

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH



JESUS SAID,  
"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;  
I KNOW THEM,  
AND THEY FOLLOW ME."

JOHN 10:27

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MAY 8, 2022



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## REFLECTIONS & READINGS

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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**Saturday:** Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**Tuesday:** St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila

**Thursday:** Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

**Friday:** Our Lady of Fatima

**Saturday:** St. Matthias

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

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### A FORETASTE OF PARADISE

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a "great multitude" worshiping God "day and night in his temple." Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

### Reflection question:

How can I listen more closely to the voice of the Good Shepherd?

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



### A GARDENER'S CREED

One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.

—Anonymous

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Do not feel totally, personally, irrevocably responsible for everything . . . That's my job.

—God

# ST THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH

## Did you know?

May 7- 8

Know who to call in California

If you suspect a child is being abused, it is important to know who to call with your information. In California, the agency that handles child abuse tips is the Department of Social Services — Division of Children and Family Services. Anyone who suspects abuse can call this department, local law enforcement agencies, or the California hotline at 916-445-2771. For more information, please visit [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/Abuse\\_Reporting.cfm#CA](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/Abuse_Reporting.cfm#CA).

## “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.

## Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

### Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times an over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: “Never again war!” “With war everything is lost”. Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brothers or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words “division”, “hatred” and “war” be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be “brother” and “sisters”.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us

Our Lady Queen of peace, pray for us

From famine and war in the Ukraine and throughout the world, deliver us.

Amen

St Vincent de Paul Pantry

May 21, 2022

Saturday, 9:00AM

*Happy  
Mother's Day!*



## MOTHER LOVE

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

—Chinese proverb

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FOR THE ANNUAL  
MASS AT SERRA CROSS  
SANTA MISA A LA SERRA CRUZ  
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GRANT PARK, VENTURA  
SATURDAY/SÁBADO, MAY 7, 2022

7:30 a.m. WALK BEGINS IN THE GARDEN  
AT SAN BUENAVENTURA MISSION  
PRAY THE ROSARY AS WE WALK TO SERRA CROSS

8:00 a.m. MASS CELEBRATED AT SERRA CROSS  
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## LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

Today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles is one of several turning points in the self-understanding of the early Church. Paul evokes the image of “A light to the Gentiles.” Some thought that Gentiles, non-Jews, were somehow marginal in God's eyes. The Gentiles in Paul's audience rejoice, because they now see that they are not “second class” members of God's family, but fully part of God's beloved people. The story continues by noting the resistance from those who enjoy “first class” status in the community, as inclusion of the Gentiles was perceived as a threat to their self-image and privilege.

The book of Acts continues to challenge today's societies, churches, and organizations. Luke's vision of God's family, united as equal heirs to the Kingdom of God, confronts our many barriers of wealth, race, gender, and much more. We are invited to give witness to this vision in our life together as the Church.

Our reading from the Book of Revelation presents the image of God's people before God's throne, wearing robes that are washed white in the blood of the Lamb. A robe, especially when worn in God's presence, is meant to express the real truth about the person. A white robe indicates their purity. The washing in the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) suggests that the people have met much suffering, and in some manner, have participated in the suffering of Jesus.

These passages were written to a people experiencing great tribulations in living their faith. But the author of Revelation does not suggest that anyone should seek out suffering for its own sake. He does not make suffering somehow a necessary entry pass for salvation. Our sufferings come from many sources, and suffering is a profound mystery. The image of washing in blood suggests that God is present within our suffering. God accompanies our suffering, leads us toward refreshment, and will wipe every tear from our eyes.



## REFLEXIONES Y LECTURAS

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera Lectura** — Los judíos rechazaron airados la predicación de Pablo y de Bernabé. Luego concentraron sus energías en los gentiles (Hch 13:14, 43-52).

**Salmo** — Nosotros somos su pueblo y ovejas de su rebaño (Salmo 100 [99]).

**Segunda lectura** — Juan tiene la visión de una multitud en vestiduras blancas ante el trono y ante el Cordero (Apocalipsis 7:9, 14b-17).

**Evangelio** — Mis ovejas conocen mi voz; ellas me siguen. Yo les doy vida eterna (Juan 10:27-30).

### LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

<b>Domingo:</b>	Cuarto Domingo de Pascua; Día de las Madres; Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones
<b>Martes:</b>	San Damiano José de Veuster; San Juan de Ávila
<b>Jueves:</b>	Santos Nereo y Aquileo; San Pancracio
<b>Viernes:</b>	Nuestra Señora de Fátima
<b>Sábado:</b>	San Matías, apóstol

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Lunes:</b>	Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
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### UN ANTICIPO DEL PARAÍSO

Durante todo el tiempo de Pascua, la Iglesia se alegra con Jesús, quien resucitó de la muerte. Nuestras lecturas para este Cuarto Domingo de Pascua celebran nuestra intuición de reunirnos alegremente, celebrando el culto en la Iglesia. Mientras que la oración privada alimenta nuestra relación con el Señor, la oración comunitaria es un anticipo del paraíso. El libro del Apocalipsis describe "una gran multitud" adorando a Dios "día y noche en su templo". Nuestras parroquias, el domingo de Pascua frecuentemente muestran a esta multitud alegre, llenando las bancas a rebosar. Cuatro domingos después del inicio del tiempo festivo, se nos anima a seguir juntos alabando a Dios. En el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pablo y Bernabé demuestran su intuición de adorar con su comunidad de fe cada sábado, ocupando obedientemente sus lugares en la sinagoga. En el Evangelio, Jesús nos llama sus ovejas y nos recuerda por qué es tan importante reunirse como rebaño: uniéndose en comunidad, imitamos la unidad de Dios.

### INTENCIONES DE MISA DIARIAS

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### Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Cómo puedo escuchar más atentamente la voz del Buen Pastor?

### ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua  
Dios todopoderoso y eterno,  
te pedimos que nos llesves a gozar de las alegrías celestiales,  
para que tu rebaño,  
a pesar de su fragilidad,  
llegue también a donde lo precedió su glorioso Pastor.  
Él, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo  
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.



### LO NECESARIO

La gracia es necesaria para la salvación, e igualmente el libre albedrío; pero la gracia da la salvación, y el libre albedrío la recibe.  
—San Bernardo

### MEJOR QUE MILAGROS

Sufrir por amor a Dios es mejor que obrar milagros.  
—San Juan de la Cruz

# NOTICIAS DE LA IGLESIA DE SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO

## ¿Sabías que? Mayo 07–Mayo 08

Sepa a quién llamar en California  
Si sospecha que un niño está siendo abusado, es importante saber a quién llamar con su información. En California, la agencia que maneja las denuncias de abuso infantil es el Departamento de Servicios Sociales, División de Servicios para Niños y Familias. Cualquier persona que sospeche de abuso puede llamar a este departamento, a las agencias policiales locales o a la línea directa de California al 916-445-2771. Para obtener más información, visite [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/Abuse\\_Reporting.cfm#CA](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/Abuse_Reporting.cfm#CA).

### “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. Concédenos 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.

### Oración del Papa Francisco por la Paz

Señor, Dios de paz, escucha nuestra súplica. Hemos intentado muchas veces y durante muchos años resolver nuestros conflictos con nuestras fuerzas, y también con nuestras armas; tantos momentos de hostilidad y de oscuridad; tanta sangre derramada; tantas vidas destrozadas; tantas esperanzas abatidas... pero nuestros esfuerzos han sido en vano. ahora, Señor, ayúdanos tú. Danos tú la paz, enséñanos tú la paz, guíanos tú hacia la paz. abre nuestros ojos y nuestros corazones, y danos la valentía para decir: «¡Nunca más la guerra!»; «con la guerra, todo queda destruido». Infúndenos el valor de llevar a cabo gestos concretos para construir la paz. Señor, Dios de Abraham y los Profetas, Dios amor que nos has creado y nos llamas a vivir como hermanos, danos la fuerza para ser cada día artesanos de la paz; danos la capacidad de mirar con benevolencia a todos los hermanos que encontramos en nuestro camino. Haznos disponibles para escuchar el clamor de nuestros ciudadanos que nos piden transformar nuestras armas en instrumentos de paz, nuestros temores en confianza y nuestras tensiones en perdón. mantén encendida en nosotros la llama de la esperanza para tomar con paciente perseverancia opciones de diálogo y reconciliación, para que finalmente triunfe la paz. y que sean desterradas del corazón de todo hombre estas palabras: división, odio, guerra. Señor, desarma la lengua y las manos, renuevalos corazones y las mentes, para que la palabra que nos lleva al encuentro sea siempre “hermanos”, y “hermanas”. Nuestra Señora de Fátima, ruega por nosotros, Nuestra Señora del Rosario, ruega por nosotros, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, ruega por nosotros, Libranos del hambre y la guerra en Ucrania y el mundo entero Amén

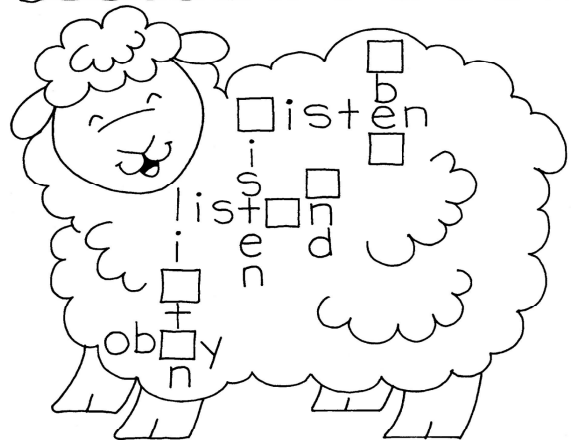
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*Feliz Día  
de las Madres*

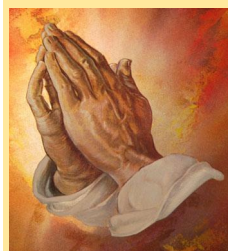


Jesus told his disciples that his sheep hear and follow him (John 10:27-30).  
When Jesus speaks to us in our hearts we should do what it says below.  
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listen and obey



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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF  
OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual  
Light shine upon them. May the souls of all the  
faithful departed, through The mercy O God,  
rest in peace

**POR FAVOR, OREN POR LOS DIFUNTOS DE NUESTRO  
FAMILIA PARROQUIAL**

Concédeles el descanso eterno, Oh Señor, y que perpetezca  
La luz brilla sobre ellos. Que las almas de todos los fieles partieron,  
a través de La misericordia oh Dios, descansa en paz





How does a man come to realize that God has called him to the priesthood? In this upcoming film from Word on Fire, Fr Stephen Gadberry presents his life's journey to the priesthood

From his Arkansas upbringing, to his military experience, through his vocational ascent, Fr Gadberry shares his trials, tragedy, and ultimate joy, answering Christ's call to engage the culture and spread the Gospel message.

Watch the brand-new trailer on you tube,  
Premieres on Tuesday, May 24th!



### PRAY THE ROSARY

Come join us as we pray the rosary every Friday after the 9:00 AM morning Mass. We meet in the chapel and begin the rosary after the exposition. Everyone is invited to pray with us to the Blessed Mother.



### REZA EL ROSARIO

Únase a nosotros mientras rezamos el rosario todos los viernes después de las 9:00 a.m. Misa matutina. Nos reunimos en la capilla y comenzamos el rosario después de la exposición. Todos están invitados a orar con nosotros a la Santísima Madre.

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**8 de mayo de 2022**

### Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

El pasaje de hoy de los Hechos de los Apóstoles es uno de los varios puntos de inflexión en la auto comprensión de la Iglesia primitiva. Pablo evoca la imagen de "Una luz para los gentiles". Algunos pensaban que los gentiles, los no judíos, eran de alguna manera marginales a los ojos de Dios. Los gentiles de la audiencia de Pablo se alegran, porque ahora ven que no son miembros de "segunda clase" de la familia de Dios, sino que forman parte plenamente del pueblo amado de Dios. El relato continúa señalando la resistencia de

los que gozan del estatus de "primera clase" en la comunidad, ya que la inclusión de los gentiles se percibe como una amenaza a su propia imagen y privilegio.

El libro de los Hechos sigue desafiando a las sociedades, iglesias y organizaciones actuales. La visión de Lucas de la familia de Dios, unida como herederos iguales del Reino de Dios, se enfrenta a nuestras muchas barreras de riqueza, raza, género y mucho más. Estamos invitados a dar testimonio de esta visión en nuestra vida en común como Iglesia.

### ROPA BLANCA

Nuestra lectura del Apocalipsis presenta la imagen del pueblo de Dios ante el trono de Dios, vistiendo túnicas blancas lavadas en la sangre del Cordero. Una túnica, especialmente cuando se lleva en la presencia de Dios, debe expresar la verdad real de la persona. Una túnica blanca indica su pureza. El lavado en la sangre del Cordero (Jesús) sugiere que el pueblo ha encontrado mucho sufrimiento, y de alguna manera, ha participado en el sufrimiento de Jesús.

Estos pasajes fueron escritos a un pueblo que experimentaba grandes tribulaciones al vivir su fe. Pero el autor del Apocalipsis no sugiere que nadie deba buscar el sufrimiento por sí mismo. No hace que el sufrimiento sea de alguna manera un pase de entrada necesario para la salvación. Nuestros sufrimientos provienen de muchas fuentes, y el sufrimiento es un profundo misterio. La imagen del lavado con sangre sugiere que Dios está presente en nuestro sufrimiento. Dios acompaña nuestro sufrimiento, nos conduce hacia el descanso y enjugará toda lágrima de nuestros ojos.

Lecturas de hoy: Hch 13:14, 43-52; Sal 100 (99):1-2, 3, 5; Ap 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

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