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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

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Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

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Of the Blessed Sacrament
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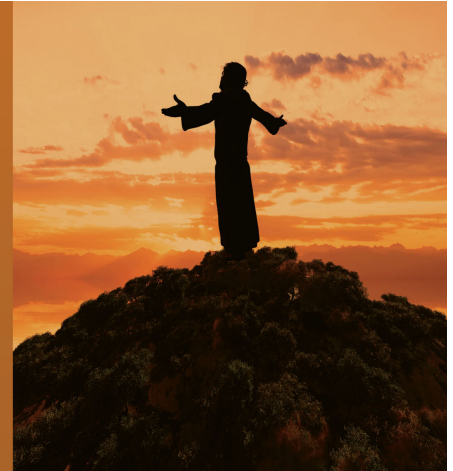
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English: Dn. Phil Nelson
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Church open Mon-Sat
10AM-4PM

Jesus said,
"I say to you,
you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the
netherworld shall not
prevail against it."

MATTHEW 16:18



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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KEEP CALM
and
STOP THE
SPREAD
Protect against
COVID-19



August 23, 2020
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Fr. Kirks Message August 23, 2020

Every year we Augustinians look forward to the end of the summer and the twin celebrations of the Feast of St. Monica and the Solemnity of St. Augustine.

This year is no different...though perhaps we're feeling even more grateful than usual at having such rich traditions to celebrate in the midst of the pandemic.

We will be remembering these Augustinian saints with the community at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. The Feast of St. Monica will be celebrated on Thursday, August 27 at our 9AM Mass.

The Solemnity of St. Augustine will be celebrated both Friday, August 28 also at our 9AM Mass, and we will also be celebrating St. Augustine at all of our Sunday liturgies next weekend. Please plan on joining us as we honor our spiritual father and his mother. We will be offering our regular Mass schedule, and we will also livestream on Sunday at 10:30 in English, and at 12:30 in Spanish. I hope many of you are able to participate.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Mensaje del Padre Kirk.

23 de Agosto de 2020

Cada año los agustinos esperamos con alegría el final del verano y las celebraciones gemelas de la fiesta de Santa Mónica y la solemnidad de San Agustín. Este año no es diferente... aunque tal vez nos sentimos aún más agradecidos de lo habitual por tener tradiciones tan ricas para celebrar en medio de la pandemia.

Recordaremos a estos santos agustinos con la comunidad en la Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino. La fiesta de Santa Mónica se celebrará el jueves 27 de agosto en nuestra misa de las 9 a.m. La solemnidad de San Agustín se celebrará el viernes 28 de agosto también en nuestra misa de las 9 a. m., y también celebraremos San Agustín en todas nuestras liturgias dominicales el próximo fin de semana. Por favor, unirse a nosotros al honrar a nuestro padre espiritual y a su madre.

Estaremos ofreciendo nuestro horario regular de misa, y también transmitiremos en vivo el domingo a las 10:30 en inglés, y a las 12:30 en español. Espero que muchos de ustedes puedan participar.

La paz de Dios,
P. Kirk



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	Aug 22	5:00 PM	For the health and safety of our student returning to school
Sunday	Aug 23	9:30 AM	Paul Richard Hernandez-Mauricio ☀ By: Pizaña Family
Monday	Aug 24	9:00 AM	Fred Harnsberger † By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Aug 25	9:00 AM	Shirley Kara † By: Small Group
Wednesday	Aug 26	9:00 AM	Jose Valladares † By: Guardado Family
Thursday	Aug 27	9:00 AM	John Nocero † By: Charles Coscarelli
Friday	Aug 28	9:00 AM	Mario Valladares By: Guardado Family
Saturday	Aug 29	8:00 AM	Luis Hernandez † By: Guardado Family



Simon Peter said to Jesus,
**“You are the Christ,
 the Son of the
 living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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When Jesus says to Peter “whatever you bind” or “whatever you loose” in today’s Gospel, he describes a distinct power that emerges from Peter’s faith in Jesus. The capacity to bind or to loose suggests a new ability, both to restrain or block forces that harm the community of faith, and also to release or liberate energies that strengthen the community.

It might be helpful to observe, within your own parish or faith community, where God might be working now. Perhaps you can see persons and groups working to restrain toxic forces of resentment or fear. You might see those who are releasing new energies, and empowering the faithful to care for their neighbors. When we are grounded in a prayerful trust relationship with Jesus, we can receive this power to participate in God’s work, to bind and to loose.

AWE AND PRAISE

In today’s passage from Romans, Paul concludes his complex reflections on the Jewish people, the emerging Gentile churches, and God’s work among them. Paul has struggled to

understand the responses of both the Jewish and Gentile communities, with their mix of acceptance and rejection of Jesus. He warns the Roman church to avoid any sense of superiority over Jews or non-Christian Gentiles, for everyone is in need of God’s mercy. Paul acknowledges the limits of his understanding, and gives way to prayers of awe and praise. He concludes by marveling at the limitless mercy of God, whose designs are ultimately mysterious.

Sometimes our own prayer can be like that of Paul. In conversation with God, we try to make sense of life, especially its difficulties. The full truth of what’s going on in our lives or in our world eludes us, and so we work humbly with the truth that we can understand. If we believe our mysterious God is indeed trustworthy, we can open our hearts in praise, and allow God to shape our lives.

Today’s Readings: Is 22:19–23; Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 6, 8;
 Rom 11:33–36; Mt 16:13–20

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THE TRUE MEASURE

When I die, God won’t measure my head to
 see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to
 see how loving I was.
 —Anonymous



LA VERDADERA MEDIDA

Quando yo muera, Dios no medirá mi cabeza
 para ver cuán listo yo fui. Dios medirá mi corazón para
 ver cuánto amor di.
 —Anónimo

READINGS OF THE WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).
Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).
Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).
Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bartholomew
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday: St. Monica
Friday: St. Augustine
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Pondré en sus manos la llave de la Casa de David (Isaías 22:19-23).
Salmo — Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente; obra tuya soy, no me abandones (Salmo 138 [137]).
Segunda lectura — Los designios de Dios son impenetrables, no se pueden comprender sus caminos (Romanos 11:33-36).
Evangelio — Tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo (Mateo 16:13-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145 (144):10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Martes: 2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Miércoles: 2 Tes 3:6-10, 16-18; Sal 124 (123):1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Jueves: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145 (144):2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Viernes: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:14-30
Sábado: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33 (32):12-13, 18-21; Mc 6:17-29
Domingo: Jer 20:7-9; Sal 63 (62):2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Bartolomé
Martes: San Luis de Francia; San José de Calasanz
Jueves: Santa Mónica
Viernes: San Agustín
Sábado: El martirio de san Juan Bautista



St Joseph's Chapel

"St. Joseph's Chapel is still closed to the general public due to Covid 19 protocols in Ventura County. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of our residents. Thank you for your understanding. Please continue to go to your Parish for Mass and other sacramental ministry. We continue to remember you in our thoughts and prayers. . I am also available by phone, text, email or face time for spiritual dialogues for those desiring this.

Many blessings,
Fr. Peter

Capilla de San José

"La Capilla de San José sigue cerrada al público en general debido a los protocolos de Covid 19 en el condado de Ventura. Estamos comprometidos con la seguridad y el bienestar de nuestros residentes. Gracias por su comprensión. Por favor, continúen yendo a su Parroquia para la Misa y otro ministerio sacramental. Seguimos recordándolos en nuestros pensamientos y oraciones. . También estoy disponible por teléfono, texto, correo electrónico o tiempo de cara para diálogos para aquellos que desean esto.

Muchas bendiciones, P. Peter

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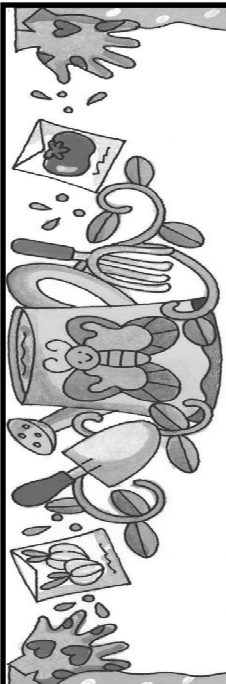
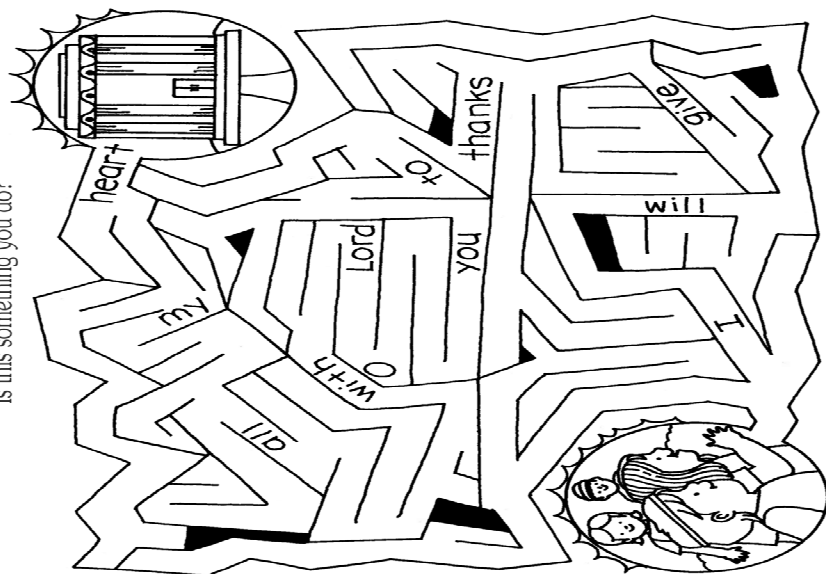
Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of,
June Connely, loving grandmother of Crystal Connely

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

Please keep June and her family, friends in your daily prayers.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

God loves and listens to us.
 Help the children find their way to the temple to worship.
 Read the words of praise from Psalm 138:1 as you travel.
 Is this something you do?





Saint Bonaventure High School Accepting Applications for 2020-2021

Saint Bonaventure High School is accepting applications for incoming 9th graders and transfer students for the 2020-2021 school year. Prospective families are able to take a virtual tour of the campus by visiting the school website at www.saintbonaventure.com

For more information regarding the SBHS admissions process, contact David Palomares at dpalomares@sbhsvta.org or 648-6836 x124.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

	Monthly (Mar 2019)	Monthly (April 2020)	Monthly (May 2020)	Monthly (June 2020)	Fiscal Year 19/20 (7/1/19-6/30/2020)	
Unrestricted Income*	\$39,884	\$39,066	\$25,337	\$31,971	\$102,030	* Unrestricted income includes: plate and envelope collections, online giving, donations, fundraisers, etc. ** Restricted income includes: sales from Parish Thrift Store (supports Religious Education) and the Building Fund
Restricted Income**	\$7,899	\$3,722	-\$6,514	\$3,235	\$534,323	
Expenses	\$58,789	\$42,788	\$55,315	\$50,750	\$627,216	The Finance Committee apologizes for the absence of financial status reports the last few months. This is
Net	-\$11,066	\$8,485	-\$36,492	-\$15,544	\$9,038	

the first report since February 2020. The table above indicates the financial status through June 30, 2020 and represents annual totals for Fiscal Year 19/20. The LA Archdiocese and the parish were able to secure a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) grant of \$37,990 that became available in late April early May. This grant was fully utilized for staff salaries and other eligible expenses in May and June. With this grant and withdrawals totaling \$75,000 from the parish Investment Pool, the annual balance of \$9,038 was achieved.

In comparison to last Fiscal Year (19/20), the income was significantly lower this fiscal year than last and expenses were also significantly lower. Due to cessation of services to prevent COVID-19 infections and changes in the parish telephone system, utility costs were significantly lower this year. Unfortunately, COVID-19 disrupted more than just the masses as all fundraising activities (St. Patrick's Day dinner, Festival, etc.) as well as Aquinas Hall rentals were suspended starting in March 2020. This reduced revenue by an estimate of more than \$40,000. Parishioner contributions were strong throughout the year including approximately \$40,000 donated to the Building Fund. We are extremely grateful to the Parishioners for their ongoing support during these challenging times.

The Together in Mission 2020 pledges and contributions are still below the goal by 26% and below last year at this time by more than 10%. If you have not done so we request that you please consider participating at whatever level you feel comfortable as soon as possible. The parish office can assist you if you have lost your pledge envelope.

The Fiscal Year 20/21 budget has been submitted to the Los Angeles Archdiocese. In order to balance projected expenses without further dipping into reserves, it is necessary for all contributions and donations to remain consistent and slightly higher if possible. We are also praying that services and events may be restored in this Fiscal Year God willing.

God Bless

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

— Matthew 16:19

"Todo lo que ates en la tierra quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desates en la tierra quedará desatado en el cielo".

— Mateo 16:19

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FAMILIES

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY
The next pantry will be September 19, 2020

St Vincent de Paul's Pantry will be open and distributing to our customers, drive up, open your trunk and pre-bagged groceries will be placed in your car.
St Vincent de Paul's Pantry is always on the **3rd Saturday of each month.**

St. Vincent de Paul's pantry is also running food share this **Monday, August 17th at 10:00AM-12:00PM**
For everyone's safety boxes are place in the trunk of your car.
Share the Harvest is also available on the **1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM**
Thank you all the volunteers and supporters, all your help is go graciously appreciated.

The pantry is in much need of the following Items:
Canned meats: 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, especially in need of size #3 Canned and non-perishable needed as well.

We need volunteers to help bag on the Friday at 2:30PM before and help distribute on Saturday 7:30 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.

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