OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."
- Mt 25:38-40

November 26, 2023

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Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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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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Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN
of the Blessed Sacrament ~
del Santísimo Sacramento
Thursday/Jueves 9:30AM-throuch
Saturday/Sabado morning Benediction 7:45AM

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10AM-4PM

Rosario enEspañol
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: 11/27/23	**9:00AM**	**Roberta Walsh ✞** ***By: Bereavement***
Tuesday: 11/28/23	**9:00AM**	**Patrick McNeil ✞** **Ernie & Julie Rischar ✞** ***By: John and Joan McNeil***
Wednesday: 11/29/23	**9:00AM**	**Doug Becker ✞** ***By: Bereavement***
Thursday: 11/30/23	**9:00AM**	**Paul Hennigan ✞** ***By: Aldine Hennigan***
Friday: 12/1/23	**9:00AM**	**Mary Larramendy ✞** ***By: The Larramendy Family***
Saturday: 12/2/23	**8:00AM**	
Saturday: 12/2/23	**5PM**	**Betty Cunningham ✞** ***By: Linda Shields & Family***
Sunday: 12/3/23	**9:30AM**	**✞** ***By:***

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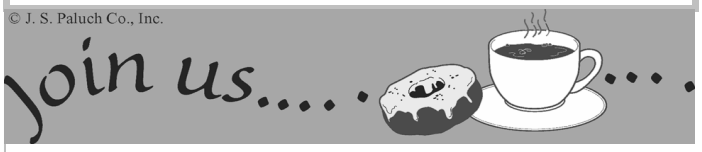
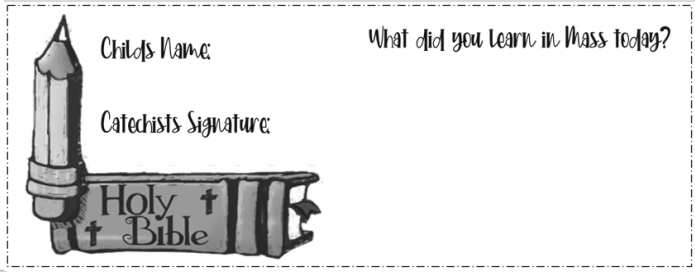


Hospitality

Coffee and Donuts
After Sunday Masses
Spend some time; Make a friend

Sunday, December 10
Bake Sale to Support
Life Choices
(No donuts that day)



This Week—November 26—December 2

Mission Basilica San Buenaventura is hosting the Installation of our New Auxiliary Bishop,
Most Reverend Slawomir Szkredka
This Sunday—November 26th 2023 at 3:00 PM.
The ceremony will be presided by
Archbishop Jose Gomez.

Overflow seating will be available at O'Brien Hall as necessary. A Garden Reception everyone following the Installation Mass where all can greet the bishop and celebrate this huge blessing for our Santa Barbara Pastoral Region.

Mission Basilica San Buenaventura address: 211 E Main St, Ventura, CA 93001

The Promises of Advent ~ November 28

Padre Serra in Camarillo invites you to an Advent evening of reflection with

Fr. Parker Sandoval

The Old Testament readings of Advent are filled with promises of the coming Messiah.
As we prepare to celebrate his coming at Christmas, join us as we explore how God has already kept his promises through his Son and how Jesus promises us still more.

7:00 pm, Serra Center.
5205 Upland Road Camarillo, CA 93012
Free; registration appreciated: https://www.padreserra.org/adventpromises.html
Questions: Teresa Runyon teresa@padreserra.org

This Wednesday, November 29

Ventura Ave. next to Catholic Charities 303 N. Ventura Ave

For more information or to volunteer leave a message at the Parish Office 805-558-2296
Or go online to https://familytofamilyvc.org/

NEXT SUNDAY

December 3, 2023—Presentations by

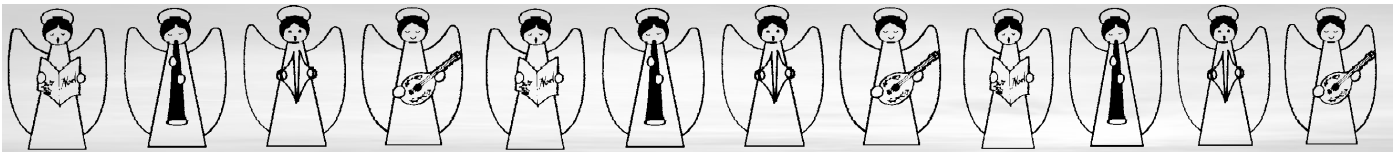
Fr. Emmanuel Isaac, O.S.A. in English at 11 am

Fr. Fernando Lopez, O.S.A. en Español a las 1 pm

The Sacrament of Reconcilliation—El sacramento de la reconciliación

A light brunch & coffee will be offered. If childcare is needed contact Aina Yates at (8050 646-4338 ext. 111

Future Topics			
January 7	**Mary Our Mother &Model of Christian Discipleship**	**Brian Campos**	**Carlos Herrera**
February 4	**Liturgical Music**	**Lisa Boyd & Bryant Huber**	**Alberto Santana**
March 3	**The Real Presence**	**Fr. Barney Johns, O.S.A.**	**Laura Duran&Flora Ponce**
April 7	**Artificial Intelligence, Medicine, & Catholic Ethics**	**John Clark Levin**	
	El Rosario (1:00 p.m.)		**Massiel Grisin**
April 28	**Preparing the Catholic Way—Preparado el Camino**	**Michael Boyko**	**Michael Boyko**



YOUTH CHOIR

We are forming a youth choir to sing at the Christmas Eve mass at 5pm

Students 3rd grade and up through High School

There will be three rehearsals

Sunday, December 10th from 1—2 pm
Sunday, December 18th from 1—2 pm
Friday, December 22nd from 3—4:30 pm

All rehearsals will be held in the choir area of the church.
If you have any questions, contact Lisa Boyd by
leaving a message at the church office (805) 646-4338 ext.101, or speak with her after any 9:30 mass

KINGDOM

"'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"

MATTHEW 25:34

"'Vengan, benditos de mi Padre; tomen posesión del Reino preparado para ustedes desde la creación del mundo'".

MATEO 25, 34

The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day. It's just one very short question:

Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." — Matthew 25:32

El Rey Viene Sosteniendo un Espejo

De todos los maravillosos y minuciosos exámenes de conciencia con los que me he encontrado, el que normalmente utilizo es muy simple y se adapta perfectamente a alguien como yo que no es capaz de pensar profundamente al final del día. Es solo una pregunta muy breve:

¿Qué Cristos no reconocí hoy?

El Rey siempre viene disfrazado, y sé que lo pierdo de muchas maneras todos los días. Lo pierdo en personas ignoradas o descartadas. Lo pierdo en las oportunidades evitadas y en los momentos que podrían haberse convertido en oración, pero en cambio se convirtieron en navegar la pantalla de mi celular. Lo pierdo cuando está justo frente a mí, sosteniendo un espejo y llamando mi nombre, rogando por la conversión de mi corazón.

La vida cristiana nos llama a un constante auto escrutinio. No es una vida cómoda, siempre pensando en lo que podrías hacer mejor, pero el Señor nos pastorea correctamente. Sus pastos no tienen nada que ofrecer a los que son perfectos y fuertes.

Ha ido en busca de los perdidos. Ha rescatado a los descarriados, sanado a los heridos, dado descanso a los cansados.

No podemos ser seguidores de Cristo si no estamos dispuestos a reconocer nuestros pecados. La misericordia de Dios no descarta nuestros pecados, como si nunca hubieran existido y no fueran importantes.

No, hace algo mucho, mucho mejor: la misericordia de Dios absuelve nuestros pecados. Nos libera de ellos. Pero para ser verdaderamente libre, debes comprender la tiranía de lo que una vez te esclavizó.

"Y él apartará a los unos de los otros, como aparta el pastor a las ovejas de los cabritos." — Mateo 25:32

LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Dios siempre está más cerca de nosotros de lo que sospechamos. Él está en cada necesidad que encontramos y en cada persona que conocemos. Nunca dejes de buscar Su rostro.

Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Las lecturas de la semana del 26 de noviembre de 2023

Domingo: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 22, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1)/ 1 Co 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46
Lunes: Dn 1, 1-6. 8-20/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/Lc 21, 1-4
Martes: Dn 2, 31-45/Dn 3, 57. 58. 59. 60. 61/Lc 21, 5-11
Miércoles: Dn 5, 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/Dn 3, 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67/Lc 21, 12-19
Jueves: Rom 10, 9-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Mt 4,18-22
Viernes: Dn 7, 2-14/Dn 3, 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81/ Lc 21, 29-33
Sábado: Dn 7, 15-27/Dn 3, 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87/ Lc 21, 34-36
Domingo siguiente: Is 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7/Sal 79, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/1 Co 1, 3-9/Mc 13, 33-37

Observances for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 26 de noviembre de 2023

Domingo: **Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo**

Lunes:
Martes:
Miércoles:
Jueves: San Andrés, apóstol
Viernes:
Sábado:
Domingo siguiente: 1er Domingo de Adviento

REFLECT & RESPOND

First Reading: Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israelites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending carefully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick. Who do you know needs to hear this message of hope?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus Christ. What do you imagine resurrected life **with Christ will look like?**

Gospel: The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year focuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated those on the margins of society. What could you do this week to help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?

REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDE R

Primera Lectura: Ezequiel ofrece una hermosa visión a los israelitas cautivos en Babilonia de Dios como un pastor que atiende cuidadosamente a las ovejas de su rebaño que están perdidas, heridas o enfermas. ¿A quién conoces que necesita escuchar este mensaje de esperanza?

Segunda Lectura: Pablo enseña a los corintios cómo los creyentes están destinados a compartir la vida resucitada con nuestro Señor Jesucristo. ¿Cómo imaginas que será la vida resucitada con Cristo?

Evangelio: La lectura final del Evangelio del Año Litúrgico se centra en el Día del Juicio. Todo se medirá por cómo tratamos a los marginados de la sociedad. ¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana para ayudar al pobre o al extranjero o a los que están en prisión?

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November 25-26

How do groomers work?

Groomers start by picking out a potential victim, often a child who is emotionally vulnerable or isolated, or with low self-esteem. Then, groomers will start to slowly build a relationship — bonding over an alleged shared interest and expanding relationships out to build trust with the victim's family and friends. Groomers work hard to make themselves appear trustworthy and safe, to gain better access to their victims. From there, they can isolate their victims and perpetrate abuse. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Many Stages of Grooming" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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¿Cómo funcionan los acosadores sexuales?

Los acosadores sexuales comienzan seleccionando a una víctima potencial, que a menudo es un niño emocionalmente vulnerable o aislado, o con baja autoestima. Luego, los acosadores comenzarán a construir lentamente una relación, conectándose a través de un supuesto interés compartido y extendiendo las relaciones para generar confianza con la familia y los amigos de la víctima. Los depredadores trabajan duro para parecer dignos de confianza y seguros, para obtener un mejor acceso a sus víctimas. A partir de ahí, pueden aislar a sus víctimas y perpetrar el abuso. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® , "The Many Stages of Grooing" (Las muchas etapas para atraer a una víctima de abuso) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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