

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

185 St. Thomas Drive, Ojai, California 93023 805-646-4338 FAX 805-646-5928

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM

WEBSITE STACOJAI.ORG FACEBOOK.COM/STACOJAI FACEBOOK.COM/STACKIDS



Served by the Augustinians
Pastor Father Kirk Davis O.S.A.
Associate Pastor Father Fernando Lopez O.S.A.,
and Deacon Phil Nelson



LITURGIES

Sunday Masses

SATURDAY EVENING VIGILS

English 5:00PM & Spanish 6:30PM

SUNDAY MORNING

English 7:30AM & 9:30AM
Spanish 11:30AM

WEEKDAYS

M-F 9:00AM
Saturday 8AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

Of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 9:30AM-10:30PM

PRAYER LINE

Contact Parish Office

WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office

BAPTISMS

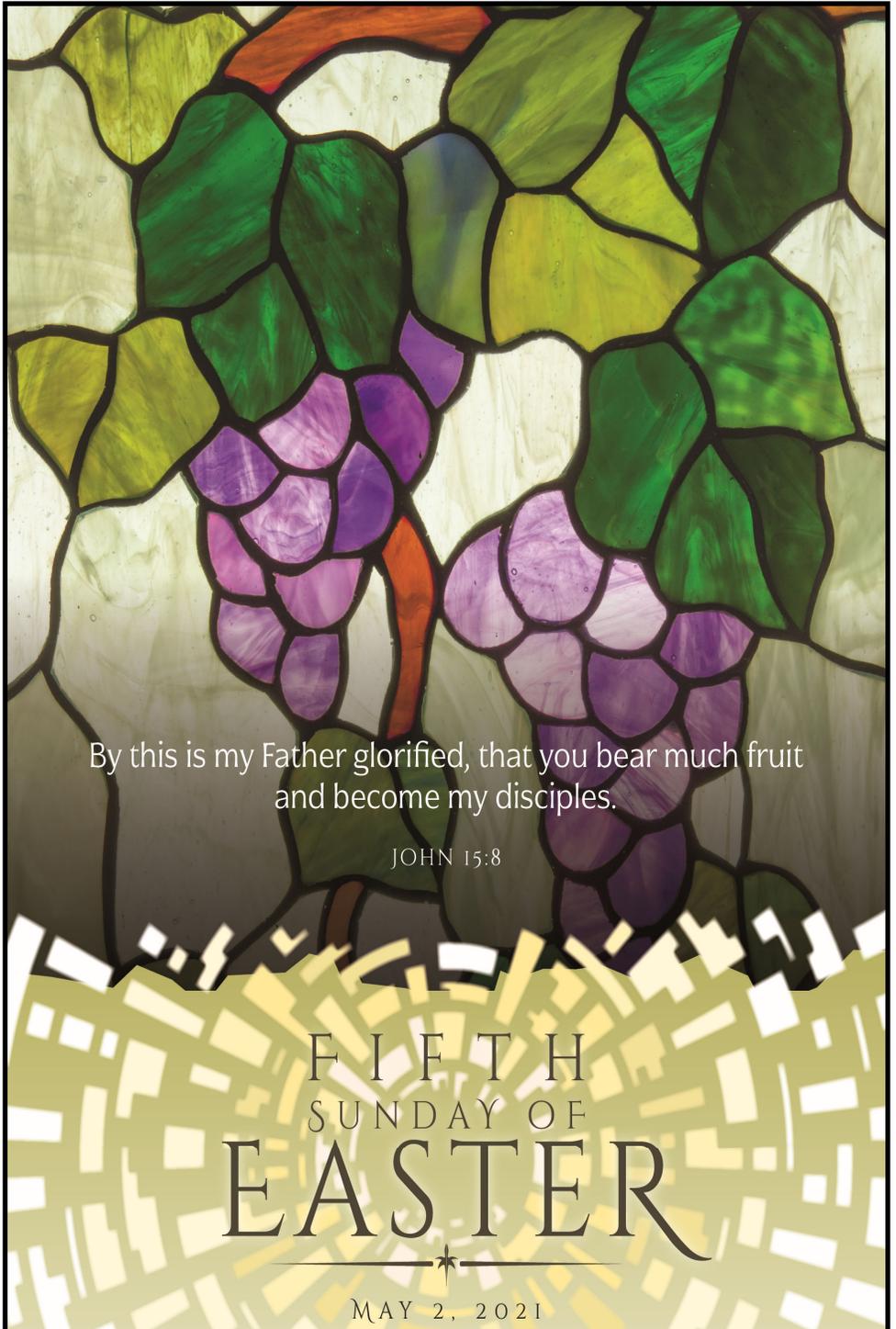
English: Dn. Phil Nelson
Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS

Contact Parish Office

PRIVATE PRAYER

Church open Mon-Sat
10AM-4PM



By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

JOHN 15:8

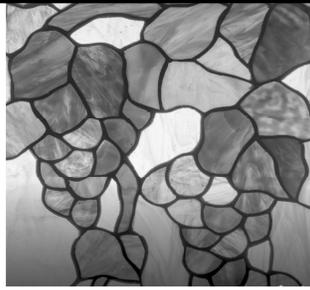
FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.



2 de mayo de 2021

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

Pocas actividades son tan decepcionantes como cultivar las plantas u hortalizas del jardín, regarlas y asegurarse de que reciban la luz del sol y los nutrientes, sólo para cosechar uno o dos vegetales, hortalizas o flores que demuestren todo el esfuerzo. Jesús usa la metáfora de la vid y los sarmientos para describir la proximidad con la que estamos llamados a permanecer junto a él, de forma que demos el fruto de su vida y amor en nuestra forma de vivir. Dice Jesús que cuando hacemos esto, damos gloria a Dios Padre, lo que Jesús hizo perfectamente a través de su vida, pasión, muerte y resurrección. Como las plantas que dependen del sol y de los nutrientes de la tierra, nosotros nos apoyamos en Jesús, el Señor, a través del él podemos hacer todo aquello para lo que estamos llamados. Sin el Señor, no podemos hacer nada.

LEARN FROM THE FIRST ONES

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32;
1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

APRENDER DE LOS PRIMEROS

La historia de la Iglesia primitiva que escuchamos en los Hechos de los Apóstoles durante el tiempo de Pascua es educativo e inspirador. Aprendemos cómo la comunidad creció en su comprensión de lo que significa permanecer cerca de Jesús en las situaciones más difíciles. Ellos vivieron de palabra y de obra como Cristo había enseñado y dieron el fruto de su fe en sus decisiones cotidianas, en pequeños detalles y en momentos dramáticos. Frente a Saulo, que había perseguido a los cristianos y que se presentaba así mismo como discípulo, Bernabé se arriesgó a creer en el testimonio de Saulo. A través de Bernabé, la comunidad aceptó a Saulo y, como resultado, un número cada vez mayor de personas empezaron a creer en Cristo. Nosotros también estamos llamados a vivir de palabra y obra, tomando a pecho el mandamiento de Cristo de amarnos los unos a los otros, incluso cuando sea difícil hacerlo. Podemos inspirarnos en la forma en que los primeros creyentes se consolaron con el Espíritu Santo, encontrando sabiduría y fuerza para cumplir los mandamientos y hacer lo que de agrada a Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 9:26–31; Sal 22 (21):26–27, 28, 30, 31–32;
1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church indoors
effective immediately.**

This means that our Daily Masses Monday - Saturday will now be celebrated indoors, our Saturday Vigil Masses at 5PM and 6:30PM, and our Sunday Morning Mass at 7:30AM will also move back inside the church. Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 Masses will remain outdoors on the plaza for the time being.

Reconciliation will continue outdoors on Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30.

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 9:30AM - 10PM will move inside.

As with everything we do here during the pandemic, social distancing will continue to be practiced and we will continue to use face coverings while on the parish campus.

**Iglesia de Santo Tomás de Aquino en el interior con
efecto inmediato.**

Esto significa que nuestras misas diarias de lunes a sábado ahora se celebrarán en el interior, nuestras misas de vigilia del sábado a las 5PM y 6:30PM, y nuestra misa del domingo por la mañana a las 7:30 a.m. también se trasladará de nuevo dentro de la iglesia.

Los domingos 9:30 y 11:30 Las misas permanecerán al aire libre en la plaza por el momento.

La reconciliación continuará al aire libre el sábado de 3:30 a 4:30.

La exposición y adoración del Santísimo Sacramento los viernes de 9:30 a.m. a 10 p. m. se trasladará al interior.

Al igual que con todo lo que hacemos aquí durante la pandemia, el distanciamiento social continuará siendo practicado y seguiremos usando cubiertas faciales mientras estamos en el campus parroquial.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Monday: Ss. Philip and James
Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Friday: First Friday

*Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.
1 John 3:18*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Bernabé explica a los discípulos en Jerusalén la conversión de Pablo (Hechos 9:26-31).

Salmo — Bendito sea el Señor. Aleluya (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ordena que creamos en el nombre de Jesucristo y que nos amemos como él nos ama (1 Juan 3:18-24).

Evangelio — Los que viven en Jesús y Jesús vive en ellos producen mucho fruto (Juan 15:1-8).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Jueves: Hch 15:7-21; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Domingo: Hch 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Sal 98 (97):1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 o 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 o Jn 17:11b-19

SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Quinto Domingo de Pascua
Lunes: San Felipa y Santiago
Miércoles: Cinco de Mayo
Jueves: Día Nacional de Oración
Viernes: Primer viernes

No amemos solamente de palabra;
amemos de verdad y con las obras.
1 Juan 3:18

Confirmation Today:

Sunday, May 2nd 6pm

Bishop Barron will be coming to
celebrate the Mass
7 Adults and 26 Youth



Confirmación hoy

Domingo 2 de mayo 6pm

Monseñor Barron vendrá a
celebrar la misa
7 adultos y 26 jóvenes



Congratulations to our newly baptized and to those who received First Communion
May you always know the Peace of Jesus
the light of His love and the joy of His life



Yaretzi Amezcua
Victoria Delgado
Alexander Beltran
Christopher Beltran
Sofia Cruz
Benjamin Escamilla

Stephanie Flores
Jimena Guerrero
Anthony Hernandez
Javier Hernandez Jr.
Joel Hernandez
Logan Hernandez

Elian Ornelas
Eduardo Ponce
Aaliyah Romero
Xochill Sanchez
Evan Winter



Congratulations to our
newly confirmed

"Wishing you all the joy and
happiness in the world!
Thank God for this opportunity
to celebrate you and
your faith!"



Felicitaciones a nuestro
recién confirmado

"Deseando toda la alegría y
felicidad en el mundo!
¡Gracias a Dios por esta
oportunidad de celebrarte
a ti y a tu fe!"

Bryant Avalos
Josemaria Calderon
Yahir Calderon
Christian Cruz
Ailyn Flores
Cristofer Garcia
Zayreth Guardado
Marcos Guerrero
Clare Hennigan
Arturo Hernandez
Belen Hernandez
Axel Jimenez

Giovanni Jimenez
Osvaldo Jimenez
Hernan Jungo
Junior Lopez
Nicolas Mejia
Lesley Mercado
Angel Ortiz
Jacinta Quackenbush
Vanessa Ramirez
Karl Rubio
Jose Salgado
Anne Shields

Daniel Tovar
Eric Vallejo
Sergio Vejar
Alexandra Velez
Ernesto Velez
Priscilla Alvarez
Lindsay Boubel
Taylor Boubel
Angel Esperanza
Salma Hernandez
Max Piñeda
Chelsea Vivian

PARISH STAFF & PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor, Father Kirk Davis, O.S.A.	805-646-4338 X105	frkirk@stacojai.org
Associate Pastor, Fernando Lopez, O.S.A.	805-646-4338 X103	frfernando@stacojai.org
Deacon Phil Nelson	805-276-3799	deaconphil@stacojai.org
Parish Office/Bookkeeper, Kathleen Lansing	805-646-4338 X101	office@stacojai.org
Religious Education, Aina Yates	805-646-4338 X111	aina@stacojai.org
R.C.I.A., Sr. Rachel Yourgules	805-646-4338 X110	rachelheartsup@aol.com
Bulletin Editor, Rubeena Estrada	805-646-4338 X109	bulletin@stacojai.org
Facilities & Grounds, Max Pineda	805-646-4338 X106	office@stacojai.org
Aquinas Center & Facility Rental	805-646-4338 X101	office@stacojai.org
Bereavement, Paula Clark	805-646-4338 X108	paulafclarke@yahoo.com
Communion to the Sick, Steve Barrack		stephenpbarrack@gmail.com
Family to Family, Marie Maier	805-646-5980	maminojai@gmail.com
Finance Council, Dan Reid	805-646-4338 X102	ojaireid@gmail.com
Liturgy Committee, Deacon Phil	805-276-3799	deaconphil@stacojai.org
Pastoral Council, Randy Wells	805-901-3623	
St Vincent de Pauls, Bonnie Patton	805-646-4338 X 104	
Share the Harvest, Tina Ford	805-645-4338 X 112	btford80@gmail.com

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please submit your bulletin requests to the office or by email to bulletin@stacojai.org by 3:00PM Friday

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

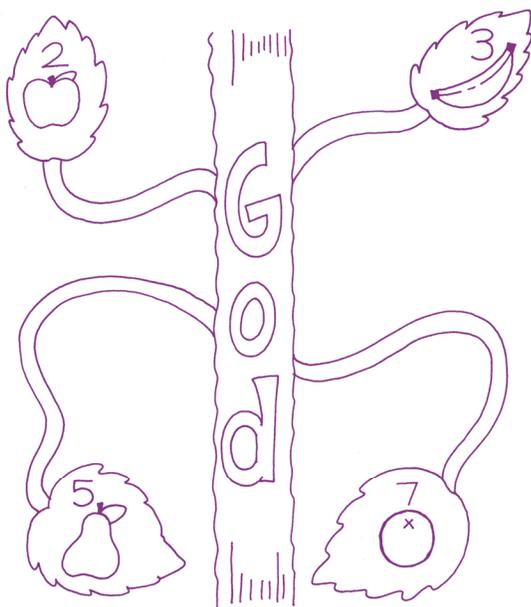
God is like a mighty vine, and we are like the branches that can grow from it and produce fruit!

This means that we can serve God in wonderful ways when we rely on God's help and strength.

Look at the number on each branch.

Draw that amount of fruit onto that branch.

Keep this as a chart, coloring in a piece of fruit each time you do something for the Lord!



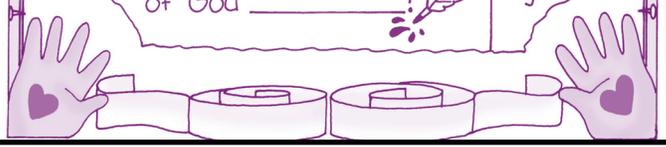
© J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. • 800-566-6150 • Year B • Fifth Sunday of Easter
Scripture excerpts from the New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970. Confidentiality of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, D.C. and are used by permission of the copyright owner. All rights reserved. No part of the New American Bible may be reproduced in any form without permission in writing from the copyright owner.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

A man named Saul changed his name to Paul when he became a follower of Jesus.

Notice how the two names rhyme. To finish this story about Paul, choose three sets of rhyming words to put in the blanks.

The followers of Jesus, Saul used to _____.	told bold
But Jesus appeared and set him _____.	love above
In Jerusalem it was Jesus' message Paul _____.	there everywhere
The way he spoke was very _____.	hate straight
Some wanted to kill Paul, so he left _____...	
To build up the church of God _____!	late gate



BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

DEN FRUTOS

Pocos de nosotros, incluso cuando meditamos sobre la imagen de la vid y los sarmientos, nos detenemos a pensar realmente acerca de cómo Dios nos “poda”. Para algunos, existe el peligro de pensar que ya estamos produciendo frutos para el reino, de verdad y con hechos como dice Juan, tal vez criando una familia, siendo activos en nuestra parroquia y así. Pero incluso aquellas ramas que están dando sus frutos, nos dice el Evangelio, se pueden podar para producir aún más. Hoy Saulo, recién “podado” por su conversión, llega a Jerusalén y encuentra resistencia. Ya que había estado persiguiendo a los cristianos, esto era natural. Pero incluso después de que lo aceptan y comienza a dar frutos, se encuentra con más adversidad, y sus cartas están llenas de muchos relatos de cómo sus pruebas eran “podas” para que produjera más frutos para el Reino. Al igual que él, siempre y cuando permanecemos en Cristo, vamos a seguir dando frutos y, cuando la voluntad del Padre, determine que es hora de que nos pode, la fuerza de la vid verdadera deberá permitirnos soportarlo.



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 01	5:00PM	Victoria Zapata †	By: Sr Barbara & Ana Luz
Sunday	May 02	9:30AM	Therese Montag †	By: Jeri Cook & Jane Advani
Monday	May 03	9:00AM	Maria Coscarelli †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	May 04	9:00AM	Therese Montag †	By: Dick & Cathy Sebek
Wednesday	May 05	9:00AM	Fr. Michael Hayden †	By: Quakenbush Family
Thursday	May 06	9:00AM	Josephine Nocero †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Friday	May 07	9:00AM	Margaret Hunt †	By: The Wood Family
Saturday	May 08	8:00AM	Esperanza Jefferson †	By: Sr. Barbara & Ana Luz

DID YOU KNOW?

“United Together in Prayer”

We ask you, as the People of God, to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

“A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse”

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord
Amen.

¿LO SABIAS?

“Unidos en oración”

Les pedimos, como Pueblo de Dios, que se unan en una oración especial por las víctimas de abuso sexual infantil. “Oración por la sanación de las víctimas de abuso” Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones, sana las heridas de tu pueblo y transforma su fragilidad en integridad.

Concedéndonos el valor y la sabiduría, la humildad y la gracia para actuar con justicia. Infunde sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y acciones. Permite que todos los que han sido lastimados por el abuso encuentren la paz en la justicia.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.
Amén.

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

TAREAS PEQUEÑAS

Cada pequeña tarea de la vida cotidiana es parte de la armonía total del universo.

—Santa Teresa de Lisieux

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY
Saturday, May 15, 2020

1st Thursday 9:30am to 10:30am Share the Harvest
 Pop up-Food share are the 2nd and 4th Monday 10:00am to 12:00pm
 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9:30am to 11:30am St Vincent de Paul's

We are very grateful for all the donations and for any money donated, which can be dropped off at the church office or put through the mail slot by the office door. Thank you to all who have helped and prayed for us in anyway.

The pantry is in much need of the following Items:
Canned foods: veggies, fruit, tuna, spam, chicken, ham...etc.
Paper towels, toilet paper, cereal of all kinds, pasta of all kinds, rice, beans, jam, jelly, peanut butter, crackers, soups. Baby products are also in need, Diapers of any size, Canned and non-perishable needed as well.

We need volunteers to help bag on "EVERY " Friday at 2:30PM before and help distribute on Saturday 9:30 AM.

Monies donations: Please make checks out to: "**ST VINCENT DE PAULS**" and place it in a **CLEARLY MARKED ENVELOPE** and drop off your envelope at the church office.

Thank you to everyone for volunteering and all the hard work that you do.

NEED DONATIONS and VOLUNTEERS

Bonnie (805) 646-4338 X104



Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here:
www.jspaluch.com/subscribe

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc. 



Protecting **Seniors** Nationwide

24SEVEN Medical Alert System

\$29.95/MO. billed quarterly

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608



ONE PARISH

Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!

Download Our Free App or Visit
www.MY.ONEPARISH.com



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES & MORTUARIES

EVERLASTING FAITH. EVERLASTING LIFE.

A ministry of the Church serving the faithful.

Learn about our 11 locations in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties

CatholicCM.org

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America
 Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.
 Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com
 www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

TOP GUN
 BUILDERS
 "We Aim To Please"
 805-646-8209
 www.topgunojai.com Lic # 536193



Family Owned Since 1911
JOSEPH P. REARDON FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE
 Funerals, Cremations Preplanning
 Funeral Directors
 Michael K. Boyko
 Joseph H. "Jay" Ryba
 757 MAIN STREET VENTURA
 805-643-8623
 www.reardonfuneral.com

Life Matters
 For more information go to
www.usccb.org/respectlife

ACE MEINERS OAKS HARDWARE (805) 646-7234
 121 E. El Roblar Drive Ojai, CA 93023

MEGILLIVRAY
 CONSTRUCTION, INC.

FINDaPARISH.com
 Check It Out Today!

The Most Complete Online National Directory of Catholic Parishes

If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!
 24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!
 ✓ Ambulance ✓ Police ✓ Fire ✓ Friends/Family
 Solutions as Low as \$19.95 a month
 FREE Shipping FREE Activation NO Long Term Contracts
 CALL NOW! 800.809.3352
 "I have peace of mind... Mom remains independent."
 MDMedAlert
 Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!
 GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection Nationwide, No Land Line Needed EASY Set-up, NO Contract 24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers

Thank You

Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!

Grow Your Business, Advertise Here. Support Your Church & Bulletin. Free professional ad design & my help!
 email: berryd@jspaluch.com

Call Debbie Berry
 800.231.0805

www.jspaluch.com

Frontier Paint
 Complete Line Of Residential And Commercial Paint, Tools and Supplies
FRONTIER PAINT
 227 Baldwin Road, Ojai, CA 93023
 (805) 646-0459

A Stroke of Brilliance...
 Ojai, Ventura

Support the Advertisers That Support Our Community

catholicmatch®
 California
 CatholicMatch.com/myCA

MENDEZ ROOFING CO INC
 Over 30 Years Experiences • Call for free estimates
 NEW ROOFS • RE-ROOFS • ROOF REPAIRS | SHINGLES • TILES • GUTTERS • METAL ROOFING • DOWNSPOUTS
QUALITY ROOFING AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD
 Liability Insured • Bonded • Workers' Comp St Lic #599538
 Mendezroofingcoinc@gmail.com (805) 642-6111

Alfonso Mendez