



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved
Son, with whom I am
well pleased; listen
to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church *Served by the Augustinians since 1926*

185 St. Thomas Dr., Ojai, CA, 93023
Office Phone Number—805 646 4338

Mass Times

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday

8:00 am

Saturday Vigil English 5:00pm

Sabado Vigilia Español 6:30pm

Sunday Mass

English 7:30am & 9:30am

Misa Dominical

Español 11:30am

Father Kirk Davis O.S.A.

Pastor

Father Fernando Lopez O.S.A.

Associate Pastor (Currently on Sabbatical)

In Residence:

Father Emmanuel Isaac, O.S.A.

Brother Lou San Vicente, O.S.A.

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9:30AM—1:30PM or by appointment

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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 8:30AM-through
Saturday/Sabado morning Benediction 7:45AM



PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN

Contact Parish Office

Or go to parish website

Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial
(805) 646-4338

WEDDINGS ~ BODAS

FUNERALS ~ FUNERALES

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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Contact parish office

PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA

Chapel open Mon-Fri ~ Capilla abierta
de Lunes a Sábado:

9AM-2PM

Rosario en Español

Lunes, Martes y Viernes • A las 6:00 pm

Miercoles • A las 6:30 pm

Sabado • A las 5:45 pm

Domingo • A las 10:45 am

Rosary in English

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fridays • After the 8am mass

Sunday • At 7:00 am

INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES

Monday: 3/2/2026	8:00AM	Ronald Chegwiddden † <i>By: The Chegwiddden Family</i>
Tuesday: 3/3/2026	8:00AM	Karen Chappel † <i>By: Marisa Galieote</i>
Wednesday: 3/4/2026	8:00AM	Robert W Gavotto, O.S.A † <i>By: Chong Crisp</i>
Thursday: 3/5/2026	8:00AM	Lorenzo Sayson, Sr. † <i>By: Charles "Chuck" Coscarelli</i>
Friday: 3/6/2026	8:00AM	Thomas J. McLaughlin OSA † <i>By: The Augustinian Community</i>
Saturday: 3/7/2026	8:00AM	Jose Canchola † <i>By: Les & Mary Baker</i>
	5:00 PM	Dyeshia Sanders-Tuggle † <i>By: Kathy Riordan</i>
Sunday: 3/8/2026	7:30AM	The People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
	9:30AM	Fred Harnsberger † <i>By: Charles "Chuck" Coscarelli</i>

(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living

Lenten Daily Text Challenge/
Desafío de texto diario de Cuaresma

If you would like to join the parish Lenten challenge sign up for spiritual reflections in your flocknote app.

Si desea unirse al desafío cuaresmal de la parroquia, regístrese para recibir reflexiones espirituales en la aplicación de flocknote.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent
Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, **“his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2)**. That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— *Father John Muir*

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Iglesia de Santo Tomás de Aquino

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

1 de marzo de 2026
II Domingo de Cuaresma
Mateo 17:1-9

La liturgia de hoy está llena de símbolos de gloria y majestad. Si estamos atentos, podremos descubrir el gran amor de Dios hacia su Hijo Jesús y también hacia nosotros, manifestado en su Transfiguración. La gloria futura se presenta en la nube como signo de la presencia de Dios, así como en los vestidos blancos y el rostro de Jesús resplandeciente como el sol. *“A la vista de ellos, su aspecto cambió completamente: su cara brillaba como el sol y su ropa se volvió blanca como la luz” (Mateo 17:2)*. La muerte que Jesús había anunciado previamente a sus discípulos, la que iba a padecer, será transformada en gloria en la Pascua. Sin embargo, para llegar a esa Pascua hay que pasar por el camino del Calvario, hacia la cruz. Pedro propuso hacer tres tiendas; estaba tan bien allí, con sus compañeros y con Jesús. De repente, se escucha la voz del Padre que dice: *“Este es mi Hijo, el Amado; éste es mi Elegido, ¡escúchenlo!” (Mateo 17:5)*.

Para ser verdaderos seguidores de Jesús, debemos desinstalarnos de nuestras comodidades y de nuestros caprichos. La Cuaresma, que apenas comienza, debe llevarnos a comprometernos con el bien común y con la justicia que tanto necesita la sociedad actual. La dura realidad que estamos viviendo debe ser también un camino para encontrar la luz y la voz de Dios que nos llama a despertar y actuar frente a las necesidades de los demás. También cabe la pregunta: ¿a quién estamos escuchando? ¿A quién, o a qué, le estamos haciendo caso? Recordemos que seguir al Maestro exige esfuerzo y entrega. Bajemos, pues, de lo alto del monte para caminar con Jesús en esta Cuaresma.

— *Father John Muir*, ©LPi

Soup & Stations / Sopa y Estaciones

Lenten Soup Suppers Start Friday, Feb 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
Cenas de Sopa de Cuaresma empiezan Viernes, 20 de Febrero a las 6:00 pm.



Stations of the Cross / Estaciones de la Cruz

English 5:30 pm
Español a las 7:00 pm

**Donations collected go to support Casa Hogar La Gloria.*

**Las donaciones recaudadas se destinan a apoyar a Hogar Infantil La Gloria.*



HOGAR INFANTIL, INC.



A special thanks to the hospitality Ministry for serving Soup Supper on Friday, February 27th!

¡Un agradecimiento especial al Ministerio de hospitalidad, que sirvieron la sopa de cuaresma el Viernes 27 de Febrero!

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Villanova Prep Hosts Lenten Speaker Series

As part of the University Series, Villanova Prep is hosting six presentations during this Lent season. The classes will be held at the Villanova theater at 7 pm.

The sessions are;

March 5: How Can a Walking Pilgrimage Strengthen my Faith? - Dr. Greg and Mary Wood

March 12: Do We Now Know What Jesus Really Looked Like? (Shroud of Turin) - Gymnasium

March 19: How Does Science Lead Us to a Belief in God? - Dr. Richard Hurst

March 26: Is Freedom in Opposition or Fulfilled by Obedience? - Emily McAtee '12

Course catalogs of all University Series sessions are available online at <https://theuniversityseries.org/>. All members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish are welcome. We are confident the spiritual nourishment you receive will strengthen your Lenten journey this year. It is \$15 at the door.

For tuition information, and any other questions, feel free to reach out to Mr. Grisin via email (bgrisin@villanovaprep.org). May God bless you!



Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer opportunity to help with the care of altar linens. This ministry involves a monthly commitment to wash and iron small linens used during Masses and baptisms. You will be guided by an experienced volunteer and there are very detailed instructions. If you are interested, please call; **Marlene Lattimer 805-640-0403.**

Oportunidad de Voluntariado

Oportunidad de voluntariado para ayudar con el cuidado de los manteles del altar. Este ministerio implica un compromiso mensual para lavar y planchar manteles pequeños que se usan durante las misas y los bautizos. Contarás con la guía de un voluntario con experiencia y recibirás instrucciones muy detalladas. Si te interesa, llama a **Marlene Lattimer al 805-640-0403.**



Restless Pilgrim



Travel to India and Pakistan with Fr. Kirk Davis OSA

Delhi – Agra – Jaipur – Chennai – Pondicherry

Velankanni – Madurai – Munnar – Kochi

Muscat, Oman – Lahore – Islamabad - Murree

September 16 to October 6, 2026

\$5850 per person including airfare.

Contact Fr. Kirk for more info and to register.

kirkosa@gmail.com



Restless Pilgrim



**Walk the Camino de Santiago
with Fr. Kirk Davis OSA**

Barcelona – Monserrat – Zaragoza – Burgos

Carrion de los Condes – Sarria – Santiago de Compostela

El Escorial – Avila – Madrid – Casablanca, Morocco

October 4 to 18, 2026

\$5250 per person including airfare.

Contact Fr. Kirk for more info and to register.

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St. Vincent De Paul Open Pantry

Invite your neighbors to come
Thursday, March 5, 2026

Sign in: 8:30 am
Distribution: 9:30 am

Call (805) 646-4338 ext. 104
for more information & to volunteer.
Leave a message, someone will return
your call.



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St. Vincent De Paul-Despensa de Comida

Invite a sus vecinos
Jueves Marzo 5, 2026

Registro: 8:30 am
Distribución: 9:30 am

Llame (805) 646-4338 ext. 104
Para mas informacion y para ser
voluntario. Deje un mensaje, alguien le
devolvera la llamada.

Esta institución ofrece igualdad de oportunidades.

Beginning Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (note date change)
Brother Lou San Vicente begins his series on
The 70 weeks of Daniel and the death of the Messiah
At 6pm in the Library.
All are welcome.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dancing

Join us for a fun and festive St. Patrick's Day
featuring; delicious Irish food, live Irish
dancers, great music and fellowship.

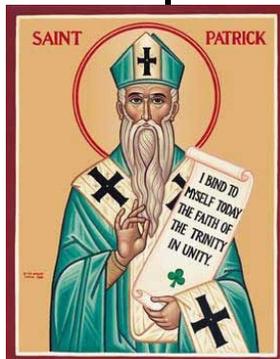
Saturday, March 14, 2026

6:00 pm—9:00 pm
Aquinas Center Hall



\$15 per person.
\$120 for a table of 8
Tickets available after Mass & at
the Parish office

Volunteers needed for food prep.
Contact Parish office more information.



Cena y Baile del Día de San Patricio



Acompáñenos a disfrutar de un divertido y
festivo Día de San Patricio con deliciosa
comida Irlandesa, bailarines Irlandeses en vivo,
excelente música y mucha camaradería.

Sábado, Marzo 14, 2026

6:00 pm—9:00 pm
Salón Aquinas

\$15 por persona.
\$120 por mesa de 8
Boletos disponibles después de
Misa y en la oficina parroquial.

Se necesitan voluntarios para la
preparación de alimentos.



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<p style="text-align: center;">❖ <u>LAETARE CRAFT FAIR!</u> ❖</p> <p>• <i>When: Sunday, March 15th 9am - 3pm</i></p> <p>• <i>Where: Thomas Aquinas Church</i></p> <p><i>Come support our American Heritage Girls and make your home beautiful for Easter! Wreaths, pysanky eggs, rosaries, candles, handcrafted wood sewing, crocheting.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">❖ <u>LAETARE CRAFT FAIR!</u> ❖</p> <p>• <i>Cuándo: Domingo, Marzo 15 9am-3pm</i></p> <p>• <i>Dónde: Iglesia de Santo Tomás de Aquino</i></p> <p><i>¡Ven a apoyar a nuestras American Heritage Girls y embellece tu hogar para Semana Santa! Coronas, huevos pintados, rosarios, velas, artículos de madera hechos a mano, costura y ganchillo.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Adult Faith Formation</p> <p>We offer monthly gatherings at 11:00 am in the Aquinas Hall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Opportunity: Sunday, March 1, 2026</p> <p>John Clark Levin is presenting <i>AI and Social Media Manipulation</i> And Gina Levin will be talking about <i>Faith & Cancer Survival</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Formación en la Fe para Adultos</p> <p>Ofrecemos reuniones mensuales a la 1:00pm en el Salón Aquinas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proxima Oportunidad Domingo, Marzo 1, 2026</p> <p>Laura Duran y Judith Robles presentarán <i>“Significado de la Iglesia”</i></p>



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Joe Scott de LPi, nuestra impresora de boletines, estará aceptando nuevos anuncios publicitarios para nuestra iglesia esta semana. Como miembro valioso de la comunidad empresarial, le invitamos a expandir su alcance y hacer crecer su negocio con un anuncio impreso en nuestro boletín parroquial y/o un anuncio digital publicado en ParishesOnline.com.

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