



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2024

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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Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes

*Temporary hours—Horas temporales
9:30AM—1:30PM or by appointment*

**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>

WEDDINGS ~ BODAS
Contact Parish Office

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(805) 646-4338

BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS
English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS ~ FUNERALES

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la oficina parroquial (805) 646-4338

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: 9/9/24	9:00AM	Fred Perez † <i>By: Sister Barbara & Sister Luz</i>
Tuesday: 9/10/24	9:00AM	The Godchildren of Karim & Therese Obagi (L) <i>By: The Obagi Family</i>
Wednesday: 9/11/24	9:00AM	Sharon Cline † <i>By: The Cline Family</i>
Thursday: 9/12/24	9:00AM	Marcia Amato † <i>By: The McTavish Family</i>
Friday: 9/13/24	9:00AM	Bill Brannan † <i>By: Bereavement</i>
Saturday: 9/14/24	8:00AM 5:00PM	
Sunday: 9/15/24	7:30AM 9:30AM	People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Rose Galieote † <i>By: Marisad Galieote</i>

Life Choices



This Sunday, September 8

Bake Sale proceeds

will go to Life Choices

***For more information for Life Choices Pregnancy Center
ojailifechoices.org—(805) 646-6830***

Villanova Celebrates 100 years

Providing a quality, well-rounded, Catholic Augustinian Education in the Ojai Valley.



Part of the celebration will be an Anniversary
Mass & Gala on Saturday, October 12.

To learn more about all of the festive events
associated with our 100th Anniversary celebra-
tion and to purchase your tickets for the Gala,
please visit our website:

www.villanovaprep.org/100th

We hope you can join us!

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah encouraged the Israelites to be strong in their conviction that God was coming to heal them and renew creation itself. Who could you encourage to be firm in their faith this week?

Second Reading: James taught believers to make no distinctions between the rich and the poor in their community gatherings. How do you think showing no partiality helps a community grow in faith?

Gospel: We hear today how the people of the Decapolis were astonished at Jesus's healing of the deaf and mute. What parts of your life need healing?

A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Primera Lectura: El profeta Isaías animó a los israelitas a ser firmes en su convicción de que Dios vendría a sanarlos y renovar la creación misma. ¿A quién podrías animar a ser firme en su fe esta semana?

Segunda Lectura: Santiago enseñó a los creyentes a no hacer distinciones entre ricos y pobres en sus Reuniones comunitarias. ¿Cómo crees que mostrar no parcialidad ayuda a una comunidad a crecer en la fe?

Evangelio: Hoy escuchamos cómo la gente de Decápolis quedó asombrada por la curación de los sordomudos por parte de Jesús. ¿Qué partes de tu vida necesitan sanación?

Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/ Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 6-17 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13- 14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/ Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/ Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

**Las lecturas de la semana del 8 de
septiembre de 2024**

Domingo:	Is 35, 4-7/Sal 145, 7. 8-9. 9-10 (1)/Sant 2, 1-5/Mc 7, 31-37
Lunes:	1 Cor 5, 1-8/Sal 5, 5-6. 7. 12/Lc 6, 6-11
Martes:	1 Cor 6, 1-11/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/ Lc 6, 12-19
Miércoles:	1 Cor 7, 25-31/Sal 44, 11-12. 14-15. 16-17/Lc 6, 20-26
Jueves:	1 Cor 8, 1-7.11-13/Sal 138, 1-3. 13-14. 23 -24/Lc 6, 27-38
Viernes:	1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-27/Sal 83, 3. 4. 5-6. 12/Lc 6, 39-42
Sábado:	Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 77, 1-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38/ Flp 2, 6-11/Jn 3, 13-17
Domingo siguiente:	Is 50, 4-9/Sal 114, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 (9)/Sant 2, 14-18/Mc 8, 27-35

LIVE THE LITURGY**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

“Be opened!” said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. “Be opened!” he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA**INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**

“¡Ábrete!” dijo Cristo hace dos mil años, mientras ponía su dedo en el oído del sordo. “¡Ábrete!” nos dice hoy poniendo su mano sobre nuestro corazón. Que siempre aceptemos la invitación de Cristo a convertirnos en una nueva creación.

Sessions for
Adult Confirmation and/or First Communion
start in September!
Adults who are over 18 years old and not attending high school
(*Must have a Baptism certificate*)

Sesiones para
Confirmación o Primera Comunión de Adultos
empiezan en Septiembre!
Adultos más de 18 años que no están en la escuela secundaria
Tienen que tener el Acta de Bautismo

Registrations during August ! Also August 19, 20, 21 4-7pm
Inscripciones durante Agosto! También el 19, 20, 21 de agosto 4-7pm

Phone number is 805-646-4338 x 111 or text 802-319-2170
Número de teléfono es 805-646-4338 x 111 o text 805-319-2170

Now accepting registration for Religious Education:

First Communion and Confirmation

preparation, Middle School Youth Group, and continuing classes!

(*A Baptism certificate is required at registration.*)



Aceptando inscripciones para educación religiosa:

preparación de primera comunión y confirmación,

grupo de jóvenes en grados 6-8, y clases para después de primera comunión!

(*La acta de Bautismo es requerida con la inscripción.*)



For more information

Contact Aina Yates

Phone number is 805-646-4338 x 111 or text 802-319-2170
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St. Thomas Youth

HOLY FIRE

A MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT LIKE NO OTHER

September 28, 2024

St. John Eudes Catholic Church

If interested Contact Aina Yates (805) 646-4338 x111

aina@stacojai.org

Don't let this opportunity for your son or daughter pass by!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

We offer monthly gatherings after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays

¿Interesado en ser católica o le gustaría aprender más sobre el catolicismo?

Ofrecemos reuniones mensuales a la 1pm los domingos.

Sunday, September 8

Begins the 2024–2025 Adult Formation Program

No registration Needed

Below you can find the schedule in English

Contact Aina Yates at (805) 646-4338 x111

Domingo 8 de septiembre

Comienza el Programa de Formación de Adultos 2024–2025

No es necesario inscribirse

A continuación puede encontrar el horario en español

Llama Aina Yates at (805) 646-4338 x111

Date	Presentation	Presenter	Presentation	Presenter
Sept. 8	Preparing for a Catholic Funeral	Michael Boyko	Planeando una Sepultura Catolica	Michael Boyko
Oct. 6	What Makes a Saint?	Annameik Schilder	Espiritu Santo	Judith Robles
Nov. 3	The Sabbath & the Release of our Bondage from Modern Day Pharaohs	Brian Campos	Maria y Los Santos	Laura Duran
Dec. 8	The Spirituality of Our Life's Journey	Fr. Peter	Los Sacramentos	Raul Vasquez
Jan. 5	Artificial Intelligence and Catholic Morality – A Reprise	John Clark Levin	La Oracion	Mayerling Villaroel
Feb. 2	Breaking Open the Liturgical Calendar		Ministerios de la Iglesia	Flora Ponce
Mar. 2	The Eucharist	Fr. Manny	Vivir en Cristo	Luis Hernandez y Jose Martinez
Apr 6	The Brain's Relationship With God	Allan Doane	Bienaventuranzas	Odalisca Villaroel

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HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY

FELIZ DÍA DE LOS ABUELOS

Prayer for grandparents

Dear God,
What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages.
Bless our grandparents, today and always.
Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight.
Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.
Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations. Amen.

Oración por los Abuelos

Querido Dios,
Qué gracia vivir en un mundo de todas las edades y etapas.
Bendice a nuestros abuelos, hoy y siempre.
Gracias por sus experiencias, sabiduría y perspicacia.
Gracias por los regalos que traen a la Iglesia.
Gracias por las lecciones que enseñan a las próximas generaciones. Amén.



**Saint Joachim and
Saint Anne
Patron Saints of
Grandparents**



Child's Name:

What did you learn in Mass today?

Catechists Signature:

MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF IMMIGRANTS—SEPTEMBER 29

The Mass in Recognition of All Immigrants

will be on Sunday, September 29, at 3:30 pm.

The Mass will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles.

Presided by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez

For more information (213) 637-7484

La misa en reconocimiento de todos

los inmigrantes será el domingo

29 de septiembre a las 3:30 de la tarde.

La Misa se celebrará en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en el centro de Los Ángeles.

Para más información llame al (213) 637-7484

Each year, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) asks Catholics around the world to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution. In 2024, the WDMR will be celebrated on Sunday 29 September. The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. As the title for his 2024 WDMR message, the Holy Father has chosen "God walks with His people".

"Dear brothers and sisters," reads the WDMR message of Pope Francis. "On this day dedicated to migrants and refugees, let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them."

In his latest message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis emphasizes the theme "God Walks with His People." This theme serves as a reminder that God consistently accompanies His people throughout history, guiding and providing for them, much like He did for the Israelites. Pope Francis draws a parallel between the experiences of migrants today and the ancient Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom, highlighting the similar challenges of oppression and hardship they face.

Pope Francis states, "Like the people of Israel in the time of Moses, migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development. Similar to the Jews in the desert, migrants encounter many obstacles in their path: they are tried by thirst and hunger; they are exhausted by toil and disease; they are tempted by despair."

As Catholics, we are commanded by Jesus (MT 25) to provide support and care for the most vulnerable among us, including the naked, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the stranger. Through this outreach, we are called to accompany migrants at all stages of their journey: from the point of origin, through transit, and to their final destination.

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THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

Reflection

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.