



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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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

“COME AFTER ME,
AND I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”
Matthew 4:19

**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

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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

Monday: 9:00AM January 23, 2023	Patricia West † <i>By The Wood Family</i>
Tuesday: 9:00AM January 24, 2023	Larry Hartmann † <i>By Bereavement</i>
Wednesday: 9:00AM January 25, 2023	Gary † and Christina † <i>By David Rioux</i>
Thursday: 9:00AM January 26, 2023	Gary Hardman † <i>By Patti Hardman</i>
Friday: 9:00AM January 27, 2023	Paul Hennigan † <i>By Bereavement</i>
Saturday: January 28, 2023 5PM	Mieko Sakai † <i>By Joe & Shoko Sigel</i>
Sunday 9:30AM January 29, 2023	Joseph Fitzgerald † <i>By The Davis Family</i>

✠ Special intentions ✠

"May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day.

2 Timothy 1:18

*If we live, we live for the Lord; if we die, we die
for the Lord. Romans 14:8: (abbreviated)*

For you CREATED
my inmost being;
you knit me together in
my mother's womb.
I praise you because
I'm FEARFULLY and
WONDERFULLY made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
Psalm 139:13-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope</i>
Tuesday:	St. Francis de Sales
Wednesday:	The Conversion of St. Paul; <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</i>
Thursday:	Ss. Timothy and Titus
Friday:	St. Angela Merici
Saturday:	St. Thomas Aquinas

DO GOOD;

SEEK JUSTICE.

(ISAIAH 1: 17)

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023**

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes:	<i>Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de la Criatura en el Vientre Materno; Santa Marianne Cope; San Vicente</i>
Martes:	San Francisco de Sales
Miércoles:	La Conversión de san Pablo; <i>Termina la Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana</i>
Jueves:	San Timoteo y San Tito
Viernes:	Santa Ángela de Merici
Sábado:	Santo Tomás de Aquino

Father Kirk's Letter

Every four years, the Augustinians in California gather for something called a Provincial Chapter to evaluate our common life together, assess our ministries, and consider directions we might take in the future. The Chapter is typically held in two sessions: the first in January and the second in June.

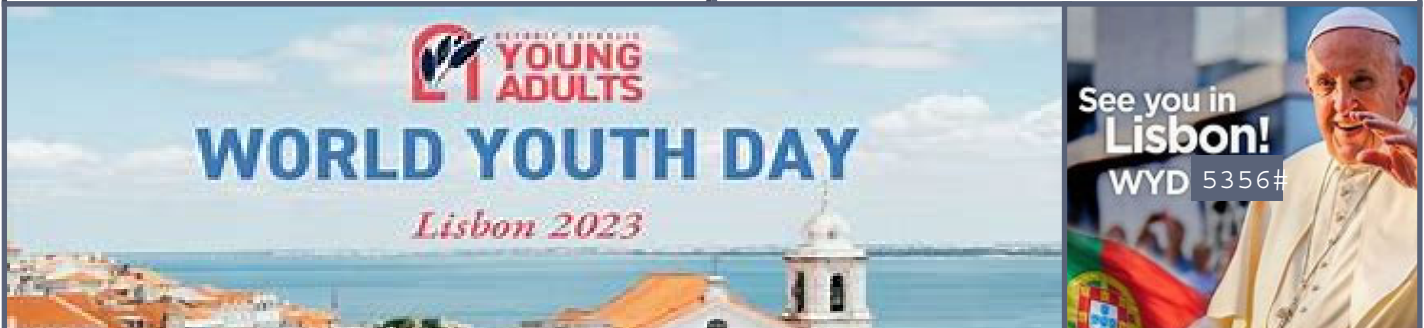
We Augustinians here in the Ojai Valley will be traveling to San Diego this week for the first session of our Provincial Chapter. Please pray that the Holy Spirit might be present and active in our deliberations. Fr. Dan O'Sullivan has been kind enough to agree to preside at our daily Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Una Carta de Padre Kirk

Cada cuatro años, los agustinos de California se reúnen para algo llamado Capítulo Provincial para evaluar nuestra vida común juntos, evaluar nuestros ministerios y considerar las direcciones que podríamos tomar en el futuro. El Capítulo se suele celebrar en dos sesiones: la primera en enero y la segunda en junio. Los agustinos aquí en el Valle de Ojai viajaremos a San Diego esta semana para la primera sesión de nuestro Capítulo Provincial. Por favor, oren para que el Espíritu Santo esté presente y activo en nuestras deliberaciones. Padre Dan O'Sullivan ha tenido la amabilidad de acceder a presidir nuestra misa diaria el martes, miércoles y jueves de esta semana.

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.

Financial aid is available.

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

Fr. Kirk Davis, OSA - frkirk@stacojai.org



Ojai Valley Family Shelter Update by Christopher Johnson

I'm pleased to share with you an update on the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish cooperation with the Ojai Valley Family Shelter working to meet the needs of the unhoused in our community. Let's begin by acknowledging Rod Smith for his years of dedicated service as the Director of the STA Shelter ministry. His caring and compassion for those in need are an example to us all.

I stepped into Rod's role this past November. The OVFS sponsors a Winter Overnight Shelter program from December thru March for those in need. Dinners and Bag Lunches are provided by the various Churches here in the Ojai Valley. STA has the responsibility of providing Dinner every Tuesday. A group of dedicated culinary volunteers including Villanova Prep commit to one Tuesday per month preparing 8-12 dinners and 6-10 bag lunches. One of our regular meal prep groups opted out of the rotation this year, so we are asking for a new group to volunteer for next year. The commitment would be for one Tuesday per month for four months: December - March.

There is much for me to learn about this very dynamic ministry, and I'll look forward to serving with many of you in the future.
Yours in Service, Christopher Johnson

Me complace compartir con ustedes una actualización sobre la cooperación de la Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino con el Ojai Valley Family Shelter que trabaja para satisfacer las necesidades de las personas sin hogar en nuestra comunidad. Comencemos reconociendo a Rod Smith por sus años de servicio dedicado como Director del ministerio de Refugio de STA. Su cuidado y compasión por los necesitados son un ejemplo para todos nosotros.

Entré en el papel de Rod en noviembre pasado. La OVFS patrocina un programa de refugio durante la noche de invierno de diciembre a marzo para los necesitados. Varias iglesias aquí en el valle de Ojai brindan cenas y almuerzos para llevar. STA tiene la responsabilidad de proporcionar la cena todos los martes. Un grupo de dedicados voluntarios culinarios, incluido Villanova Prep, se comprometen a preparar de 8 a 12 cenas y de 6 a 10 almuerzos un martes al mes. Uno de nuestros grupos regulares de preparación de comidas optó por no participar en la rotación este año, por lo que estamos solicitando un nuevo grupo para que sea voluntario para el próximo año. El compromiso sería de un martes al mes durante cuatro meses: diciembre - marzo.

Tengo mucho que aprender sobre este ministerio tan dinámico, y espero poder servir con muchos de ustedes en el futuro.
A sus ordenes, Christopher Johnson

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 check in around 5 pm and receive a hot dinner,

accommodations and a bagged lunch before departing the next morning

Showers are available every other night; Baskets of donated goods, are also available

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

(Tb skin test or x-ray are both free at Ojai Hospital and the vaccination is free at Rite Aid)

WHATEVER YOU DO TO
THE LEAST OF MY
BROTHERS

Calendar Update

Faith Formation Program for Adults!

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 childcare and more information at (805) 646-4338 ext. 111



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

*Next gathering, Tuesday,
February 14, 2023*

Clubhouse, (between the church and the parish hall)
For more information call either Mary Wood 805 640-5243 or Greg Sinicrope 805 455-4619.

**Happy Feast Day of
St. Thomas Aquinas
January 28**

We will Honor our
Parish Patron
At all masses
January 28/29



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:

admissions@villanovaprep.org or
www.villanovaprep.org

Celebrate with a 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.

*Sign ups for Dishes to bring
Will be available after mass Jan. 21 & 23*

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles affirms our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, lacatholics.org/protect that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse for help and support. 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.

La Arquidiócesis continúa ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y sus familias

La Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles reafirma su compromiso continuo de denunciar denuncias de conducta sexual inapropiada a las autoridades policiales, apoyar a las víctimas-sobrevivientes en su viaje de curación y proteger a los niños y a las personas vulnerables. La Arquidiócesis creó el sitio web, lacatholics.org/protect, que sirve como una herramienta integral que contiene recursos, programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y denunciar el abuso. Si usted, o alguien que conoce, es víctima de conducta sexual inapropiada por parte de alguien afiliado a nuestra Iglesia, comuníquese con las autoridades policiales y con la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis al (213) 637-7650 o visite lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse para ayuda y apoyo. 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/protect.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Is 8:23 9:3).
Psalm — The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).
Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).
Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matt 4:12-23 [12-17]).

While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God's care with "abundant joy and great rejoicing," Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are.

Matthew 4:12-17

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. **13** Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali — **14** to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15 "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —

16 the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." □

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
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: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor glorificó el distrito de los gentiles (Isaías 8:23 — 9:3).
Salmo — El Señor me guía y me salva (Salmo 27).
Segunda lectura — Les ruego que se pongan de acuerdo, que no haya divisiones entre ustedes (1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17).
Evangelio — Cambien su vida y su corazón porque está cerca el reino de los Cielos (Mateo 4:12-23 [12-17]).

Aunque Isaías celebra la profundidad del cuidado de Dios con "abundante alegría y gran regocijo", san Pablo nos ruega que recordemos cómo muestra el Señor este cuidado amoroso: a través de la cruz. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús llama a Pedro, Santiago y Juan para que le sigan. Nosotros también le seguimos, seguros de que Dios nos acompaña, estemos donde estemos.

Mateo 4:12-17

12 Cuando Jesús oyó que Juan estaba preso, volvió a Galilea; **13** y dejando a Nazaret, vino y habitó en Capernaum, ciudad marítima, en la región de Zabulón y de Neftalí, **14** para que se cumpliese lo dicho por el profeta Isaías, cuando dijo:

15 "Tierra de Zabulón y tierra de Neftalí, Camino del mar, al otro lado del Jordán, Galilea de los gentiles;

16 El pueblo asentado en tinieblas vio gran luz; Y a los asentados en región de sombra de muerte, Luz les resplandeció."

17 Desde entonces comenzó Jesús a predicar, y a decir: Arrepentíos, porque el reino de los cielos se ha acercado.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Mc 3:22-30, o cualquiera de lecturas para el Día de Oración
Martes: Heb 10:1-10; Sal 40 (39):2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mc 3:31-35
Miércoles: Hch 22:3-16 o Hch 9:1-22; Sal 117 (116):1bc, 2; Mc 16:15-18
Jueves: 2 Tm 1:1-8 o Tit 1:1-5; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mc 4:21-35
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: Sof 2:3; 3:12-13; Sal 146 (145):6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

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