratitude to Fr. Kirk and the “Angels of St. Thomas? For their extraordinary and heartfelt sympathy and support following the loss of a husband, father and “papa.’ You are all beautiful souls.

The Bereavement Committee

The Mission of the Bereavement Ministry is to carry the Spirit of Christ’s compassion to members of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Community who are in mourning .

Bereavement ministry tries to be the compassionate heart and hands of our Lord Jesus. No one can really feel or remove another’s pain, but everyone can walk beside and support another who is sorrowful.

If you would like more information contact the parish office.

DID YOU KNOW?

The REPORT Act protects minors online

A bipartisan bill passed last year is helping internet platforms protect children from abuse and enticement in their online interactions. The REPORT Act, passed in May 2024, requires U.S.-based online platforms to report child sex trafficking and online enticement to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). To assist with this, NCMEC has issued guidelines intended to help online platforms play a crucial role in protecting children by recognizing key signs and indicators of child sexual exploitation. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids>.



¿SABÍAS?

La ley REPORT protege a los menores en línea

Un proyecto de ley bipartidista está ayudando a las plataformas del Internet a proteger a los menores de edad de abusos y seducción en sus interacciones en línea. La ley REPORT, aprobada en mayo de 2024, exige a las plataformas en línea con sede en los Estados Unidos a denunciar la seducción y el tráfico sexual de menores en línea a El Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados (NCMEC, por sus siglas en inglés). El NCMEC publicó unas directrices destinadas a ayudar a las plataformas digitales a proteger a los niños mediante el reconocimiento de los signos e indicadores claves de la explotación sexual de menores. Para más información, visite <https://www.missingkids.org/blog/2024/first-line-of-defense-guidelines-to-help-online-platforms-detect-sexually-exploited-kids>.