# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." MARK 1:14-15

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The rectory is under quarantine Masses will be temporarily suspended Please keep Fr. Fernando, Fr. Kirk and all those effected by this pandemic in your prayers.

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MARK 1:18

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 24, 2021

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DAILY MASS INTENTIONS							
Saturday	Jan 23	5:00PM	Louise Bender †	By: Laura Bender			
Sunday	Jan 24	9:30AM	Joseph Aversa Sr. †	By: Nicole Aversa			
Monday	Jan 25	9:00AM	Frank Cacich Jr †	By: Matesevac Family			
Tuesday	Jan 26	9:00AM	George Gerard †	By: Mary Kazmer			
Wednesday	Jan 27	9:00AM	Gary Hardman †	By: Patty Hardman			
Thursday	Jan 28	9:00AM	Rose Gomez †	By: Les & Mary Baker			
Friday	Jan 29	9:00AM	Joyce Bodell †	By: Clark Family			
Saturday	Jan 30	8:00AM	Esperanza Jefferson †	By: Sr Barbara & Ana Luz			

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## **Family Sacramental Preparation Mass**

Please attend regular Mass either 9:30AM or 11:30 AM on Sunday and then the video is available to view on https://www.facebook.com/STACojai

### Misa de preparación sacramental familiar

Por favor, asista a la misa regular ya sea 9:30AM o 11:30 AM el domingo y luego el video está disponible para ver en https://www.facebook.com/STACojai

### Your legacy to St. Thomas Parish

Your legacy to St. Thomas Parish Did you know that you can make a gift to St. Thomas by naming it as a beneficiary in your will, trust or retirement account? Such a gift is not difficult or costly to arrange. But it would support the parish in its mission to evangelize and bless future generations of parishioners. Questions? Call the rectory at 805-646-4338.

### Su legado a la Parroquia de Santo Tomás

Su legado a la Parroquia de Santo Tomás ¿Sabías que puedes hacer un regalo a Santo Tomás nombrándolo como beneficiario en tu cuenta de voluntad, fideicomiso o jubilación? Tal regalo no es difícil o costoso de organizar. Pero apoyaría a la parroquia en su misión de evangelizar y bendecir a las generaciones futuras de feligreses. ¿Preguntas? Llame a la rectoría al

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### 24 de enero de 2021 Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Marcos describe el comienzo del ministerio de Jesús con su proclamación de "el Reino de Dios está cerca". En todo el resto del Evangelio de Marcos, toda la predicación y curaciones, su muerte resurrección, se describe la inauguración de este Reino de Dios. Para Marcos, la vida de Jesús es el punto central de la historia, donde todo lleva a Jesús, y todo continua con Jesús. Luego Marcos nos dice que los primeros discípulos siguieron a Jesús inmediatamente y de todo corazón. Ellos dejan sus trabajos y familia, todo por Jesús. Porque comparado

con Jesús y la vida que ofrece, todo lo demás es secundario.

Tal vez nuestras invitaciones de Dios no implican cambios de vida tan dramáticos. Pero todos los que siguen a Jesús están llamados a orientar su vida y valores con su sentido de amor. A medida que continuamos madurando en el amor y en la fe, podríamos preguntarnos: ¿Qué necesita ser renovado, reorientado o desechado a la luz de nuestra vida en Cristo?

### JONÁS Y NÍNIVE

Esta semana Jonás de pronto aparece de manera extraña El libro de Jonás es una historia fascinante de Dios, el terco Jonás, la sorprendente Nínive y el famoso pez (o ballena). Por favor consideren leer todo el libro completo, solo son 48 versos, y además un buen comentario al libro. Los judíos leen este libro durante su celebración del Yom Kippur (el día más sagrado para ellos), con una profunda reflexión sobre Dios y sobre todos nosotros.

El pasaje de hoy tiene lugar poco después de la época de Jonás en el vientre del pez. Él finalmente realiza la tarea que Dios le pide, llamar a la gente de Nínive al arrepentimiento (Nínive era muy conocida por su brutalidad). Ese arrepentimiento repentino es aceptado amargamente por Jonás, ya que él resiente la misericordia de Dios para Nínive. Dios le recuerda a Jonás que también ama a la gente de Nínive. Como la parábola del Hijo Prodigo, la historia insinúa la inmensidad de la misericordia de Dios, especialmente el perdón para aquellos que parecen menos merecedores. Se nos recuerda que todos somos pecadores y que todos estamos necesitados de la misericordia de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 25 (24):4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29–31; Mc 1:14–20

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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10). Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25). Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31). Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gos-

pel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20)

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk1:21-28

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Monday:	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle			
Tuesday:	Ss. Timothy and Titus			
Wednesday:	St. Angela Merici;			
-	Tu B'Shvat (Jewish new year of trees)			
	begins at sunset			
Thursday:	St. Thomas Aquinas			

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### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Con los avisos de Jonás los ninivitas se arrepienten de su maldad y Dios no los castiga (Jonás 3:1-5, 10).

Salmo — Descúbrenos, Señor tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]). Segunda lectura — El mundo que conocemos está pasando (1 Corintios 7:29-31).

**Evangelio** — El reino de Dios ha llegado. Tomen otro camino y crean en la Buena Nueva (Marcos 1:14-20)

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22;
	Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18
Martes:	2 Tm 1:1-8 o Ti 1:1-5; Sal 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;
	Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles:	Heb 10:11-18; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 4:1-20
Jueves:	Heb 10:19-25; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Mc 4:21-25
Viernes:	Heb 10:32-39; Sal 37 (36):3-6, 23-24, 39-40;
	Mc 4:26-34
Sábado:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lc 1:69-75; Mc 4:35-41
Domingo:	Dt 18:15-20; Sal 95 (94):1-2, 6-9;
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### SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes:	La Conversión de San Pablo, Apóstol
Martes:	San Timoteo y san Tito
Miércoles:	Santa Ángela de Meríci;
	Tu Bishvat (Día del Árbol, festividad judía)
	comienza al atardecer
Jueves:	Santo Tomás de Aquino

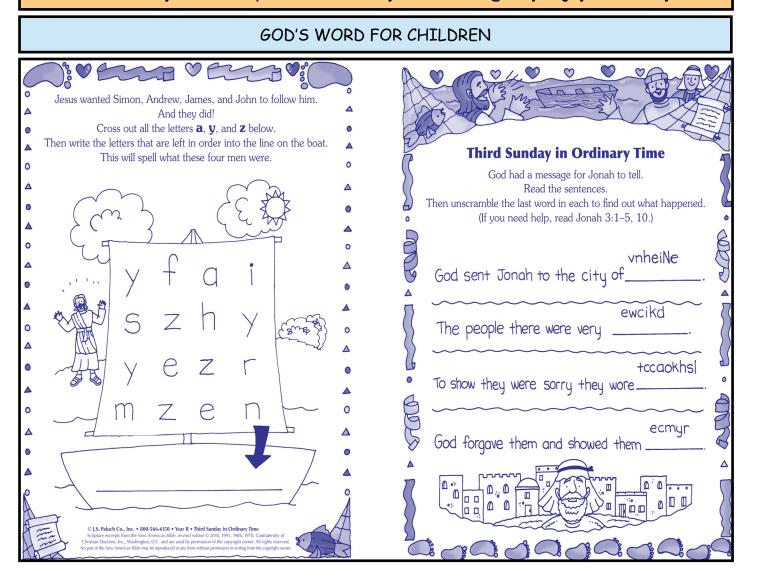
Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of,

All those lost to Covid-19

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 all of them in your daily prayers

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



	Monthly (Aug. 2020)	Monthly (Sept. 2020)	Monthly (Oct. 2020)	Monthly (Nov. 2020)	Fiscal Year 20/21 (7/1/20-11/30/20)
Unrestricted Income*	\$30,671	\$24,919	\$32,609	\$33,354	\$161,044
Restricted Income**	\$1,938	\$102,773	\$3,570	\$8,379	\$118,945
Expenses	\$50,955	\$22,034	\$55,872	\$55,375	\$207,698
Net	\$-18,345	\$105,658	\$-19,692	\$-13,641	\$72,291

### St. Thomas Aquinas Financial Status- December 2020

\* 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 Finance Committee apologizes for the absence of financial status reports the last few months. This is the first report since July 2020. The table above indicates the financial status through November 30, 2020 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.

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. As shown in the Table above, expenses are exceeding income by approximately \$15,000 per month. With ongoing COVID restrictions, it is unlikely that any significant rental income will be realized this Fiscal Year. 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



The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, invite all health care professionals to the first *Converging Roads* medical ethics conference held virtually on Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm PT.

The conference theme is Comprehensive Care in Times of Crisis, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

<u>Topics include:</u> Corporal Works of Mercy; Grappling with Moral Distress; Suffering, Compassion, and Hope; and Addressing Mental Health Issues in Medicine!

For more information, please visit <u>convergingroads.com</u> or email <u>amelia@forlifeandfamily.org</u>.



La Fundación San Juan Pablo II en colaboración con la Archiidiosa de Los Angeles invita a todos los porfesionales de Salud a la primera conferencia de ética médica de Converging Roads celebrada prácticamente el sábado 27 de febrero de 2021 de 8:00am a 1:00pm

El tema de la conferencia es la atención integral en tiempos de crisis créditos de educación continua para profesionales de la salud se ofrecerá

Los temas incluyen: Obras corporales de misericordia; Lidiando con la angustia moral; Sufrimiento, Compasión y Esperanza; y abordar el problema de la salud mental en medicina! para obtener más información, visite convergingroads.com Or Email: amelia@forlifeandfamily.org

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY Next Saturday, February 20, 2020

We have served 296 families this month and served **1091** individuals just with the pantry on the **3rd Saturday of each month**. **Pop Ups will change to 2nd and 4th Mondays starting in January and will go through April** Food Share we will 10:00am to 12:30pm every Monday.

We can still use help bagging and handing out packages, please be there by 8:00 am and for bagging 2:30pm on the Friday before. 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. You have been a part of helping those in need and I know you will be rewarded in heaven, Bonnie (805) 646-4338 X104

> 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 8:00 AM.

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

Thank you to everyone for volunteering and all the hard work that you do. WE NEED DONATIONS and VOLUNTEERS



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