



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 30, 2023

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
- Mt 13:44

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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
Contact Parish Office
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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS
English: Dn. Phil Nelson
Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS ~ FUNERALES
Contact Parish Office ~ Póngase en contacto con
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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/INTENCIONES

Monday: 7/31/23	9:00AM	Fred Teichert (L) <i>By: Jon & Julie Teichert</i>
Tuesday: 8/1/23	9:00AM	
Wednesday: 8/2/23	9:00AM	Mark Lattimer † <i>By: Wayne & Marlene Lattimer</i>
Thursday: 8/3/23	9:00AM	Alicea Nixon † <i>By: Tony Nixon</i>
Friday: 8/4/23	9:00AM	Mary Larramendy † <i>By: The Larramendy Family</i>
Saturday: Saturday: 8/5/23	8:00AM 5PM	Mary Gerard † <i>By: Mary Kazmer</i>
Sunday: 8/6/23	9:30AM	Bob & Ellie Nelson † <i>By: The Nelson Family</i>

(L) Signifies a special intention for a living person

Prayer for Healed Identity

Dear Lord,
"A fine pearl."
Is that how you see us?
Help us to understand
the value you place on us.
May the depth of your love for us
reach into the deepest parts of ourselves
and heal our wounds.
Amen.



Go Make a Difference

Refrain

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference 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 difference in the world.

Refrain

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

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 difference in the world.



To sign up for the St. Thomas Aquinas Prayer Line



"Our Prayer Line has experienced a technical problem with the service that automatically sends out the daily email with the prayer request. We are working on getting the problem resolved.

In the meantime please visit the online version of the Prayer Line at
<https://stacojai.org/worship/prayer-line> to see the latest prayer requests.

If you haven't already sent in your email

we've lost all of the email addresses of the people who had signed up to receive the daily emails
so we also need to rebuild our distribution list.

If you would like to receive the Prayer Line emails when the technical problem is fixed, please
sign up at the web address for the prayer line

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

Events, Activities, and Opportunities

St. Thomas Aquinas Monthly Adult Formation Presentations continue



August 6 at 11 am
Come and Learn
Ministries of our Church

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." **1 Peter 4:10**

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



share your Faith

CATECHIST TRAINING:

Training of new catechists:

Seminars are held weekly

Call Aina Yates at (646-4338 ext. 111)

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA



conversations continue,
for you or anyone you know who wants to begin
the journey to becoming Catholic.

*For More information Contact
Aina Yates at (805) 646—4338 ext. 111*

All Volunteers and Workers with the Catholic Church

Are Required to become certified in



*Call the parish office if you need to recertify or
if you are new to parish ministry
(805) 646-4338*

This coming Thursday, August 3 Community Market

1st Thursday of each Month

Sign in: 9am

Distribution: 9:30 to 10:30am

(No pets allowed)

Coming UP

- ☞ **St. Vincent de Paul**—August 19 and every third Saturday of the month
Sign in 9am; Distribution 9:30—10:30
- ☞ **Family to Family**—August 23 and every fourth Wednesday of the month
- ☞ **Fellowship gathering**—There will be NO MEETING during August.
Next Meeting Tuesday, September 12, after the 9am daily mass
- ☞ **Fall Festival**—October 7 & 8



"Regather"

The SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention will take place

Saturday, September 2, 2023, 9AM—6PM

at The Anaheim Marriott Ballrooms!

700 W. Convention Way, Anaheim, CA

For online registration and more information

events.scrc.org



Southern California
Renewal Communities

July 30, 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

— Father John Muir

Pilgrimage

Fr. Kirk has begun his pilgrimage on El Camino de Santiago.

Let us pray that he have a safe and blessed journey.



Villanova Preparatory School

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(students in 6th – 8th grades)

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Fall 2023

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REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: The young King Solomon asked the Lord in prayer for a wise and discerning heart, and it was granted to him. What gift would you ask from the Lord?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the believers in Rome that God calls us "according to his purpose." Do you have a sense your purpose in life? If so, what is it?

Gospel: Jesus offers several kingdom of heaven parables to the disciples: buried treasure and fine pearls (a priceless discovery) and the large catch of fish (an invitation to all). With these parables, what do you think Jesus is teaching us about the kingdom of heaven?

Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Observances for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Tuesday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; John of Rieti

Thursday:

Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest

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

Next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Following Christ will take everything we have. Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure.

A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Primera Lectura: El joven rey Salomón pidió al Señor en oración un corazón sabio y perceptivo, y se lo concedió. ¿Qué regalo le pedirías al Señor?

Segunda Lectura: Pablo enseña a los creyentes en Roma que Dios nos llama "según su propósito." ¿Tienes un sentido de tu propósito en la vida? Si es así, ¿qué es?

Evangelio: Jesús ofrece varias parábolas del reino de los cielos a los discípulos: el tesoro escondido y las perlas finas (un descubrimiento invaluable) y la gran captura de peces (una invitación para todos). Con estas parábolas, ¿qué crees que nos está enseñando Jesús sobre el reino de los cielos?

Las lecturas de la semana del 30 de julio de 2023

Domingo: 1 Re 3, 5-13/Sal 118, 57. 72. 76-77. 127-128.

129-130 (97)/Rom 8, 28-30/Mt 13, 44-52 o 13, 44-46

Lunes: Ex 32, 15-24. 30-34/Sal 105, 19-20. 21-22. 23/Mt 13, 31-35

Martes: Ex 33, 7-11; 34, 5-9. 28/Sal 102, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11. 12-13/Mt 13, 36-43

Miércoles: Ex 34, 29-35/Sal 98, 5. 6. 7. 9/Mt 13, 44-46

Jueves: Ex 40, 16-21. 34-38/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6 y 8. 11/Mt 13, 47-53

Viernes: Lv 23, 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37/Sal 80, 3-4. 5-6. 10-11/Mt 13, 54-58

Sábado: Lv 25, 1. 8-17/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 7-8/Mt 14, 1-12

Domingo siguiente: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9/2 Pe 1, 16-19/Mt 17, 1-9

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 30 de julio de 2023

Domingo: 17^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: San Ignacio de Loyola, presbítero

Martes: San Alfonso María de Ligorio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Miércoles: San Eusebio de Vercelli, obispo; San Pedro Julián Eymard, presbítero; Juan de Rieti

Jueves:

Viernes: San Juan María Vianney, presbítero

Sábado: Dedicación de la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor

Domingo siguiente: La transfiguración del Señor

VIVIR LA LITURGIA INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Seguir a Cristo tomará todo lo que tenemos. ¿Estamos preparados para darlo todo? Al final de nuestras vidas, esperemos poder decir con verdad que vendimos todo lo que teníamos para comprar el campo que contenía el gran tesoro.

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Did you know?

Why is it important to screen volunteers and staff?

A screening process for hiring new staff members or volunteers is critical to protecting children, because this process makes it harder for abusers to gain access to potential victims. When organizations are careful about screening, it sends a message that they are committed to preventing child abuse. Screening practices can include requiring standard application information, or thorough references and criminal background checks. For more information on screening processes, read the VIRTUS® article "The Importance of Screening and Selecting Employees and Volunteers" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. [Read the VIRTUS® article "The Importance of Screening and Selecting Employees and Volunteers" here.](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/)



¿Por qué es importante evaluar a los voluntarios y al personal?

Un proceso de selección y evaluación para contratar a nuevos miembros del personal o voluntarios es fundamental para proteger a los niños porque este proceso dificulta que los abusadores tengan acceso a las víctimas potenciales. Cuando las organizaciones tienen cuidado con la selección, envían un mensaje de que están comprometidas con la prevención del abuso infantil. Las practicas de selección pueden incluir solicitar información en una aplicación estándar, o referencias exhaustivas y verificación de antecedentes penales. Para obtener más información sobre los procesos de selección y evaluación, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "The Importance of Screening and Selecting Employees and Volunteers" (La importancia de evaluar y seleccionar empleados y voluntarios) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. [Lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® "The Importance of Screening and Selecting Employees and Volunteers" \(La importancia de evaluar y seleccionar empleados y voluntarios\) aquí.](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/)