

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
INDEPENDENCE DAY



"And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:38

JULY 2, 2023

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Mass Times/Tiempos de misa

MONDAY—FRIDAY ~ LUNES—VIERNES

9:00AM

SATURDAY—SÁBADO:

8:00AM

SATURDAY ~ SÁBADO

POR LA NOCHE

English 5:00PM Español 6:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES

MISAS DEL DOMINGO

English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

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/Friday ~ Jueves/Viernes 9:30AM-
10:30PM

PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN

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WEDDINGS ~ BODAS

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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS ~ FUNERALES

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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/INTENCIÓNES

Monday: <u>7/3/23</u>	9:00AM	Joanne Leicht † <i>By: The Teichert Family</i>
Tuesday: <u>7/4/23</u>	9:00AM	St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Family
Wednesday: <u>7/5/23</u>	9:00AM	Helen Modugno (L) <i>By: The Aguirre Family</i>
Thursday: <u>7/6/23</u>	9:00AM	Hazel Harker † <i>By: The Quackenbush Family</i>
Friday: <u>7/7/23</u>	9:00AM	Angele Gfeller (L) <i>By: The Teichert Family</i>
Saturday: <u>7/8/23</u>	8:00AM 5PM	Raye Boone † <i>By Gina & John Clark Levin</i>
Sunday <u>7/9/23</u>	9:30AM	Malcolm Knight † <i>By: The Yates Family</i>

**(L) is a special intention for someone living for whom
we pray**

Share the Harvest

"Food Share"

This Thursday

St. Thomas Aquinas Hall

July 6, 2023

Sign in: 9am

Distribution: 9:30 to 10:30am

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

*Please leave your non perishable donations in the re-
ceptacle 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.

*Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*
Proverbs 22:6



Why is a Catholic Education Important?

A Catholic school community ensures that your child will be taught the same values that they learn at home – have reverence for every person, treat others as you would want to be treated and live as Jesus did to help those in need.

Be prepared for School to Start!

Villanova Preparatory School

*High School Aged youth
&*

Middle School

(students in 6th–8th grades)

Scholarships available based on need

Enroll Now!
for

Fall 2023



August 14, New High School Student Orientation

August 16, Middle school Classes begin

August 17, High School Classes begin

More information at

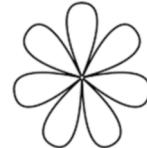
www.VillanovaMiddleSchool.org
admissions@villanovaprep.org

Faith Formation

For Adults...



Next Sunday, July 9
at 11 am
What is
Catholic Social Teaching?



Attend this interactive exploration of Catholic teaching on Social Justice

Coffee and a light brunch will be served at each presentation

Next Presentation
August 6 at 11 am
Ministries of our Church

Call Aina Yates (646-4338 ext. 111) for childcare



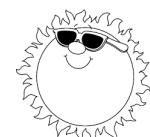
**Just a
reminder...**

Fellowship Gathering

*Tuesday, July 11
After the 9am mass*



**SUMMER
ACTIVITIES**



Here are some of the many activities to look forward to this summer in the parish:

- ☛ **EXCURSION:** *This Thursday*—Come visit the Ronald Reagan Library on July 6th, to experience the Auschwitz exhibit and reflect on what history has to teach us, as well as seeing the Reagan Museum and Air Force One pavilion
- ☛ **CATECHIST TRAINING:** Training of new catechists: Seminars are held weekly to train new and future catechists.
- ☛ **VIRTUS** Training – call the parish office to see if you need to recertify or if you are new to parish ministry to become certified in God's Protection Children and Youth.
- ☛ **The RCIA** conversations continue, for you or anyone you know who wants to begin the journey to becoming Catholic.
- ☛ **The Fall Festival:** it's never too early to put on the calendar—October 7 & 8, 2023

For more information and details on upcoming events, don't hesitate to get in touch with Aina Yates at aina@stacojai.org or 646-4338 x111

Father Kirk's Letter

One of the many things I have particularly enjoyed about living in Ojai these past four years has been our town's celebration of Independence Day. From the concert at Libby Bowl, to the parade through downtown, to the spectacular fireworks in the evening I always get the feeling that I'm experiencing the very best of small-town life. I particularly enjoy seeing our parking lot fill with neighbors who come out to enjoy the show...and save a few bucks on parking! Truth be told, I also enjoy having a front row seat for the extravaganza without having to leave the comfort of our campus. I wish abundant blessings upon you all, your families and our nation as we come together to celebrate the independence and liberty that, under God, we all enjoy and cherish.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk



Independence Day

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do the same.

Una Carta de Padre Kirk

Una de las muchas cosas que he disfrutado particularmente de vivir en Ojai estos últimos cuatro años ha sido la celebración del Día de la Independencia en nuestra ciudad. Desde el concierto en Libby Bowl hasta el desfile por el centro de la ciudad y los espectaculares fuegos artificiales de la noche, siempre tengo la sensación de que estoy experimentando lo mejor de la vida de un pueblo pequeño. Disfruto especialmente ver nuestro estacionamiento lleno de vecinos que vienen a disfrutar del espectáculo... ¡y ahorrán unos cuantos dólares en el estacionamiento! A decir verdad, también disfruto tener un asiento de primera fila para el gran espectáculo sin tener que abandonar la comodidad de nuestro campus. Deseo Abundantes bendiciones para todos ustedes, sus familias y nuestra nación mientras nos reunimos para celebrar la independencia y la libertad que, bajo Dios, todos disfrutamos y apreciamos.

la paz de Dios,
P. Kirk

Independence Day Prayer

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and The Holy Spirit.—Amen



REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: The Shunammite woman is rewarded with the promise of a newborn son for her generous hospitality to the prophet Elisha. To whom could you show a good measure of charity this week?

Second Reading: In Paul's view, since Jesus defeated death in his resurrection, he challenged the believers in Rome to think of themselves as "being dead to sin and living for God." How often do you *think* of ways to put your faith into action?

Gospel: Jesus teaches his disciples about the challenges and rewards of following him. What do you personally find most challenging or rewarding in following Jesus?

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Observances for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday: Independence Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Primera Lectura: La mujer sunamita es recompensada con la promesa de un hijo recién nacido por su generosa hospitalidad con el profeta Eliseo. ¿A quién podrías mostrar una buena medida de caridad esta semana?

Segunda Lectura: Desde el punto de vista de Pablo, dado que Jesús derrotó a la muerte en su resurrección, desafió a los creyentes en Roma a pensar en sí mismos como "muertos al pecado y vivos para Dios." ¿Con qué frecuencia piensas en maneras de poner tu fe en acción?

Evangelio: Jesús enseña a sus discípulos sobre los desafíos y las recompensas de seguirlo. ¿Qué encuentras personalmente más desafiante o gratificante en seguir a Jesús?

Las lecturas de la semana del 2 de julio de 2023

Domingo: 2 Re 4, 8-11. 14-16/Sal 88, 2-3. 16-17. 18-19 (2)/Rom 6, 3-4. 8-11/Mt 10, 37-42

Lunes: Ef 2, 19-22/Sal 116, 1. 2/Jn 20, 24-29

Martes: Gn 19, 15-29/Sal 25, 2-3. 9-10. 11-12/Mt 8, 23-27

Miércoles: Gn 21, 5. 8-20/Sal 33, 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/Mt 8, 28-34

Jueves: Gn 22, 1-19/Sal 113, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Mt 9, 1-8

Viernes: Gn 23, 1-4. 19; 24, 1-8. 62-67/Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/
Mt 9, 9-13

Sábado: Gn 27, 1-5. 15-29/Sal 134, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 9, 14-17

Domingo siguiente: Zac 9, 9-10/Sal 144, 1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13-14 (ver 1)/Rom 8, 9. 11-13/Mt 11, 25-30

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 2 de julio de 2023

Domingo: 13º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: Santo Tomás, apóstol

Martes: Día de la Independencia (EEUU)

Miércoles: San Antonio María Zácaria,
presbítero; Santa Isabel de Portugal

Jueves: Santa María Goretti, virgen y mártir

Viernes:

Sábado :

Domingo siguiente: 14º Domingo del Tiempo
Ordinario

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Did you know? July 1-2

Maintaining appropriate boundaries in ministry

Adults who work with children are responsible for maintaining appropriate boundaries and relationships. This can include guiding children to

appropriate physical interactions, like side hugs, or high fives and fist bumps. Adults are also responsible for keeping interactions professional — in every setting, a safe adult is supposed to be a friend, but not a peer. If necessary, remind children in your care that you are there to support and guide them as a leader.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “How Safe Adults Can Maintain Healthy Boundaries” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article “How Safe Adults Can Maintain Healthy Boundaries” here.

Manteniendo los límites apropiados en el ministerio

Los adultos que trabajan con niños son responsables de mantener límites y relaciones apropiados. Esto puede incluir guiar a los niños a interacciones físicas apropiadas, como abrazos de lado, o chocar las manos y chocar los puños. Los adultos también son responsables de mantener interacciones profesionales. En cualquier entorno, se supone que un adulto de confianza es un amigo, pero no una persona de la misma edad que el menor. Si es necesario, recuérdale a los niños bajo su cuidado que usted está ahí para apoyarlos y guiarlos como el líder que usted es. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “How Safe Adults Can Maintain Healthy Boundaries” (Cómo los adultos seguros pueden mantener unos límites saludables) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “How Safe Adults Can Maintain Healthy Boundaries” (Cómo los adultos seguros pueden mantener unos límites saludables) aquí.