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Jesus said,

**“You shall love the Lord,  
your God,  
with all your heart . . .**

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
The whole law and the prophets depend  
on these two commandments.”**

Matthew 22:37, 39

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October 25, 2020 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Fr. Kirk's Message October 25, 2020

Since the early weeks of the pandemic, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish has been the site of a weekly 'pop-up' food pantry for Food Share of Ventura County. We've been able to provide badly needed food to our neighbors in need, and we have attracted new volunteers from both members of the parish, and folks from the surrounding community. While the need for this additional food distribution has been regrettable, the human relationships that have developed along the way have been a blessing.

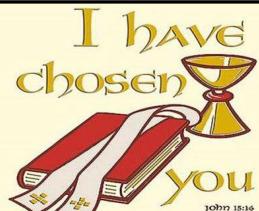
With the increased use for food distribution, our parish hall has experienced more 'wear and tear' than usual. As is typical of this community, where challenges arise, volunteers are not far behind to offer help in addressing them. Among the challenges we have faced these past months has been increased rodent activity as a side effect of storing pallets of food in the hall. Responding to this crisis, members of our community have deployed effective rodent management strategies that include both traps, and a regimen of clearing out and sanitizing areas of the hall that had become attractive areas for nesting vermin. The result has been that the hall is cleaner than I've ever seen it, with well-organized areas for storage, etc.

A huge 'thank you' to so many of you who have dedicated themselves to both the pop-up and the associated background 'grunt-work' that has been necessary to keep our doors open. I'm still longing for the day when we will be able to use the Aquinas Center for its primary purpose again, which is to gather for social activities. In the meantime, I'm very grateful we're able continue to use it to meet the needs of our neighbors.

The Province of St. Augustine in California is pleased to invite you to the Presbyteral Ordination of Barnaby Johns, OSA to take place at 5PM on Saturday, October 24 at Villanova Preparatory School. Bishop Robert Barron will be the ordaining bishop. A light reception will follow.

Fr. Barnaby will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving (aka First Mass) at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church** at **9:30AM , Sunday, October 25** also followed by a light reception. Please RSVP to Kathleen Lansing 805 646 4338 x101 if you plan to join us for either celebration.

Blessings, Very Reverend Gary E. Sanders, OSA – Prior Provincial



## Mensaje del P. Kirk

## 25 de octubre de 2020

Desde las primeras semanas de la pandemia, la Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino ha sido el sitio de una despensa de alimentos semanal "pop-up" para Food Share del condado de Ventura. Hemos sido capaces de proporcionar comida muy necesaria a nuestros vecinos necesitados, y hemos atraído a nuevos voluntarios tanto de los miembros de la parroquia, como de personas de la comunidad circundante. Si bien la necesidad de esta distribución adicional de alimentos ha sido lamentable, las relaciones humanas que se han desarrollado en el camino han sido una bendición. Con el mayor uso para la distribución de alimentos, nuestro salón parroquial ha experimentado más "desgaste" de lo habitual. Como es típico de esta comunidad, donde surgen desafíos, los voluntarios no están muy atrás para ofrecer ayuda para abordarlos. Entre los desafíos a los que nos hemos enfrentado estos últimos meses se ha producido un aumento de la actividad de los roedores como efecto secundario del almacenamiento de palets de alimentos en el edificio. En respuesta a esta crisis, los miembros de nuestra comunidad han implementado estrategias eficaces de manejo de roedores que incluyen tanto rampas, como un régimen de despejar y desinfectar áreas de la sala que se habían convertido en áreas atractivas para anidar alimañas. El resultado ha sido que la sala está más limpia de lo que he visto, con áreas bien organizadas para el almacenamiento, etc. Un enorme "gracias" a tantos de ustedes que se han dedicado tanto a la ventana emergente como al fondo asociado trabajo que ha sido necesario para mantener nuestras puertas abiertas. Todavía estoy anhelando el día en que podremos volver a utilizar el Centro Aquino para su propósito principal, que es reunirnos para actividades sociales. Mientras tanto, estoy muy agradecido de que podamos seguir utilizándolo para satisfacer las necesidades de nuestros vecinos.



*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of,  
Mary Burright, long time parishioner and friend*

*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 Mary and her family and friends in your daily prayers.*

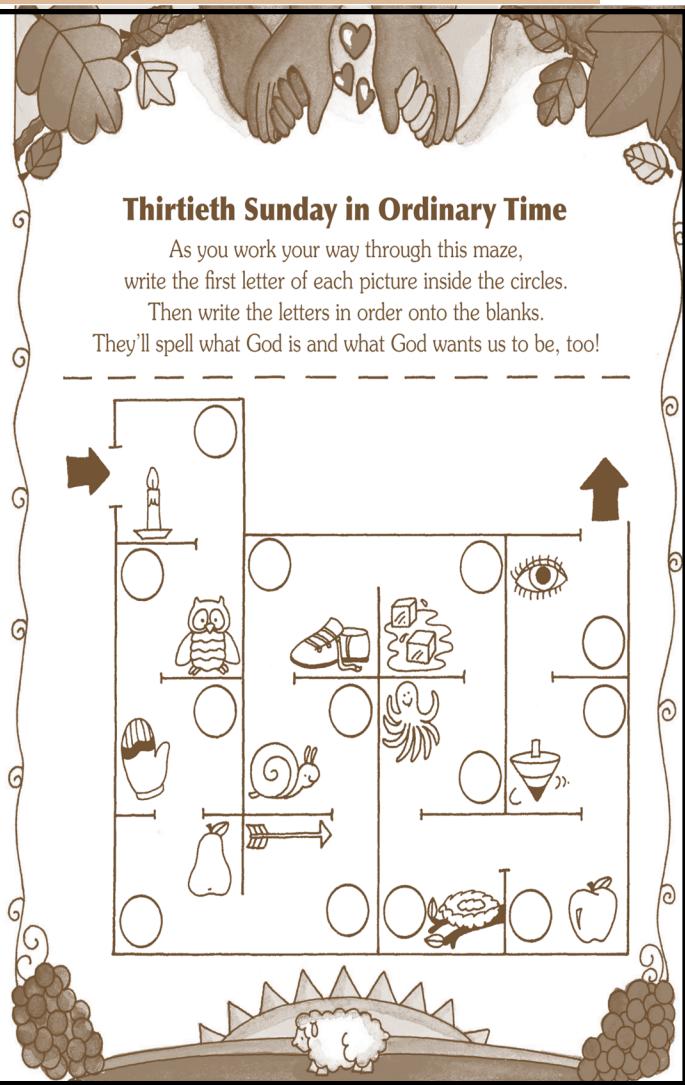
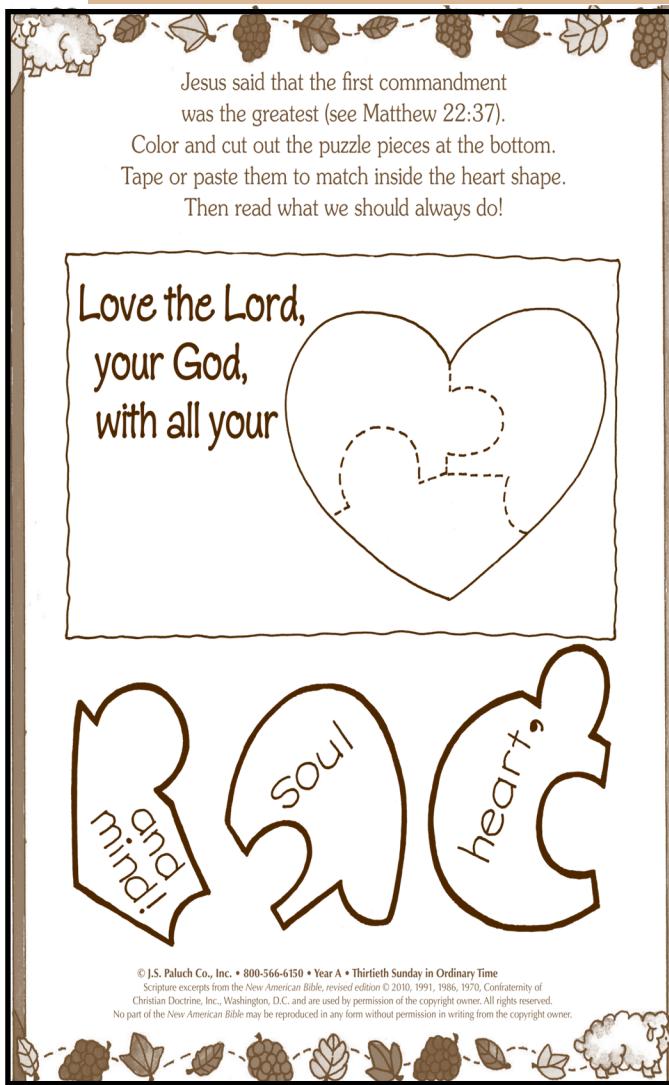
La Provincia de San Agustín en California se complace en invitarle a la Ordenación Presbiteral de Barnaby Johns, OSA tendrá lugar a las 5PM del sábado 24 de octubre en Villanova Escuela Preparatoria. El obispo Robert Barron será el obispo ordenó. Le seguirá una recepción ligera.

El P. Barnaby celebrará su Misa de Acción de Gracias (también conocida como Primera Misa) en **Santo Tomás Iglesia de Aquino a las 9:30AM del domingo 25 de octubre**, también seguido de una recepción ligera. Por favor RSVP a Kathleen Lansing 805 646 4338 x101 si planea unirse a nosotros para cualquiera de las celebraciones. Bendiciones, Muy Reverendo Gary E. Sanders, OSA – Prior Provincial

## October schedule for First Communion Family Masses 2020

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>5:00PM</u>	<u>6:30PM</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>11:30AM</u>
Oct 03, 2020	Hickok family O'Grady family	Herrera family Escamilla family	Oct 04, 2020		
Oct 10, 2020	Kehoe family Alvarez family	Ponce family	Oct 11, 2020		Barraza family
Oct 17, 2020	Barrios family Gomez family	Perez family	Oct 18, 2020		Bolanos family Garcia family Gutierrez family Perez family
Oct 24, 2020	Augustinian Ordination		Oct 25, 2020	Murillo family Lyon family Cahue family	Alonzo family Beltran family Espana family Ruvalcaba family
Oct 31, 2020	Berquist family				

### GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

**Gospel** — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday:</b>	Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
<b>Thursday:</b>	Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
<b>Friday:</b>	Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6
<b>Saturday:</b>	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
<b>Sunday:</b>	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ss. Simon and Jude
<b>Saturday:</b>	Blessed Virgin Mary; Halloween

**BORN TO LOVE**

We were born to love, we live to love,  
and we will die to love still more.

—Joseph Cafasso

**CHARACTER**

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

—Thomas Paine

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Dios escucha el llanto de los oprimidos (Éxodo 22:20-26).

**Salmo** — Te amo, oh Señor, mi fuerza (Salmo 18 [17]).

**Segunda lectura** — El pueblo de Dios es conocido por su conversión y amor de Dios (1 Tesalonicenses 1:5c-10).

**Evangelio** — La ley principal es la ley del amor (Mateo 22:34-40).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

<b>Lunes:</b>	Ef 4:32 — 5:8; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 13:10-17
<b>Martes:</b>	Ef 5:21-33; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Lc 13:18-21
<b>Miércoles:</b>	Ef 2:19-22; Sal 19 (18):2-5; Lc 6:12-16
<b>Jueves:</b>	Ef 6:10-20; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Lc 13:31-35
<b>Viernes:</b>	Fil 1:1-11; Sal 111 (110):1-6; Lc 14:1-6
<b>Sábado:</b>	Fil 1:18b-26; Sal 42 (41):2, 3, 5cdef; Lc 14:1, 7-11
<b>Domingo:</b>	Ap 7:2-4, 9-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES**

<b>Domingo:</b>	Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
<b>Miércoles:</b>	San Simón y san Judas, apóstoles
<b>Sábado:</b>	Bienaventurada Virgen María; Halloween

**NACIDOS PARA AMAR**

Nacimos para amar, vivimos para amar y moriremos para amar más todavía.

—Joseph Cafasso

**CARÁCTER**

Es mejor guardar el carácter que recuperarlo.

—Thomas Paine

**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	Oct 24	5:00 PM	Eileen Maroney †	By: Thomas Schooler
Sunday	Oct 25	9:30 AM	Rose Ann Jones-Gold †	By: Sebek Family
Monday	Oct 26	9:00 AM	Therese Montag ☀	By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Oct 27	9:00 AM	Jacob Hernandez †	By: Bereavement
Wednesday	Oct 28	9:00 AM	Ellie Nelson ☀	By: Charles Coscarelli
<b>Le Roy &amp; Donna Steichen, 70 th Anniversary ❤</b>				
Thursday	Oct 29	9:00 AM	Ginger Church †	By: Bereavement
Friday	Oct 30	9:00 AM	Al Dobel †	By: Mary Kazmer
Saturday	Oct 31	8:00 AM	Chuck Montag ☀	By: Charles Coscarelli

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### Saint Bonaventure High School Cans for Causes Food Drive

October 30, 2020

Saint Bonaventure High School will host a Cans for Causes Decorated Trunk Drive Thru and Food Drive on Friday, October 30, 2020 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. No cost for admission.

Please bring canned and shelf stable goods for Catholic Charities LA. Masks and face coverings required for all participants. For more information, contact Alex Wilson at [awilson@sbhsvta.org](mailto:awilson@sbhsvta.org)



### Latas de la Escuela Secundaria Saint Bonaventure para Causas Food Drive

30 de octubre de 2020

La Escuela Secundaria Saint Bonaventure cogerá una lata para Causas Decoradas Trunk Drive Thru y Food Drive en

Viernes, 30 de octubre de 2020 de 3:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. Sin costo de admisión. Por favor traiga productos estables enlatados y estantes para católicos Charities LA. Máscaras y revestimientos faciales necesarios para todos Participantes. Para más información, ponerse en contacto con Alex Wilson en [awilson@sbhsvta.org](mailto:awilson@sbhsvta.org)

Mission Basilica San Buenaventura invites all to join us on Sunday, October 25, at 6 p.m. in the Mission garden to venerate the pilgrim images of Our Lady of Guadalupe (La Peregrina) and Saint Juan Diego, gifts from the Basilica in Mexico City to our Archdiocese.

The images will be displayed at all Masses on Sunday, October 25.

Individual parishioners are invited to come to the garden throughout the afternoon for private prayer.

The Sunday devotion will conclude with Adoration, Rosary, Procession through Figueroa Plaza, and Benediction beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Mission Basilica garden.

Misión Basílica De San Buenaventura invita a todos a unirse a nosotros el domingo 25 de octubre, a las 6 p.m. en el jardín de la Misión para venerar las imágenes de peregrinos de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (La Peregrina) y San Juan Diego, regalos de la Basílica de la Ciudad de México a nuestra Arquidiócesis. Las imágenes se mostrarán en todas las misas el domingo 25 de octubre. Se invita a los feligreses individuales a venir al jardín durante toda la tarde para la oración privada. La devoción dominical concluirá con Adoración, Rosario, Procesión a través de Figueroa Plaza, y Bendición a partir de las 6:00 p.m. en el jardín de la Basílica de la Misión.

**October 25, 2020**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Anyone who has read the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) from beginning to end appreciates the massive influence of the law on our ancestors in faith. In fact, what Christians call the Pentateuch (Greek for "five books"), Jewish tradition calls the Torah ("teaching" or "law"). In the first five books of the Bible, there is no escaping the law; its meticulous detail and relentless regulations, decrees, and pronouncements from God to Moses and Aaron. Also common in these books, alas, are stories of God's chosen people going astray. The predominance of the law reminds us that we are creatures with a tendency to sin; God provides the law to us beloved children to regulate our behavior and help us live more peacefully on earth.

**IMITATING GOD**

Laws would be entirely unnecessary if we lived perfect lives. As we know all too well, however, we often fall short of the good intentions that we cherish in our hearts. Perhaps the law would even be unnecessary if we lived alone, isolated from other people. After all, what hermit in a cave actually needs a commandment to charge no interest on a loan? But God's design for humanity includes togetherness. And when we live together, we tend to step on each other's toes. Thank God for laws that help us to live in community with justice and compassion.

Underlying every one of God's laws is an eternal longing for fairness and fullness. What's more, God's own self—a vibrant community of Father, Son, and Spirit—reveals the deep joy of living in peace with self and neighbor. The Trinitarian nature of God—three persons in one God—astonishes us with its commitment to fruitful love. Love is gratuitous and lavish, constantly producing and giving of itself. The more generously we love God, self, and neighbor, the more we will know that, as Saint Paul says, "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

Today's Readings: Ex 22:20–26; Ps 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c–10; Mt 22:34–40



**25 de octubre de 2020**

**Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Cualquiera que haya leído el Pentateuco (Génesis, Éxodo, Levítico, Números y Deuteronomio) de principio a fin aprecia la enorme influencia de la ley en nuestros antepasados en la fe. De hecho, lo que los cristianos llaman el Pentateuco (en griego "cinco libros"), la tradición judía lo llama la Torá ("enseñanza" o "ley"). En los primeros cinco libros de la Biblia no hay escapatoria de la ley, su meticuloso detalle, regulaciones implacables, decretos y pronunciamientos de Dios a Moisés y a Aarón. También algo común en estos libros, por desgracia, son las historias del pueblo elegido de Dios que se extravió. El predominio de la ley nos recuerda que somos criaturas con tendencia a pecar; Dios nos proporciona la ley a nosotros, hijos amados, para regular nuestro comportamiento y ayudarnos a vivir más pacíficamente en la tierra.

**IMITANDO A DIOS**

Las leyes serían totalmente innecesarias si viviéramos vidas perfectas. Sin embargo, como muy bien lo sabemos, a menudos nos quedamos cortos de las buenas intenciones que albergamos en nuestros corazones. Quizás la ley sería incluso innecesaria si viviéramos solos, aislados de otras personas. Después de todo, ¿qué ermitaño en una cueva necesita un mandamiento para no cobrar intereses en un préstamo? Pero el diseño de Dios para la humanidad incluye la unión. Y cuando vivimos juntos, tendemos a pisarnos los pies unos a otros. Gracias a Dios por las leyes que nos ayudan a vivir en comunidad con justicia y compasión.

Detrás de cada una de las leyes de Dios hay un eterno anhelo por la justicia y la plenitud. Lo que, es más, Dios mismo, una vibrante comunidad de Padre, Hijo y Espíritu, revela la profunda alegría de vivir en paz con uno mismo y con el prójimo. La naturaleza trinitaria de Dios, tres personas en un solo Dios, nos asombra con su compromiso de amor fructífero. El amor es gratuito y abundante, produciéndose constantemente y dándose a sí mismo. Cuanto amemos más generosamente a Dios, a nosotros mismos y al prójimo, más sabremos que, como san Pablo dice, "el amor es el cumplimiento de la ley" (Romanos 13:10).

Lecturas de hoy: Ex 22:20–26; Sal 18 (17):2–3, 3–4, 47, 51; 1 Tes 1:5c–10; Mt 22:34–40



**All Souls' Day Mass Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm**

**Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Passed away**

On Monday, November 2nd the Feast of All Soul's a special Mass will be celebrated to remember our family and friends who have passed away. If you have lost someone in the last year, November 1, 2019 to October 22, 2020, please stop at the Bereavement Ministry table after Mass and submit their name for the Mass. The names collected will be called out at the all

Souls' Day Mass and will appear on a scroll that will hang in the Sanctuary during the month of November. The deadline for submitting names is Thursday, October 22nd.

**Please remember to bring a flower for each person that you wish to remember.**

Question? Please call Paula Clarke at 805-798-2966

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY

**Saturday, November 21, 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, at 8:30AM to 10:30AM**

**St. Vincent de Paul's pantry** is also running food share this **Monday 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, and to everyone that has donated.

**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, 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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