

January

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Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



## St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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### 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

NOW I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT  
HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

**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  
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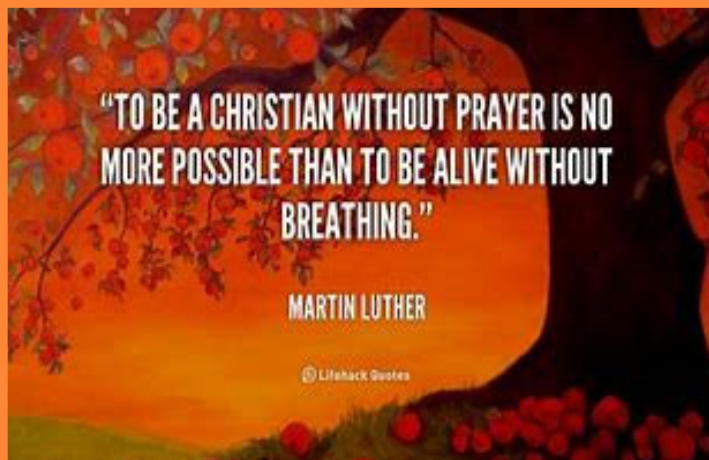
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**PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA**

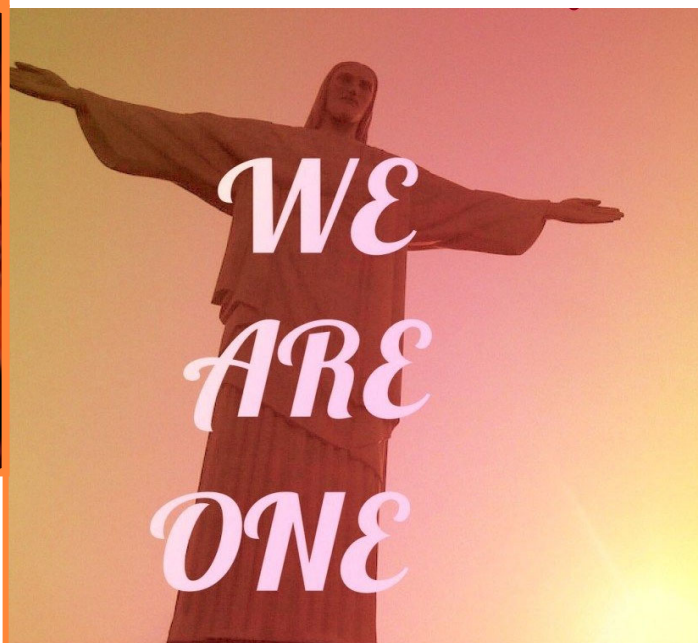
Church open Mon-Sat ~ Iglesia abierta de lunes a sábado  
10AM-4PM

**INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES**

<b>Monday:</b> January 16, 2023	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Larry Shields †</b> <i>By The Wood Family</i>
<b>Tuesday:</b> January 17, 2023	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Ludwig Helmering †</b> <i>By Bereavement</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b> January 18, 2023	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Mary Silvestri †</b> <i>By Bereavement</i>
<b>Thursday:</b> January 19, 2023	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Delmar Quackenbush †</b> <i>By The Quackenbush Family</i>
<b>Friday:</b> January 20, 2023	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Paul Hennigan †</b> <i>By The Wood Family</i>
<b>Saturday:</b> January 21, 2023	<b>5PM</b>	<b>Jacob Javier Hernandez †</b> <i>By Hernandez &amp; Pizana families</i>
<b>Sunday</b> January 22, 2023	<b>9:30AM</b>	



Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.



**If by the blood of Christ  
we've been saved  
We are one, brothers and  
sisters beloved**

## Father Kirk's Letter

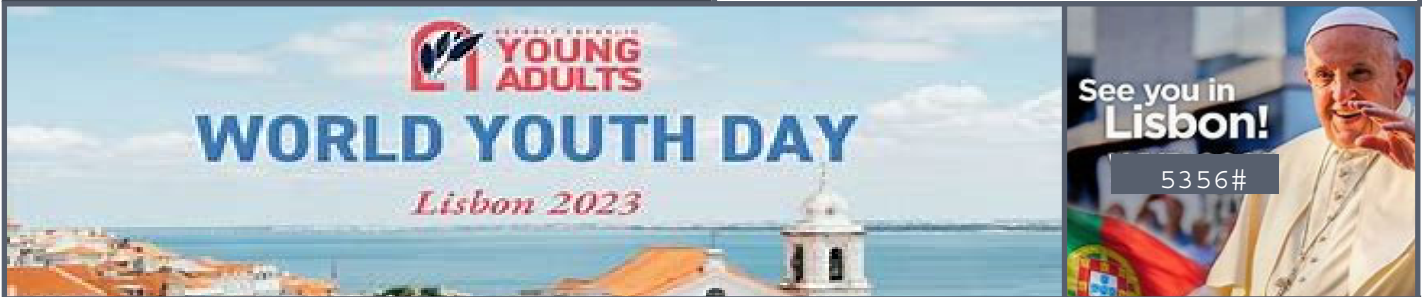
Our new year has gotten off to a very wet start indeed, and I hope and pray the much-needed rain has not had too many unforeseen consequences for members of our community. Hopefully we'll continue to receive the blessing of rain with a minimum of associated drama. This weekend and next there you will have the opportunity to sign-up to participate in our parish pot-luck lunch in celebration of the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. I'll be preparing hot beef sandwiches, and I encourage you all to consider contributing something sweet or savory to our celebration. The party begins on Sunday, January 29 at 12:30PM and I hope to see many of you there.

God's peace,  
Fr. Kirk

## Una Carta de Padre Kirk

Nuestro año nuevo ha tenido un comienzo muy húmedo, y espero y rezo para que la tan necesaria lluvia no haya tenido demasiadas consecuencias imprevistas para los miembros de nuestra comunidad. Con suerte, continuaremos recibiendo la bendición de la lluvia con un mínimo de drama asociado. Este fin de semana y el próximo tendrá la oportunidad de inscribirse para participar en nuestro almuerzo parroquial en celebración de la Fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino. Estaré preparando sándwiches de carne caliente y los animo a todos a que consideren contribuir con algo dulce o salado para nuestra celebración. La fiesta comienza el domingo 29 de enero a las 12:30 y espero verlos a muchos de ustedes allí.

la paz de Dios,  
P. Kirk



*The California Augustinians invite you to consider joining us on a Pilgrimage to the*  
**Augustinian 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. *Some 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)*





John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." JOHN 1:29

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## LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter."

We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

## EL CORDERO DE DIOS

En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan el Bautista nombra a Jesús como el "Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo". Este nombre "Cordero de Dios" es rico en significado, y puede interpretarse de varias maneras. Desde el Antiguo Testamento, evoca el cordero de la Pascua, vinculado al rescate de Dios del pueblo hebreo de Egipto. También es una imagen del siervo fiel de Dios, como en Isaías 53 como "cordero llevado al matadero".

Podemos notar que aquí Jesús es el Cordero "de Dios". Es el propio Cordero de Dios, que pertenece a Dios. Jesús no es un sacrificio de culto a Dios, o una demanda de Dios. Juan está presentando una imagen tradicional de una manera nueva. El Cordero "quita" nuestro pecado, tanto exponiendo la realidad de nuestro pecado (que a menudo ocultamos de nosotros mismos), como perdonando nuestro pecado. Este mismo Cordero está lleno del Espíritu Santo, y comparte este Espíritu para sanar nuestros corazones atribulados.



## Ojai Valley Family Shelter

December 1 – March 31

381 Cruzero St. in Mira Monte at the Ojai Valley Grange

Open from 5:30 pm to 7 am.

The shelter offers unhoused people a community dinner and a warm, safe place to sleep.

*(A mobile shower is available every other night.)*

Guests must have a tuberculosis screening clearance dated Oct. 1 or more recent.

Proof of vaccination for COVID-19 or the most recent booster Guests must be local,

*(having a connection to the Ojai Valley, either through current or former residency or through family that lives here.)*

*Dinner is provided by various service groups and churches throughout the community.*



## Mark Your Calendar



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

*Next gathering, Tuesday, February, 2023, at*

Clubhouse, (between the church and the parish hall)

For more information call either Mary Wood 805 640-5243 or Greg Sinicrope 805 455-4619.

### *Faith Formation Program for Adults!*

Presentations are being offered on topics of interest to everyone.

They will be held at 11 am on the first Sunday of every month (with a few exceptions) in the Aquinas Center..

*Next Presentation*

*February 5, 2023*

*Catholic Traditions*

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

Contact Aina Yates for more information at (805) 646-4338 ext. 111

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

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

Opening in the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Villanova Prep is currently gathering information from the community regarding interest in our planned Middle School,

set to open in Fall 2023.

If you would like to find out more information about our plans, please reach out to our Admissions Team at:

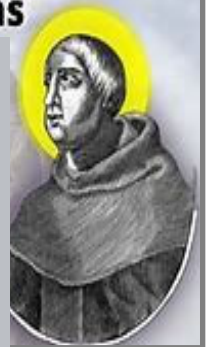
[admissions@villanovaprep.org](mailto:admissions@villanovaprep.org) or

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

### **Happy Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas**



*The Feast of  
St. Thomas Aquinas falls on a  
Saturday this year.*



**We will Honor our  
Parish Patron  
At all masseso  
January 26/27**

**We will also celebrate with a special**

## **Parish Potluck Luncheon**

After the 11:30 Mass

**Sunday, January 29 at 12:30**

Please plan to participate in this celebration to be held in our own Aquinas Center

*Bring a dish to share.*

**DO GOOD;  
SEEK JUSTICE.**  
(ISAIAH 1: 17)



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023**

*Sign ups for Dishes to bring  
Will be available after mas on Jan 14/15 & 21/22*

## Did you Understanding the VIRTUS® protecting God’s Children” program

Child sexual abusers often target nurturing, child-friendly environments, where parents and participants assume that no one would ever want to harm a child. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles began implementing the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children sexual abuse prevention program in 2004 to send a message to potential predators that child sexual abuse is not tolerated. Through this program, adults learn that through early identification, awareness, and education they can be “proactive” in protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse. Since the program began, more than 405,000 adults have been trained in abuse prevention.

Additionally, more than 165,000 Catholic school and religious education students are trained annually with an age-appropriate curriculum on boundary awareness and how to communicate if violations of those safe boundaries occur. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is committed to ensuring that parishes, schools and ministries are safe places for everyone in our community. For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit: [lacatholics.org/protect](https://lacatholics.org/protect).

## Entendiendo el programa VIRTUS® “Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios”

Los abusadores sexuales de niños a menudo se enfocan en entornos acogedores para los niños, donde los padres de familia y los participantes asumen que nadie querría dañar a un niño. La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles comenzó a implementar el programa de prevención del abuso sexual de VIRTUS® “Protegiendo a los niños de Dios” en 2004, para enviar un mensaje a los depredadores potenciales de que no se tolera el abuso sexual infantil. Por medio de este programa, los adultos aprenden que a través de la identificación temprana, la concientización y la educación ellos pueden ser “proactivos” en la protección de niños y jóvenes del abuso sexual infantil. Desde que comenzó el programa, más de 405,000 adultos han sido capacitados en la prevención del abuso.

Además, más de 165,000 estudiantes de escuelas católicas y de educación religiosa reciben capacitación anualmente con un plan de estudios apropiado para su edad sobre el conocimiento de los límites y cómo comunicarse si se producen violaciones de esos límites seguros. Para obtener más información, visite <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles se compromete a garantizar que las parroquias, las escuelas y los ministerios sean lugares seguros para todos en nuestra comunidad. Para obtener más información sobre el apoyo a las víctimas-sobrevivientes y los esfuerzos de protección y prevención del abuso de la Arquidiócesis, visite [lacatholics.org/](https://lacatholics.org/)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;  
Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;  
Mk 3:20-21  
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 5:1-10; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 2:18-22  
Martes: Heb 6:10-20; Sal 111 (110):1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mc 2:23-28  
Miércoles: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Sal 110 (109):1-4; Mc 3:1-6  
Jueves: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Sal 40 (39):7-10, 17; Mc 3:7-12  
Viernes: Heb 8:6-13; Sal 85 (84):8, 10-14; Mc 3:13-19  
Sábado: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9;  
Mc 3:20-21  
Domingo: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14;  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Tuesday: St. Anthony  
Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
begins  
Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)  
Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian  
Saturday: St. Agnes

### LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
Lunes: Día de Martin Luther King Jr.  
Martes: San Antonio  
Miércoles: Comienza la Semana de Oración por la  
Unidad Cristiana  
Jueves: Teofanía (Epifanía) en el calendario juliano  
Viernes: San Fabián; San Sebastián  
Sábado: Santa Inés

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