



# FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

## St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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**Office hours ~ Horario de oficina**  
Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes  
9:00AM - 5:00PM

**Mass Times/Tiempos de misa**  
MONDAY – FRIDAY ~ LUNES – VIERNES

9:00AM

SATURDAY – SÁBADO

8:00AM

SATURDAY ~ SÁBADO POR LA NOCHE  
English 5:00PM      Español 6:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES ~ MISAS DEL DOMINGO  
English 7:30AM & 9:30AM  
Español 11:30AM

**“Your light must shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father.”**

Matthew 5:16

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~  
SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION  
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN**

Of the Blessed Sacrament ~  
Del Santísimo Sacramento

Thursday/Friday ~ Jueves/Viernes 9:30AM-10:30PM

**PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN**

Contact Parish Office

Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial  
(805) 646-4338

**WEDDINGS ~ BODAS**

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**BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS**

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

**FUNERALS ~ FUNERALES**

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**PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA**

Church open Mon-Sat ~ Iglesia abierta de lunes a sábado  
10AM-4PM

**INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES**

<b>Monday: 9:00AM February 6 2023</b>	<b>Aurelia Castillo † By: The López Family</b>
<b>Tuesday: 9:00AM February 7, 2023</b>	<b>Heidy Kranz † By Arlene Parker</b>
<b>Wednesday: 9:00AM February 8, 2023</b>	<b>Bob Highfill † By Bereavement</b>
<b>Thursday: 9:00AM February 9, 2023</b>	<b>James Cassidy † By The Quackenbush Family</b>
<b>Friday: 9:00AM February 10, 2023</b>	<b>Gerry Conroy † By: The Mc Tavish Family</b>
<b>Saturday: .....8AM February 11, 2023 5PM</b>	<b>Edward Coman † By: The Davis Family Margaret Weisel † By the Doran Family</b>
<b>Sunday 9:30AM February 12, 2023</b>	<b>Bud &amp; Mary Mc Tavish † By: The Mc Tavish Family</b>

*"May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the  
Lord on that day.  
2 Timothy 1:18*

**Archdiocese of Los Angeles celebrates  
18-year partnership with VIRTUS®**

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Joan Vienna, director of Safeguard the Children, were recently recognized for 18-year partnership with the VIRTUS® program, working to keep children and young people safe from child sexual abuse in our parishes, schools, homes and community. "So many have experienced hope and healing through ongoing awareness and education, and we appreciate [the Archdiocese's] vision of where and how the programs would and do best serve our Church and communities," said Pat Neal, director of VIRTUS® Programs and Services. For more information visit, <https://angelusnews.com/local/california/virtus-partnering-for-safety/> and <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>.

**La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles celebra  
18 años de sociedad con VIRTUS®**

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles y Joan Vienna, directora de la oficina Safeguard the Children, fueron reconocidas recientemente por su sociedad de 18 años con el programa VIRTUS®, trabajando para mantener a los niños y jóvenes a salvo del abuso sexual infantil en nuestras parroquias, escuelas, hogares y comunidad. "Muchos han experimentado esperanza y sanación a través de la concientización y la educación continuas, y apreciamos la visión [de la Arquidiócesis] de dónde y cómo los programas servirían mejor a nuestra Iglesia y comunidades", dijo Pat Neal, director de Programas y Servicios de VIRTUS®. Para obtener más información, visite <https://angelusnews.com/local/california/virtus-partnering-for-safety/> y <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>.

## Music

### Go Make a Difference

Refrain

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Verse 1

We are the salt of the earth called to let the people see

The love of God in you and me

We are the light of the world not to be hidden but be seen

Go make a difference in the world.

Refrain

Verse 2

We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need

The face of God for all to see

We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace

Go make a difference in the world.



## THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

### Ojai Valley Family Shelter

December 1 – March 31

381 Cruzero St. in Mira Monte

at the Ojai Valley Grange

Between Tico Road and Loma Drive

Guests may check in around 5 pm and will receive a hot dinner, accommodations and a bagged lunch before departing the next morning

*Showers are available every other night;*

**Guests are required to have a current Covid Vaccination and a negative TB test or X-Ray**

### LA LUZ DEL SERVICIO

El profeta Isaías nos inspira estas palabras: "En las tinieblas nacerá la luz para ustedes, y la oscuridad será para ustedes como el mediodía" Todos los que celebramos hoy la liturgia alabamos a Dios por estas palabras de aliento. Seguramente cada uno de nosotros conoce el lado sombrío de la vida, pero las lecturas de hoy proponen un brillante antídoto contra la miseria: la luz del servicio. Isaías se centra en el sufrimiento físico, diciéndonos que proporcionemos comida, ropa, vivienda e igualdad de oportunidades a los que tienen recursos limitados. Más allá de las necesidades materiales, san Pablo nos muestra cómo proceder con humildad al atender las necesidades espirituales de las personas. El Evangelio de san Mateo nos impulsa a actuar con valentía: sean cuales sean nuestros dones, debemos ponerlos al servicio de nuestras comunidades. Como cristianos, debemos comprometernos con los demás sin reprimarnos, dejando que nuestra luz brille ante todos.

### Open Pantry

3rd Saturday of each Month

Sign in: 8 to 9:30am

Distribution: 9:30 -10:30

*No Pets Allowed*

Monetary Donations can be made payable to:

St. Vincent de Paul enclosed in an envelope marked

St. Vincent de Paul

drop off at the church office or in the Sunday collections.

Volunteers Needed

*For more information call (805) 646-4338 Ext 112.*

*Please leave a message & your call will be returned.*



### Share The Harvest

1st Thursday of each Month

Sign in: 9am

Distribution: 9:30 to

10:30am

Thank you to everyone who participated in our potluck lunch last Sunday, it was a great success. Some folks asked if it might be possible to hold similar gatherings more frequently.

In response I'm moved to remind everyone that Lent is on the horizon, and along with Lent here at St. Thomas come Friday Stations of the Cross along with Soup Suppers. So another opportunity to come together as a community in prayer and fellowship is just around the corner!

Please stay tuned in the coming weeks for more details and a schedule of Lenten Soup Suppers.

May God continue to bless us all.

Peace,  
Fr. Kirk

Gracias a todos los que participaron en nuestro almuerzo compartido el domingo pasado, fue un gran éxito. Algunas personas preguntaron si sería posible realizar reuniones similares con más frecuencia. En respuesta, me siento impulsado a recordarles a todos que la Cuaresma está en el horizonte, y junto con la Cuaresma aquí en St. Thomas vienen las Estaciones de la Cruz delos viernes junto con las Cenas de Sopa. ¡Así que otra oportunidad para unirnos comocomunidad en oración y compañerismo está a la vuelta de la esquina! Estén atentos en las próximas semanas para obtener más detalles y un horario de las cenas de sopa de Cuaresma.

Que Dios nos siga bendiciendo a todos.

Paz,  
P. Kirk



### **Augustian Youth Encounter and World Youth Day**

*To be held in Lisbon, Portugal this summer*

This journey is specifically tailored to young people between the ages of 16 and 36.

We will depart California on

**July 24 and return on August 9.**

The estimated cost of the pilgrimage is \$2250 inclusive of airfare, accommodation and meals.

*Financial aid is available.*

To express interest and/or request more information, please contact

*Fr. Kirk Davis, OSA - [frkirk@stacojai.org](mailto:frkirk@stacojai.org)*

## Calendar Update

### *Faith Formation Program for Adults!*

11 am on the first Sunday of every month (with a few exceptions) in the Aquinas Center..

***This Weekend!!!***

**February 5, 2023**



***Fr. Emmanuel Issac, O.S.A.***

### *Mark your Calendars for future Presentations*

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
<i>February 5, 2023</i>	<i>Catholic Traditions</i>	<i>Fr. Manny, OSA</i>
<i>March 5, 2023</i>	<i>Liturgy</i>	<i>Brian Campos</i>
<i>April 2, 2023</i>	<i>Triduum</i>	<i>Fr. Barney, OSA</i>
<i>April 30, 2023</i>	<i>Mary &amp; the Saints</i>	<i>Mary Nelson</i>
<i>June 4, 2023</i>	<i>Spiritual &amp; Corporal Works</i>	<i>James Valadez</i>
<i>July 9, 2023</i>	<i>Catholic Social Justice</i>	<i>Caryn Brady &amp; Virginia Aguirre</i>
<i>August 6, 2023</i>	<i>Ministries of our Church</i>	<i>Phil Smith</i>

#### **Villanova Preparatory School Middle School**

Villanova Prep is planning to open a middle school serving students in 6th—8th grades.

Opening in fall 2023.

If you would like to learn more about our plans, contact our Admissions Team at:

[www.VillanovaMiddleSchool.org](http://www.VillanovaMiddleSchool.org)

#### **Fellowship**

**Join us on the Second Tuesday of every month  
after the 9:00 daily Mass**

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

Clubhouse, (between the church and the parish hall)

Your welcome to bring a snack to share. There will be coffee.  
For more information call either Mary Wood 805 640-5243  
or Greg Sinicrope 805 455-4619.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Is 58:7-10)

**Psalm:** One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

**Second Reading:** My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Cor 2:1-5).

**Gospel:** You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura:** Cuando compartas tu pan con el hambriento, y sacies la necesidad del humillado, entonces brillará tu luz en las tinieblas (Isaias 58:7-10).

**Salmo:** Aquel que es justo es un modelo para los justos (Salmo 112 [111]).

**Segunda lectura:** He anunciado a ustedes el misterio de Cristo crucificado (1 Cor 2:1-5).

**Evangelio:** Que su luz brille ante los hombres, den gloria a su Padre, que está en los Cielos (Mateo 5:13-16).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 1:1-19; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mc 6:53-56

Martes: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Sal 8:4-9; Mc 7:1-13

Miércoles: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Sal 104 (103):1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mc 7:14-23

Jueves: Gn 2:18-25; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mc 7:24-30

Viernes: Gn 3:1-8; Sal 32 (31):1-2, 5-7; Mc 7:31-37

Sábado: Gn 3:9-24; Sal 90 (89):2-6, 12-13; Mc 8:1-10

Domingo: Sir 15:15-20; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
*Tu B'Shvat* (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Friday: St. Scholastica

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes;  
Blessed Virgin Mary;  
World Day of the Sick



## LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; *Tu B'shvat* (año nuevo udío de los Árboles) comienza al atardecer

Lunes: San Pablo Miki y compañeros

Miércoles: San Jerónimo Emiliano; Santa Josefina Bakhita; Jornada Mundial de Oración y Reflexión contra la Trata de Personas

Viernes: Santa Escolástica

Sábado: Nuestra Señora de Lourdes;  
Santa María Virgen  
Día Mundial de los Enfermos

Please join us in praying the rosary to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  
Fridays after the 9:30AM Mass



### *El Rosario:*

Reza con nosotros cada semana en Martes  
A las seis de la tarde

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