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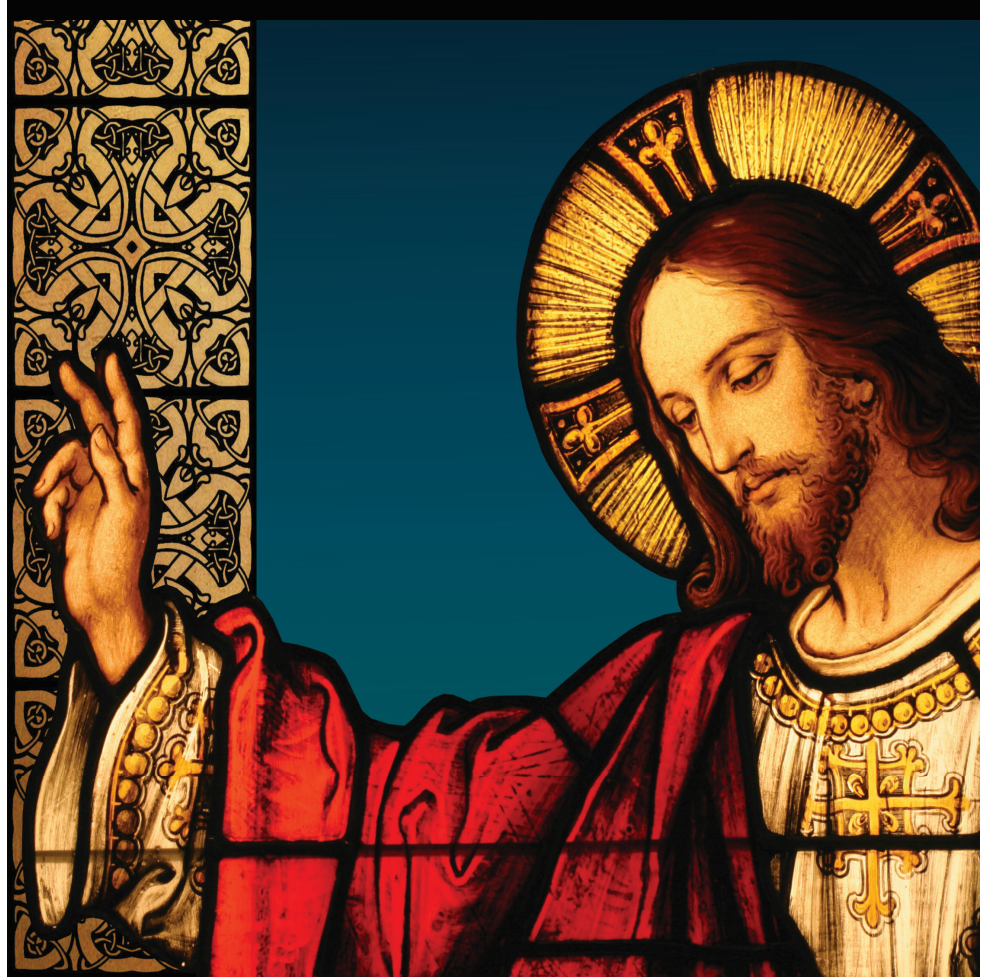
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JANUARY 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22



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.

We have good news we'd like to share about Jeremy Hiers, O.S.A., Bill Gabriel, O.S.A. and Sam Joutras, O.S.A., who recently were ordained to the diaconate. We would be most grateful if you could put this information in your next Parish bulletin or in any other means of communication that you see fit . Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

"Congratulations to Deacon Jeremy Hiers, O.S.A., Deacon Bill Gabriel, O.S.A. of the Villanova Province and Deacon Sam Joutras, O.S.A. of the Chicago Province who were ordained on Saturday, January 16, 2021 by the retired Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, IL, Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox, IL.

Please pray for Br. Jeremy, Br. Bill and Br. Sam as they continue their journey."



Br. Jeremy, Br. Bill and Br. Sam

MORE

Care more than others think necessary.
Trust more than others think wise.
Serve more than others think practical.
—Anonymous

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord
who made us.
— Psalm 95:6

MÁS

Ama más que otros creen necesario.
Confía más que otros creen prudente.
Sirve más que otros creen práctico.
—Anónimo

Vengan, y puestos de rodillas,
adoremos y bendigamos al Señor,
que nos hizo.
— Salmo 95 (94):6



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>

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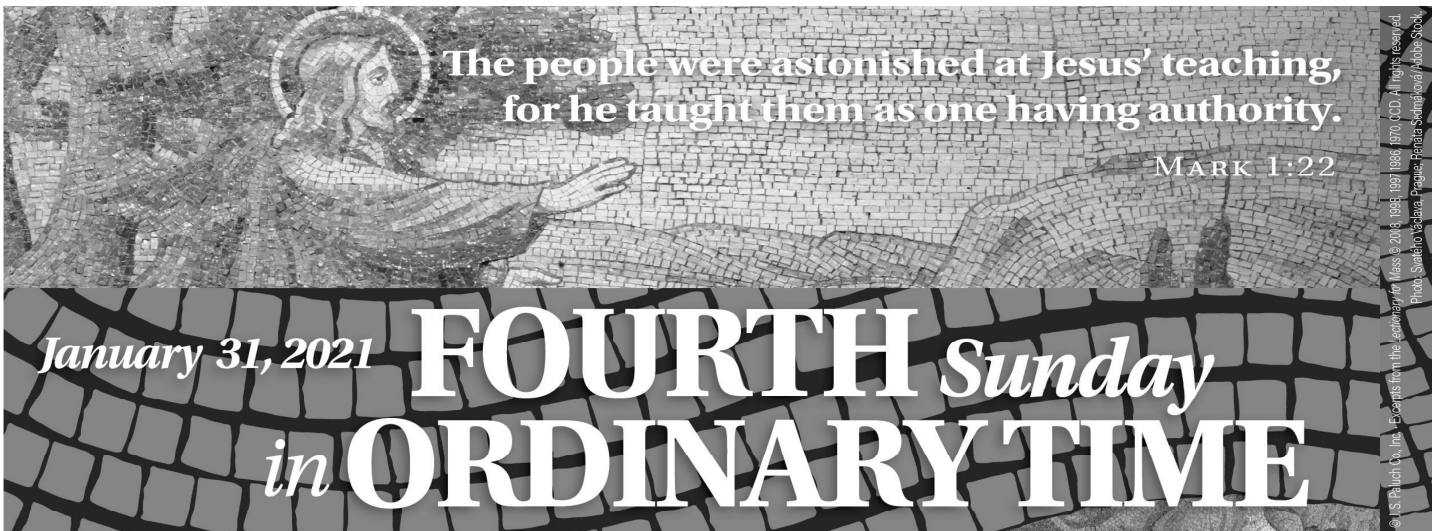
Por favor, asista a la misa regular ya sea 9:30AM o 11:30 AM el domingo y luego el video está disponible para ver en <https://www.facebook.com/STACojai>

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.

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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 805-646-4338.



Uniquely in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' public ministry begins with a direct confrontation with an unclean spirit. Today's Gospel passage reflects a recurring theme in Mark, that Jesus' coming is part of a cosmic battle between God and evil forces. It was commonly believed that many spirits were present in the world, and some sought to control human beings. Mark asserts that in Jesus, God has come to rescue humanity, to free us from every form of bondage.

In today's passage, the unclean spirit does not surrender power quietly. After complaints, convulsions, and screams, the spirit finally departs. As we may witness in our experience, that which binds us—fear, injustice, resentment—often departs only after a mighty struggle. Confronting anything "unclean" in our hearts, our institutions, or our society often involves a long journey toward freedom. May we sustain our efforts and our trust in God, during these long struggles.

PROPHETS IN DAILY LIFE

Moses assures Israel of God's continued presence by promising a new prophet. Like Moses, the prophet will be

raised up directly by God. But how to distinguish a true prophet from a false one? Many claim to speak for God. The task is complicated by the fact that often, true prophets make waves, cause trouble, and disturb how things are normally done. Many simply don't want to hear what God is saying, because it threatens their privilege, comfort, or sense of identity.

Like the Israelites in today's reading, it can be hard for us to bear the voice of God. For God calls us out of all the ways we avoid opening our hearts to God and to others. And so, God raises up surprise prophets in daily life. These are all the people and events who summon us to fuller maturity in love and in faith. We are called upon to always be ready for the prophetic word that may emerge from God's surprises.

Today's Readings: Dt 18:15–20; Ps 95:1–2, 6–7b, 7c–9; 1 Cor 7:32–35; Mk 1:21–28

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalms — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions; First Saturday

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Moisés le habló a todo el pueblo diciendo: "El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes un profeta como yo" (Deuteronomio 18:15-20).

Salmo — Ojalá escuchen hoy su voz; no endurezcan sus corazones (Salmo 95 [94]).

Segunda lectura — Hermanos y hermanas: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones (1 Corintios 7:32-35).

Evangelió — Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad (Marcos 1:21-28)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 11:32-40; Sal 31 (30):20-24; Mc 5:1-20
Martes: Mal 3:1-4; Sal 24 (23):7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lc 2:22-40 [22-32]
Miércoles: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mc 6:1-6
Jueves: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Sal 48 (47):2-4, 9-11; Mc 6:7-13
Viernes: Heb 13:1-8; Sal 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mc 6:14-29
Sábado: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mc 6:30-34
Domingo: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Sal 147 (146):1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mc 1:29-39

SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Semana de las Escuelas Católicas
Martes: La Presentación del Señor; Bendición de las velas; Día de la Marmota
Miércoles: San Blas; san Oscar; Bendición de las gantitas
Viernes: Santa Águeda; Primer viernes
Sábado: San Pablo Miki y compañeros; Primer sábado



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of,

John Kara, long time parishioner

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 John and his family in your daily prayers

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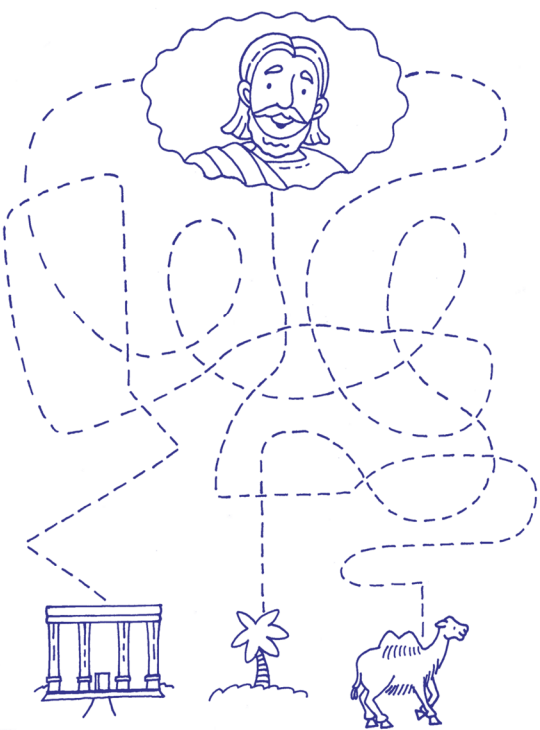
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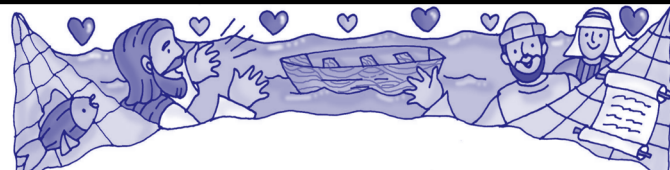
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GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN

When he was in Capernaum,
Jesus would teach in the synagogue on the Sabbath.
But how will he get there?
Trace the line that leads Jesus to the synagogue.



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gave Moses a message for the people.
Part of what the Lord said is written below, but it is incorrect.
To make it right, draw a line through each boxed word
and write the correct rhyming word above it.
If you need help, read Deuteronomy 18:18 in your Bible.

"I **still** raise **cup** for them a prophet
bike you from among their **chin**,
land will put **shy** words into his mouth;
he shall **bell** them all that I command **swim**."



St. Thomas Aquinas Financial Status- December 2020

	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

* 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.

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

For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or
email amelia@forlifeandfamily.org.



La Fundación San Juan Pablo II
en colaboración con la Archidiócesis de Los Angeles
invita a todos los profesionales 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 abor-
dar el problema de la salud mental en medicina!

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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: **"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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