



“DO YOU NOT YET
HAVE FAITH?”
—MK 4:40

12TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

June 23, 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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**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>

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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

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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

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: 6/24/24	9:00AM	The Living & Deceased members of the Obagi & Grimm Families By: Therese G. Obagi & Family
Tuesday: 6/25/24	9:00AM	Jim McMullin † By: John & Joan McNeil
Wednesday: 6/26/24	9:00AM	Marjorie Hitz † By: Mary Kazmer
Thursday: 6/27/24	9:00AM	Vinita Waddell (L) By: Lisa Berquist
Friday: 6/28/24	9:00AM	Mary Mahon † By: The Mahon Family
Saturday: 6/29/24	8:00AM 5:00PM	Marie Coscarelli † By: Chuck Coscarelli Keith Lee Kirby † By: Mom
Sunday: 6/30/24	7:30AM 9:30 AM	People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Carmen Encinas (L) By: Dorothy Baer

(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living

Hospitality

1st, 3rd, and 4th Sunday
after mass

Donuts

coffee, orange Juice and Conversation

Gather together today

to share some time

and fellowship!

Family to Family

Join us preparing and serving a hot meal
for hungry clients

Wednesday, June 26, 2023

(the 4th Wednesday of each month.)

303 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura, CA

Next to Catholic Charities

Call the parish office for more information

(805) 646-4338

Volunteers needed and appreciated

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KIRK, OSA

Things always seem to quiet down in the Summer after school lets out. Our religious education program and faith formation gatherings take a break, and many families schedule their vacations during June, July and August.

Quiet as it might seem, there are a few projects around the parish that I'm hoping to move forward this summer. One is to replace the kitchen floor in the Aquinas Center. We also expect to make progress on two of our Called to Renew projects, namely the new restroom project in the church, and the repair/renewal of our church bell. I'm confident that we will see significant progress on all three of these projects by the end of the summer.

On a less glamorous note, we have been having plumbing drain issues in the rectory for some time and will likely need to do some significant work to correct problems in the crawlspace under the building. The good news is we have a highly skilled plumber who will be doing the work for a fair price.

I pray that all of you continue to have a renewing and productive summer.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

UN MENSAJE DEL P. KIRK, OSA

Las cosas siempre parecen calmarse en el verano. Nuestro programa de educación religiosa y reuniones de formación de fe se toman un descanso, y muchas familias programan sus vacaciones durante junio, julio y agosto.

Por tranquilidad que parezca, hay algunos proyectos alrededor de la parroquia que Espero avanzar este verano. Una es reemplazar el piso de la cocina en el Centro Aquino. También esperamos progresar en dos de nuestros proyectos llamados a Renew, a saber, el nuevo proyecto de baño en la iglesia y la reparación/renovación de nuestra campana de la iglesia. Estoy seguro de que veremos un progreso significativo en estos tres proyectos al final del verano.

En una nota menos glamorosa, hemos tenido problemas de drenaje de plomería en la rectoría durante algún tiempo y es probable que deba hacer un trabajo significativo para corregir problemas en el espacio de rastreo debajo del edificio. La buena noticia es que tenemos un plomero altamente calificado que hará el trabajo por un precio justo.

Rezo para que todos ustedes continúen teniendo un verano de renovación y productivo.

La paz de Dios, P. Kirk

SCRC Catholic—Renewal Convention

REFRESHED in SPIRIT

Saturday

JUNE 29, 2024

9:00am—6:00pm

Anaheim Marriott Ballrooms

Anaheim, CA

Popular Catholic Speakers, Reconciliation Service, Uplifting Liturgy

for more information and to register

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The Nativity of John the Babtist

June 24, 2024

After the Annunciation, Mary traveled to visit her Cousin Elizabeth, who, in her old age, had conceived a child. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's baby leaped in the womb and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 1:36 and 39 – 41) That baby was John the Babtist who spent his life preparing the way for Jesus and proclaiming that "the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." When Jesus came to John to be baptized, he said that he [John] wasn't worthy, "It is I who need to be baptized by you." (Matthew 3:14b) Jesus' babtism. John did as Jesus asked and continued "preparing the way." John was eventually beheaded for telling the truth that others didn't want spoken.

Compiled from Franciscan Media and Catholic News Agency



Reflection

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity – total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil – all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God. *Franciscan Media, June 24*

St. Peter and Paul, Apostles – June 29

"Saints Peter and Paul are considered the foundational pillars of the Church. Peter represents the stability of the Church and the office of the Vicar of Christ. Paul represents the mission of evangelization that was entrusted to the Church by Jesus Himself. Their twin martyrdom reminds us that the Church must be both stable and mission-oriented. It must remain grounded in the ancient Truth, yet grow and flower with an ongoing understanding of the mysteries of faith. As we honor these two pillars of the Church, recall the fact that, though they are great saints, they were also ordinary men called to extraordinary vocations. They responded and God used them in ways they could have never imagined. Ponder your own calling in light of theirs and resolve to lay your life down for the Church, joining yourself to these two men so that God can continue their holy mission through you." *(from "My Catholic Life," June 29, 2023)*



Prayer to Saints Peter and Paul

Saints Peter and Paul, once Christ called you, you responded with total abandonment to His holy will. Through you, the Church was founded and began to grow. Please pray for me, that I will fully devote myself to the ongoing mission of the Church, so that God can use me according to His holy will. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen

My Catholic Life

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**12^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
23 de junio de 2024**

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

First Reading:

God challenges Job not to question His power over creation. Have you ever challenged or questioned God in prayer?

Primera Lectura:

Dios desafi a a Job a no cuestionar su poder sobre la creaci n.  Alguna vez has desafiado o cuestionado a Dios en oraci n?

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of believers in Christ as a "new creation." In what ways do you sense something new in your life as a Christian?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo habla de los creyentes en Cristo como una "nueva creaci n."  De qu  manera sientes algo nuevo en tu vida como cristiano?

Gospel:

The disciples feared for their lives while caught in a violent storm until Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. When has your faith in Jesus helped calm your fears?

Evangelio:

Los disc pulos temieron por sus vidas mientras estaban atrapados en una violenta tormenta hasta que Jes s calm  el viento y el mar.  Cu ndo te ha ayudado tu fe en Jes s a calmar tus miedos?

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

So often when we are weathering the storm, it feels like God is asleep – but we never even tried to wake Him up! Bring God your fears, your doubts, your uncertainties. He will show you that He steers the ship, and even the wind and the seas obey.

INSPIRACI N DE LA SEMANA

Muy a menudo, cuando estamos aguantando la tormenta, sentimos como si Dios estuviera dormido,  pero ni siquiera intentamos despertarlo! Trae a Dios tus miedos, tus dudas, tus incertidumbres.  l te mostrar  que  l dirige el barco, y hasta el viento y los mares obedecen.

Readings for the week of June 23, 2024

Las lecturas de la semana del 23 de junio de 2024

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Domingo: Job 38, 1. 8-11/Sal 106, 23-24. 25-26. 28-29. 30-31 (1)/2 Cor 5, 14-17/Mc 4, 35-41

Lunes: Is 49, 1-6/Sal 138, 1-3. 13-14. 14-15/Hch 13, 22-26/Lc 1, 57-66. 80

Martes: 2 Re 19, 9-11. 14-21. 31-35. 36/Sal 47, 2-3. 3-4. 10-11/Mt 7, 6. 12-14

Mi rcoles: 2 Re 22, 8-13; 23, 1-3/Sal 118, 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 40/Mt 7, 15-20

Jueves: 2 Re 24, 8-17/Sal 78, 1-2. 3-5. 8. 9/Mt 7, 21-29

Viernes: 2 Re 25, 1-12/Sal 136, 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6/Mt 8, 1-4

S bado: *Vigilia:* Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Gal 1, 11-20/Jn 21, 15-19
D a: Hch 12, 1-11/34, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/2 Tim 4, 6-8. 17-18/Mt 16, 13-19

Domingo siguiente: Sab 1, 13-15; 2, 23-24/Sal 29, 2. 4. 5-6. 11. 12. 13 (2)/2 Cor 8, 7. 9. 13-15/Mc 5, 21-43 o 5, 21-24. 35-43

Observances for the week of June 23, 2024

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 23 de junio de 2024

Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday: Bl. Peter James of Pesaro

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

Next Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Domingo: 12^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: La Natividad de San Juan Bautista

Martes: B. Peter James de Pesaro

Jueves: San Cirilo de Alejandr a, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Viernes: San Ireneo, obispo y m rtir

S bado: San Pedro y San Pablo, ap stoles

Domingo siguiente: 13^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Pope Francis' Reflection on the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B Mark 4:35-41)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, *Buongiorno!*

In today's liturgy the episode of the storm calmed by Jesus (*Mk 4:35-41*) is told. The boat on which the disciples are crossing the lake is beaten by the wind and waves and they are afraid they will sink. Jesus is with them on the boat, yet he is in the stern asleep on the cushion. The disciples, filled with fear, cry out to him: "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" (v. 38).

And quite often we too, beaten by the trials of life, have cried out to the Lord: "Why do you remain silent and do nothing for me?". Especially when it seems we are sinking, because of love or the project in which we have laid great hopes disappears; or when we are at the mercy of the unrelenting waves of anxiety; or when we feel we are drowning in problems or lost in the middle of the sea of life, with no course and no harbor. Or even, in the moments in which the strength to go forward fails us, because we have no job, or an unexpected diagnosis makes us fear for our health or that of a loved one. There are many moments in which we feel we are in a storm; we feel we are almost done in.

In these situations and in many others, we too feel suffocated by fear and, like the disciples, risk losing sight of the most important thing. On the boat, in fact, even if he is sleeping, *Jesus is there*, and he shares with his own all that is happening. His slumber, when on the one hand it surprises us, on the other it puts us to the test. The Lord is there, present; indeed, he waits – so to speak – for us to engage him, to invoke him, to put him at the center of what we are experiencing. His slumber causes us to wake up. Because to be disciples of Jesus it is not enough to believe God is there, that he exists, but we must put ourselves out there with him; we must also raise our voice with him. Hear this: we must *cry out to him*. Prayer, many times, is a cry: "Lord, save me!". I was watching, on the program "In his image", today, the Day of Refugees, many who come in large boats and at the moment of drowning cry out: "Save us!". In our life too the same thing happens: "Lord, save us!", and prayer becomes a cry.

Today we can ask ourselves: what are the winds that beat against my life? What are the waves that hinder my navigation, and put my spiritual life, my family life, even my psychic life in danger? Let us say all this to Jesus; let us tell him everything. He wants this; he wants us to grab hold of him to find shelter from the unexpected waves of life. The Gospel recounts that the disciples approach Jesus, wake him and speak to him (cf. v. 38). This is the beginning of our faith: to recognize that alone we are unable to stay afloat; that we need Jesus like sailors need the stars to find their course. Faith begins from believing that we are not enough for ourselves, from feeling *in need of God*. When we overcome the temptation to close ourselves off, when we overcome the false religiosity that does not want to disturb God, when we cry out to him, he can work wonders in us. It is the gentle and extraordinary power of prayer, which works miracles.

Jesus, begged by the disciples, calms the wind and waves. And he asks them a question, a question which also pertains to us: "*Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?*" (v. 40). The disciples were gripped with fear, because they were focused on the waves more than looking at Jesus. And fear leads us to look at the difficulties, the awful problems and not to look at the Lord, who many times is sleeping. It is this way for us too: how often we remain fixated on problems rather than going to the Lord and casting our concerns into him! How often we leave the Lord in a corner, at the bottom of the boat of life, to wake him only in a moment of need! Today, let us ask for the grace of a faith that never tires of seeking the Lord, of knocking at the door of his Heart. May the Virgin Mary, who in her life never stopped trusting in God, reawaken in us the basic need of entrusting ourselves to him each day.

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Reminder

If you call any of the contacts above

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leave a message and your call will be returned.



Child's Name:

Catechists Signature:

What did you learn in Mass today?

Did you know?

Protecting God's Children

June 22-23 || Athlete helpline available for sports-related abuse concerns

The Courage First Athlete Helpline is a national resource aimed at combating child abuse in sports. Counselors and team members are available to help ensure physical and mental safety for sports communities, offering emotional support, crisis intervention, and guidance related to abuse concerns. If you have concerns about your child's sports teams, you can call or text 888-279-1026, or visit athlethehelpline.org.

Línea de ayuda disponible para inquietudes sobre abuso relacionado con el deporte

La línea de ayuda para atletas, Courage First Athlete Helpline, es un recurso nacional que busca combatir el abuso infantil en los deportes. Consejeros y miembros del equipo de la línea de ayuda están disponibles para ayudar a garantizar la seguridad física y mental de las comunidades deportivas, ofreciendo apoyo emocional, intervención en crisis y orientación cuando existen preocupaciones sobre abuso. Si usted tiene inquietudes sobre el equipo de deportes de su hijo, puede llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto al 888-279-1026, o visitar athlethehelpline.org.