



“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

**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

Monday: 9:00AM January 30, 2023	Frida Fossa † By The Hennigan Family
Tuesday: 9:00AM January 31, 2023	Tom Farrar † By Bereavement
Wednesday: 9:00AM February 1, 2023	Margaret Weisel † By Ladies' Bible Study
Thursday: 9:00AM February 2, 2023	Petro Pavlyshyn † By The Quackenbush Family
Friday: 9:00AM February 3, 2023	Mary Larramendy † By The Larramendy Family
Saturday:8AM February 4, 2023 5PM	David Hitz † By Mary Kazmer
Sunday 9:30AM February 5, 2023	

"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. Rromans 14:8: (abbreviated)*



Hospitality

**Let's get together after
mass!**

*How would you like to have donuts
after mass? Choose the mass you are open to;
and pull some friends together to get it done.
Different Ministries may assist.*

Call the office and leave a message if you are interested



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: St. John Bosco
Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Groundhog Day
Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;
Blessing of throats
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario;
Semana de las Escuelas Católicas
Martes: San Juan Bosco
Jueves: La Presentación del Señor;
Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada;
Día de la Marmota
Viernes: San Blas; San Óscar; Primer viernes;
Bendición de las gargantas
Sábado: Santa María Virgen; Primer sábado

Father Kirk's Letter

As I mentioned last week, I attended the first session of the Augustinian Provincial Chapter meeting in San Diego this week. It was a spirit filled gathering, and as is often the case, I feel renewed. Several of us were invited to give short talks to the rest of the brothers, and one of the talks stands out. In it, the friar discussed ministry as a give and take. In particular, he expressed gratitude for being ministered TO by the faithful at his parish. I'm so grateful to so many of you for the kindness, support and friendship you have shown me since my arrival here in Ojai. You give witness to Christian living that inspires and encourages me to try to follow your example. As we gather this weekend to celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, may we all give thanks for this loving and supporting community. Happy Feast Day!

Help keep the children & young people in your parish safe

It is important to understand how we, as Catholic adults, can make a difference in protecting the lives of our children and young people. Every adult, whether they are parents or not, can contribute to the safety of the children in our communities in a variety of ways. Be a trusted adult in the lives of the children and young people around you, so that they can turn to you when they need help. Stay up-to-date on the Church's policies and procedures regarding child safety and speak up if you see something that falls outside of them. Caring adults who are invested in the safety of our most vulnerable Church members can and are protecting children every day. For more information see The Archdiocese of Los Angeles Administrative Handbook Chapter 9: Safe Environment: <https://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9>. 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.

Una Carta de Padre Kirk

Como mencioné la semana pasada, asistí a la primera sesión de la reunión del Capítulo Provincial Agustino en San Diego esta semana. Fue una reunión llena de espíritu y, como suele ser el caso, me siento renovada. Varios de nosotros fuimos invitados a dar charlas cortas al resto de los hermanos, y una de las charlas se destaca. En él, el fraile discutió el ministerio como un toma y daca. En particular, expresó su gratitud por ser atendido por los fieles de su parroquia. Estoy muy agradecido con muchos de ustedes por la amabilidad, el apoyo y la amistad que me han mostrado desde mi llegada aquí a Ojai. Das testimonio de una vida cristiana que me inspira y anima a tratar de seguir tu ejemplo. Mientras nos reunimos este fin de semana para celebrar la Fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino, que todos demos gracias por esta comunidad amorosa y solidaria. ¡Feliz día de fiesta!

Ayude a mantener seguros a los niños y jóvenes de su parroquia

Es importante comprender cómo nosotros, como adultos católicos, podemos marcar la diferencia en la protección de las vidas de nuestros niños y jóvenes. Todos los adultos, sean padres de familia o no, pueden contribuir de diversas maneras a la seguridad de los niños en nuestras comunidades. Trate de ser un adulto de confianza en la vida de los niños y jóvenes que le rodean, para que puedan acudir a usted cuando necesiten ayuda. Manténgase actualizado sobre las políticas y los procedimientos de la Iglesia con respecto a la seguridad de los niños y repórtelo si ve algo contra la seguridad de ellos. Los adultos cuidadosos que invierten en la seguridad de nuestros miembros más vulnerables de la Iglesia pueden y están protegiendo a los niños todos los días. Para obtener más información, consulte el Capítulo 9 del Manual Administrativo de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles "Ambiente seguro", en <https://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9>. 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.

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

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.

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.

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)

Share The Harvest

1st Thursday of each Month

Sign in: 9am

Distribution: 9:30 to 10:30am

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 and enclosed in an envelope marked
St. Vincent de Paul

and dropped off at the church office or in the Sunday collections.

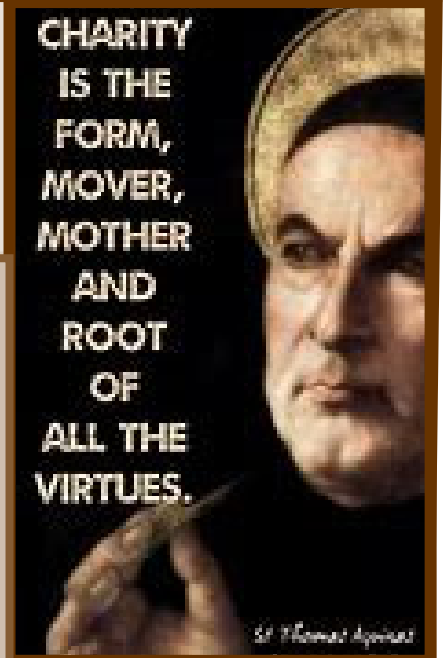
Non Parishable Items can be dropped off in/by the boxes at the back of the church

Volunteers Needed

We are very grateful for all your donations,
help and prayers for this ministry.

*For more information call (805) 646-4338 Ext 112.
Please leave a message & your call will be returned.*

**CHARITY
IS THE
FORM,
MOVER,
MOTHER
AND
ROOT
OF
ALL THE
VIRTUES.**



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**

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in
waiting for you,
and a hope of finally
embracing you.

Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas



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

This Weekend

St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day
Celebration

Potluck



Sunday, January 29, 2023

12:30—2:00 pm



- Football playoffs in the Clubhouse
- Sports and Games for kids
- Teen's hangout
- Piñatas for all ages!



Este fin de Semana

Celebración de Santo Tomás Aquino
Una Comvivencia

Potluck



Domingo 29 de enero, 2023

12:30—2:00

- Football americano en el Clubhouse
- Deportes y juegos para los niños
- Lugar de reunión para Jóvenes
- Piñatas para todos?



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection

(Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

Psalm — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Serán como el rebaño que pasta y que descansa, y no habrá quién los perturbe (Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13).

Salmo — El Señor bendice a los humildes y les da el reino celestial (Salmo 146)

Segunda lectura — Es por la gracia de Dios que ustedes moran en Jesucristo. “El que se gloria, que se gloríe en el Señor” (1 Corintios 1:26-31).

Evangelio — Dichosos los pobres de espíritu (Mateo 5:1-12a).



The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12a

- ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Las bienaventuranzas \

Mateo 5:1-12

- ⁵ Cuando vio a las multitudes, subió a la ladera de una montaña y se sentó. Sus discípulos se le acercaron, ²y tomando él la palabra, comenzó a enseñarles diciendo:
- ³Dichosos los pobres en espíritu, porque el reino de los cielos les pertenece.
- ⁴Dichosos los que lloran, porque serán consolados.
- ⁵Dichosos los humildes, porque recibirán la tierra como herencia.
- ⁶Dichosos los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia, porque serán saciados.
- ⁷Dichosos los compasivos, porque serán tratados con compasión.
- ⁸Dichosos los de corazón limpio, porque ellos verán a Dios.
- ⁹Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz, porque serán llamados hijos de Dios.
- ¹⁰Dichosos los perseguidos por causa de la justicia, porque el reino de los cielos les pertenece
- ¹¹ »Dichosos serán ustedes cuando por mi causa la gente los insulte, los persiga y levante contra ustedes toda clase de calumnias.
- ¹² Alégrese y llénense de júbilo, porque les espera una gran recompensa en el cielo. Así también persiguieron a los profetas que los precedieron a ustedes.

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