

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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English 5:00PM & Spanish 6:30PM

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

WEEKDAYS  
M-F 9:00AM  
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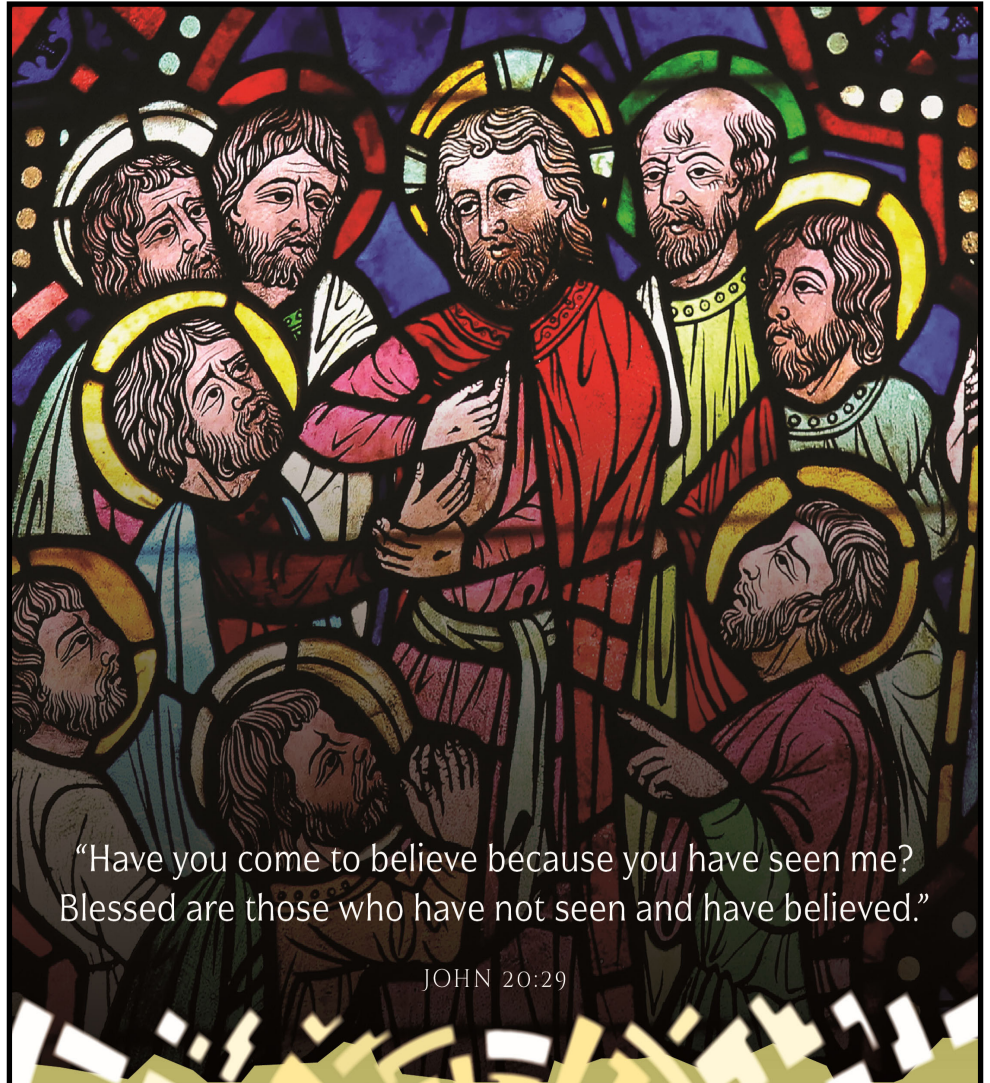
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English: Dn. Phil Nelson  
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Church open Mon-Sat  
10AM-4PM



“Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

SECOND  
SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

	Monthly (Dec 2020)	Monthly (Jan 2021)	Fiscal Year 20/21 (7/1/2020- 1/31/2021)
Unrestricted Income*	\$34,727	\$26,328	\$222,099
Restricted Income**	\$2,053	\$2,511	\$144,451
Expenses	\$27,823	\$27,651	\$267,293
Net	\$8,957	\$1,188	\$99,257

**St. Thomas Aquinas  
Financial Status- January 2021**

\* Unrestricted income includes: plate and envelope collections, online giving, donations, fundraisers, etc.

\*\* Restricted income includes: The Building Fund, Religious Education, and donations with specific use designations by the donor.

The table above indicates the financial status through January 31, 2021 and represents annual totals for Fiscal Year 20/21.

The Parish was blessed to receive a large donation in September from the estate of a previous parishioner. However, this donation is earmarked for the support of evangelization and is not available to be utilized for operational expenses and the positive balance year to date is attributed to this donation.

The comparison of donations through service collections, the mail and online donations are comparable to last Fiscal Year (19/20). However, special services such as Baptisms, Funerals, etc. as well as the ability to use Aquinas Hall for rentals are below last year or completely shut down in the instance of the Hall. With ongoing COVID restrictions, it is unlikely that any significant rental income will be realized this Fiscal Year, but with vaccinations increasing, the Parish is beginning to book events late Summer and early Fall.

The Contingency Fund, invested with a fund managed by the Los Angeles Archdiocese, was showing losses the Spring and Summer of 2020 but has rebounded in alignment with overall growth in the Stock Market. The Parish has been able to hold off on utilization of this funding as a result of good fiscal management and control of expenses during the first eight months, but has taken a distribution in February. With the growth of the investments this distribution has come from this growth and has not had to utilize the fund principal.

Parish Administration realizes these are very challenging times, but if it is possible to increase your contributions, even slightly, this will greatly assist the Parish meet its expenses and reduce the need for withdrawals from the Parish Contingency Fund.

God Bless



**DOUBT**

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

**LA DUDA**

El deseo de ser capaz de demostrar la existencia de una divinidad tiene a la humanidad con problemas desde que por primera vez se hizo consciente de lo divino. Hasta el día de hoy nos gusta decir que un sinnúmero de cosas, desde puestas de sol hasta los helados de crema de chocolate, son “pruebas de que hay Dios”. Estamos tan atrapados en la historia de “Tomás el incrédulo” que no nos damos cuenta de que el Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece el relato de Juan acerca de Pentecostés, el descenso del Espíritu Santo sobre los discípulos después de la Resurrección. Tomás, evidentemente, se perdió no solo de ver a Cristo resucitado, sino también de recibir el Espíritu Santo. Esto no se debe tomar a la ligera y, quizás, hace que la incredulidad de Tomás sea un poco más fácil de comprender. También hace que su profesión de fe en que Jesús es su Señor y su Dios —la única vez que en el Nuevo Testamento hay una referencia explícita a Jesucristo como “Dios”— sea más notable.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalms** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**S AINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
- Monday:** Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
- Tuesday:** St. Martin I
- Thursday:** Income Tax Day

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — La comunidad de los creyentes compartía todo con el mismo amor (Hechos 4:32-35).

**Salmo** — La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).

**Segunda lectura** — Si alguien cree que Jesús es el Enviado, ése ha nacido de Dios (1 Juan 5:1-6).

**Evangelio** — Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

- Lunes:** Hch 4:23-31; Sal 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Martes:** Hch 4:32-37; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Miércoles:** Hch 5:17-26; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Jueves:** Hch 5:27-33; Sal 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Viernes:** Hch 5:34-42; Sal 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Sábado:** Hch 6:1-7; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Domingo:** Hch 3:13-15, 17-19; Sal 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lc 24:35-48

**SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES**

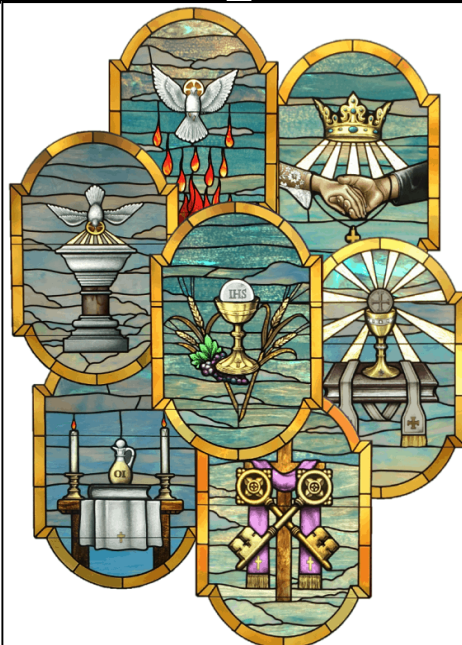
- Domingo:** Segundo Domingo de Pascua (Domingo de la Divina Misericordia); Pascua en el calendario juliano
- Lunes:** Comienza Ramadán (el mes musulmán de ayuno)
- Martes:** San Martín I
- Jueves:** Día de los Impuestos

SAVE THE DATES

First Communion:  
Saturday, May 1st 10am

Confirmation:  
Sunday, May 2nd 6pm

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



GUARDAR LAS FECHAS

Primera Comuni3n:  
S3bado 1 de mayo 10am

confirmaci3n:  
Domingo 2 de mayo 6pm

Monseñor Barron vendr3 a celebrar la misa  
7 adultos y 26 j3venes



## DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

TODAY 3:00PM

Saint Faustina Kowalska 1905-1938, in Poland she was a Sister in the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

She was personally visited by Jesus. He appeared with a red and light shining. He said "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.

In 2000, Pope John Paul Declared the first Sunday after Easter will be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please join us for one hour of prayer on this special day.



## DIVINA MISERICORDIA HORA SANTA

HOY 3:00 PM

Santa Faustina Kowalska 1905-1938, en Polonia fue Hermana en la Congregación de Hermanas de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia. Ella fue visitada personalmente por Jesús. Él apareció con un rojo y una luz brillante.

Él dijo: "Prometo que el alma que venerará esta imagen no perecerá.

En 2000, el Papa Juan Pablo declaró que el primer domingo después de Pascua se conocerá como el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia.

Por favor, únase a nosotros para una hora de oración en este día especial.

## FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs – poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy – in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

## FIESTA DE LA FE

Las lecturas

La primera lectura, excepto durante la Pascua, siempre se toma del Antiguo Testamento. Durante los cincuenta días de la Pascua, la primera lectura se toma del libro de Los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Esto tiene como fin el poner de "relieve la unidad de ambos Testamentos y de la historia de la salvación" (IGMR 57). Así pues, no está permitido, bajo ninguna circunstancia, cambiar los textos bíblicos, incluyendo el Salmo Responsorial, por textos no bíblicos. La vinculación entre la primera lectura y el Evangelio es vital, pues ambas tienen el mismo tema de fondo. La segunda lectura, por su parte, sigue su propio ritmo, más no por eso está desvinculada o debe desvincularse de la primera lectura y del Evangelio. Puesto que se trata de la Palabra de Dios, la proclamación de ambas lecturas, así como el canto del Salmo Responsorial, debe hacerse desde el ámbón. La proclamación corresponde a ministros laicos, pues este ministerio no es de quien preside, sino de quienes celebran junto con él, el pueblo de Dios. No obstante, el Evangelio sí es de oficio presidencial y ha de proclamarse por el diácono o el presbítero.

## CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

—St. Augustine



## CRISTO ESTÁ AQUÍ

Cristo se apartó de nuestra vista para que volvíamos a nuestro corazón, y allí encontrarlo. Porque se fue, y he aquí, está aquí.

—San Agustín

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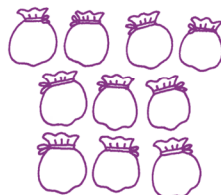
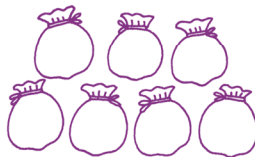
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Please submit your bulletin requests to the office or by email to [bulletin@stacojai.org](mailto:bulletin@stacojai.org) by 3:00PM Friday

**GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN**

The community of believers wanted to share with one another.  
 They sold their land and houses and gave the money  
 to the apostles to share with those in need.  
 We need to have sharing spirits, too!  
 Look at the numbers on the doors of the houses.  
 Then draw a line from each house to that same number of coin bags.

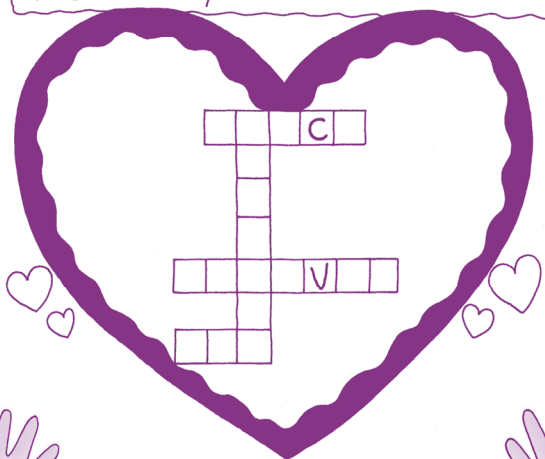


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**Second Sunday of Easter**

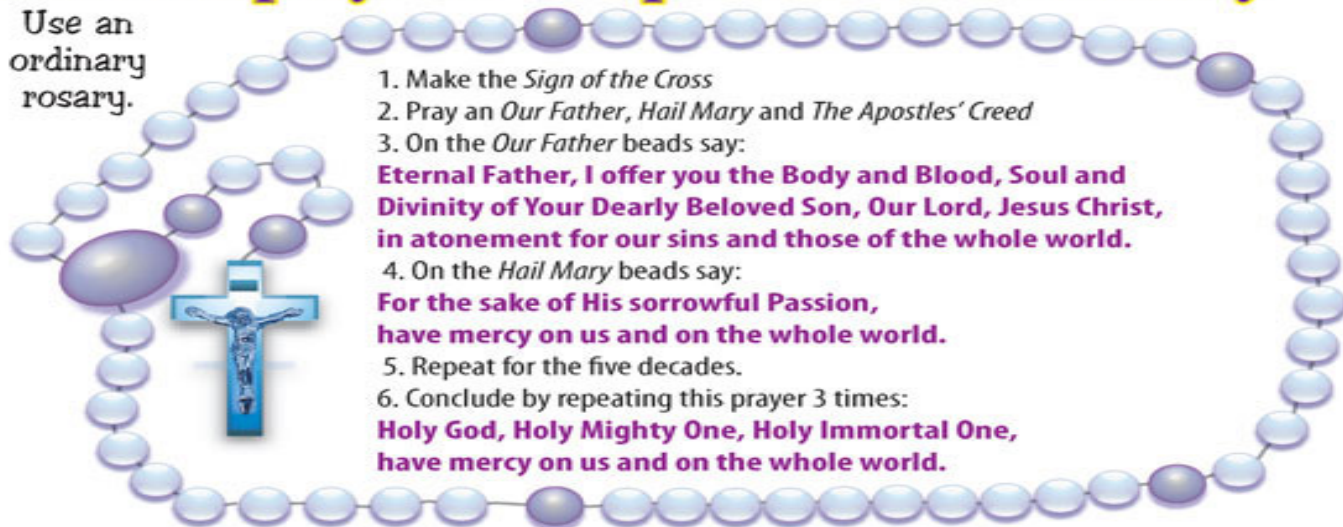
God never gives up on us! God loves us no matter what!  
 Below is a phrase from Psalm 118 that helps us remember  
 that we serve a merciful God.  
 Fit each word into the crossword.  
 A few letters have been written in to help you!

His mercy endures forever



# How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:  
**Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**
4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:  
**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:  
**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Apr 10	5:00PM	Patricia Fredrickson †	By: Alex & Maria Doran
Sunday	Apr 11	9:30AM	Raye Boon †	By: Levin Family
Monday	Apr 12	9:00AM	Frank Coscarelli †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Apr 13	9:00AM	Maria Todar †	By: Baruska Knight
Wednesday	Apr 14	9:00AM	Eddie Lagos †	By: Lagos Family
Thursday	Apr 15	9:00AM	Mark Allen †	By: Quackenbush Family
Friday	Apr 16	9:00AM	Stephen Gfeller †	By: Yates Family
Saturday	Apr 17	8:00AM	Lorraine Mariz †	By: Quackenbush Family



### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? April 10-11

2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the 2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

### ¿LO SABIAS?

Folleto 2021

Trabajando juntos para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil

La Oficina de Protección de los Niños de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles publica anualmente el folleto Trabajando juntos para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil 2021, que proporciona una lista actualizada de políticas, programas, recursos, números de contacto y otra información importante sobre el trabajo que se realiza en la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil. Las copias de los folletos están disponibles en el vestíbulo de las parroquias o en línea en: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY**  
Saturday, April 17, 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.

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