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St. Thomas Aquinas Church ~ 100 Years of Serving the People of the Ojai Valley



You are invited to join us for:



An afternoon with three charming Ojai & Parish Historians

When:

Today 2:00pm

Where:

Aquinas Center

Light refreshments will be served ~ See page 3



Pat Clark Doerner



Rose Chavez Boggs



Helen Chavez Peterson

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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In daily life, it's easy simply to focus on the here and now. Life can be complex and rapidly changing. It's often plenty for us just to get through the day. Yet it seems that in Luke's Gospel today, Jesus is asking his followers, and us too, to widen our focus and see a larger reality.

We are asked to observe not only the routines of daily life, not only the large forces of history acting upon us, but also God bringing forth the birth of a new creation. Jesus asks us to see beyond today's troubles and watch God stirring up hope. We are to more truly see persons in need, those who experience violence, loss, or injustice. We are asked to see beyond the superficial during the Christmas shopping season, and to see Christ as ultimate Gift and gift-giver.



2 de diciembre de 2018

Primer Domingo de Adviento

En nuestra rutina de todos los días, es bien fácil enfocarnos en el aquí y ahora. La vida puede ser compleja y cambiar con rapidez. Frecuentemente, tenemos más que suficiente durante el día para irlo pasando. Sin embargo, parece que, en el Evangelio de Lucas de hoy, Jesús está pidiendo a sus seguidores, y a nosotros también, expandir nuestro objetivo y ver de una manera más amplia la realidad.

Se nos pide observar no solo las rutinas de la vida diaria, no solamente las fuerzas de la historia afectándonos, sino también a Dios ofreciéndonos el nacimiento de una nueva creación. Jesús nos pide ver más allá de los problemas de hoy y ver a Dios levantar nuestra esperanza. Estamos para ver más verdaderamente a personas necesitadas, aquellas que sufren a causa de la violencia, la pérdida o la injusticia. Se nos pide ver más allá de lo superficial durante el tiempo de compras navideñas, y que veamos a Cristo como el principal regalo y dador de regalos.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

WAITING WELL

Today we begin Lectionary Year C, when the Gospel readings are frequently from the Gospel of Luke. Luke wrote for a community that wrestled with questions about what had happened and what had not (yet) happened. Some in the community had anticipated the promised return of Jesus during their lifetimes. In today's Gospel, Jesus does not offer a timetable for his coming, but asks us to watch and wait. We can learn to wait faithfully, not knowing what will happen next, but living in trust. Advent is a time to learn again about waiting well.

Many of the events we most cherish in life involve waiting: the birth of a child, graduation, a new job, retirement. How we receive these events often depends on how well we have waited and prepared. Waiting well is not passive. We often work hard to prepare for life's big events, both externally and in our hearts. We ready ourselves, but allow for surprises. Advent's preparation for Christmas mirrors our many waitings, knowing that God may come into our lives by surprise, without a timetable.

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

ESPERANDO BIEN

Hoy empezamos las lecturas del Año C del leccionario, esto quiere decir que durante la mayoría de los domingos leeremos el Evangelio de Lucas. Él escribió a una comunidad que luchó con preguntas de lo que había pasado y de lo que (todavía) no había pasado. Algunas personas en la comunidad anticiparon que la promesa de Jesús de su regreso sucedería durante sus vidas. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús no ofrece detalles del tiempo para su venida, sino que nos pide estar atentos y esperar. Podemos aprender a esperar fielmente, sin saber que será lo siguiente que va a pasar, sino vivir con confianza. El Adviento es un tiempo para volver a aprender acerca de esperar bien.

Muchos de los eventos que apreciamos en la vida suponen una espera: el nacimiento de un hijo, una graduación, un trabajo nuevo, la jubilación. La manera en cómo recibimos estos eventos depende de lo bien que nos hemos esperado y preparado. Esperar bien no es algo pasivo. A menudo, trabajamos arduamente para preparar los grandes eventos de la vida, tanto externamente y en nuestros corazones. Nos preparamos, pero permitimos las sorpresas. La preparación de Adviento para Navidad refleja nuestras muchas esperas, sabiendo que Dios puede venir a nuestras vidas sorpresivamente, sin que tenga fecha.

Lecturas de hoy: Jr 33:14-16; Sal 25 (24):4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Tes 3:12 — 4:2;
Lc 21:25-28, 34-36

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION February 23, 2019

CELEBRACION DEL CENTENARIO 23 de Febrero de 2019

**JOIN US TODAY
WITH OUR OJAI & PARISH
HISTORIANS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
2:00PM**

AQUINAS CENTER
(Light refreshments will be served)

Come enjoy some time with our Parish Historian's,
**PAT CLARK DOERNER, ROSE CHAVEZ BOGGS
HELEN CHAVEZ PETERSON**

**ÚNETE A NOSOTROS HOY
CON NUESTRO OJAI Y
PARROQUIA HISTORIANS
DOMINGO 2 DE DICIEMBRE
2:00 PM**

CENTRO DE AQUINAS
(Se servirán refrescos)

Venga a disfrutar de un tiempo con nuestro historiador
parroquial,
**PAT CLARK DOERNER, ROSA CHAVEZ BOGGS
HELEN CHAVEZ PETERSON**

PLANNING FOR THE 100TH

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY:

- ◆ We are striving to get everyone in the new directory. There are two make up dates for portraits available.
- ◆ Please call the parish office to reserve your spot now.
- ◆ As a reminder you may only receive a directory if you have a portrait completed. There is now charge and no obligation to purchase additional photos.

MEMORABILIA:

- ◆ Marlene Lattimer and Mary Baker are still collecting photos and other memorabilia to borrow for this celebration. Some may be used in the Church Vestibule and some at the Ojai Museum.
- ◆ All items will be cared for and returned.

COMMITTEE:

- ◆ If you have some time and would like to help please call Marlene Lattimer 640-0403



PLANIFICACIÓN PARA EL 100

NUEVO DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL:

- ◆ Nos estamos esforzando para que todos estén en el nuevo directorio. Hay dos fechas de maquillaje para retratos disponibles.
- ◆ Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia para reservar su lugar ahora.
- ◆ Como recordatorio, solo puede recibir un directorio si tiene un retrato completado. Ahora hay cargo y no hay obligación de comprar fotos adicionales.

COSAS MEMORABLES:

- ◆ Marlene Lattimer y Mary Baker todavía están recolectando fotos y otros recuerdos para pedir prestados para esta celebración. Algunos pueden usarse en el Portal de la Iglesia y otros en el Museo Ojai.
- ◆ Todos los artículos serán atendidos y devueltos.

COMITÉ:

- ◆ Si tiene tiempo y desea ayudar, llame a Marlene Lattimer 640-0403

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Domingo: Dn 7:13-14; Sal 93 (92):1-2, 5; Apo 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

Lunes: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sábado: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4;
Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lc 3:1-6

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Primer Domingo de Adviento;
Januká comienza

Lunes: San Francisco Javier

Martes: San Juan Damasceno

Jueves: San Nicolás

Viernes: San Ambrosio; Primer viernes
Día para Recordar Pearl Harbor

Sábado: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN PUBLISHING FOR HOLIDAYS—NO EXCEPTIONS

Tuesday December 11th ALL requests for both Bulletins of *December 16 and December 23*

Monday December 17 ALL requests for Bulletin of *December 30*

Wednesday December 19 ALL requests for Bulletin of *January 6, 2019*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED & MISSING

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jayne Rice**, wife of Sid Rice

And all the victims of the Camp Fire in Paradise, the Weldon Fire in Ventura Los Angeles Counties.
Also keep those who are still listed as missing in your prayers and the First Responders in these areas.
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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday December 7th 7:00PM Vigil Mass

Saturday December 8th 8:00AM

The **ONLY** Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The 5:00PM Mass on Saturday evening is the Sunday Vigil



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

ESTA SEMANA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Sun:	12-2	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Hanukkah 7:00AM Rosary VILLANOVA OPEN HOUSE 10:30AM RCIA 4:00-6:00PM Confirmation
Mon:	12-3	2:00PM BEREAVEMENT
Tue:	12-4	6:00PM HOMELESS SHELTER 6:00PM NOVENA 7-8:30PM English Class 7:00PM Spanish Class 7:00PM Choir 7:00PM RCIA
Wed:	12-5	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 3:30-4:45PM Middle School Youth Group 3:30-5:00PM Religious Education 6:00PM NOVENA 6-7:30PM Religious Education-Sp 6-8:00PM High School Youth Group 6:15PM Rosary-Sp 6:30PM Guadlupano
Thurs:	12-6	9:00AM SHARE THE HAVEST 6:00PM NOVENA
Fri:	12-7	Adoration PEARL HARBOR DAY REMEMBRANCE DAY 9:30AM Rosary 3:00PM Bulletin Submission Deadline 6:00PM NOVENA 7:30PM VIGIL MASS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HDOO
** BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR PUBLISHER** REQUESTS FOR BOTH December 16 and December 23 due!		
Sat:	12-8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HDOO 8:00AM MASS Adoration 3:30-4:30PM Reconciliation 5:00PM POSADA @ VILLANOVA 5:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS 6:00PM NOVENA
Sun:	12-9	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:00AM Rosary 10:30AM RCIA 4-6:00PM Confirmation 6:00PM NOVENA

Dom:	12-2	1 DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO Hanukkah 7:00AM Rosario VILLANOVA OPEN HOUSE 10:30AM rica 4:00-6:00PM Confirmación
Lun:	12-3	2:00PM Duelo
Mart:	12-4	6:00 PM HOGAR SIN HOGAR 6:00 PM NOVENA 7-8: 30PM Clase de inglés 7:00 pm clase de español 7:00 PM Coro 7:00 PM RICA
Mié:	12-5	INMACULADO CONCEPCIÓN 3: 30-4: 45PM Grupo de jóvenes de secundaria 3: 30-5: 00PM Educación Religiosa 6:00 PM NOVENA 6-7: 30PM Educación Religiosa-SP 6-8: 00PM Grupo de jóvenes de secundaria
Jue:	12-6	6:15 PM Rosario-Sp 6:30 PM Guadlupano
Vie:	12-7	9:00 AM COMPARTE LO TENIDO 6:00 PM NOVENA Adoración DÍA DEL PUERTO DE LA PERLA DIA DE RECORDACION 9:30 AM rosario 3:00 PM Presentación del boletín Fecha tope 6:00 PM NOVENA 7:30 PM MISA DE VIGILES PARA INMACULADO HDCE CONCEPCION

**** PLAZO DE PRESENTACIÓN DE BOLETINES PARA EL EDITOR ****
¡SOLICITUDES POR AMBOS 16 de diciembre y 23 de diciembre debido!

Sáb:	12-8	INMACULADO CONCEPTION HDOO 8:00 AM MASS Adoración 3: 30-4: 30PM Reconciliación 5:00 PM POSADA @ VILLANOVA 5:00 PM DOMINGO VIGIL MASS 6:00 PM NOVENA
Dom:	12-9	SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO 7:00 AM Rosario 10:30 AM rica 4-6: 00PM Confirmación 6:00 PM NOVENA

FAMILY & MORE

FAMILIA Y MÁS

Corn Flake Advent Wreaths

You will need:

- 3 TBS butter/margarine
- 1 (10 1/2 oz) package mini marshmallows
- 5 cups corn flakes
- green food coloring
- red hot candies



- 1 Child pours the marshmallows, green food coloring (until dark green), and butter into saucepan. Adult stirs on low heat until smooth. Remove from heat.
- 2 Add cereal and mix until well coated.
- 3 Scoop out 1 large spoonful and place it on a greased cookie sheet. Use your finger to make a hole in the middle to form a wreath. Continue with the rest of the mixture to make many wreaths.
- 4 When steps 2 and 3 are complete, child can put 4 red hot candies on each wreath to represent the candles.
- 5 Enjoy eating the wreaths!

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

First Sunday of Advent Year C

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, the stars, and the sea before Jesus comes to earth again in glory.

Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 1 Thes 3:12- 4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Directions: In the space below draw a pattern using various shapes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parents are in a unique position to know about not only their own children, but their children's friends. If you are a trusted parent, your child's friend may come to you with secrets. What do you do if a child tells you about abuse? As an adult, it's critical that you remain calm, and don't overreact. Child victims are often frightened and confused, and your confusion and anger does not help their situation. Your concern and support, however, will affirm the child in important ways and can help begin the healing process for a child victim who has suffered at the hands of a predator. To learn more about steps to take if a child tells you about abuse, email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

¿SABÍA USTED?

Parents are in a unique position to know about not only Los padres de familia se encuentran en una posición única para conocer no sólo a sus propios hijos, sino también a los amigos de sus hijos. Si usted es un padre confiable, el amigo de su hijo puede acercarse a usted con secretos. ¿Qué hace usted si un niño le cuenta sobre un abuso? Como adulto, es fundamental que permanezca calma y no reaccione de forma exagerada. Las víctimas infantiles a menudo están asustadas y confundidas, y su confusión y enojo no ayudan a la situación. Su preocupación y apoyo, sin embargo, reafirmarán al niño de maneras importantes y pueden ayudar a comenzar el proceso de sanación de un niño víctima que ha sufrido bajo las manos de un depredador. Para obtener más información sobre los pasos a seguir si un niño le cuenta sobre el abuso, envíe un correo electrónico a jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

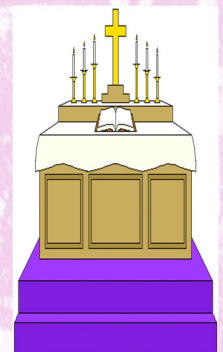
DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	Dec 2	9:30AM
Monday	Dec 3	9:00AM
Tuesday	Dec 4	9:00AM
Wednesday	Dec 5	9:00AM
Thursday	Dec 6	9:00AM
Friday	Dec 7	9:00AM
Saturday	Dec 8	8:00AM 5:00PM

Eileen Atkinson ☼
Charles Coscarelli †
Special Intentions of the Angele Gfeller Family

Mary Korn ☼
Josephine Nocero †
Rita Wyckoff †
Eileen Atkinson ☼
Madeleine Burns †

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By: Chuck Coscarelli
By: Angele Gfeller
By: The Kara Family
By: Chuck Coscarelli
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By: The Cunningham Family
By: The Doran Family



PARISH INFORMATION

INFORMACION DE LA PARROQUIA

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LITURGIES

Saturday
8:00AM Daily Mass

Vigils
5:00PM English & 7:30PM Spanish

Sunday
7:30AM & 9:30AM English
11:30AM Spanish

Weekdays
M-F 9:00AM Parish

COMMUNION TO THE
HOMEBOUND

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SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30-4:30PM or
by appointment 646-4338 X105

ROSARIES

Wednesday 6:15PM ~ Spanish
Friday 9:30AM ~ Cenacles of Life
Sunday 7:00AM
Thursday Morning through
Saturday Morning

URGENT PLEA FOR THE
5:00PM MASS

In IMMEDIATE need of Music,
Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers,
Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristan
to set up.



PRAYER LINE

805-276-3799 or deacon-
phil@stacojai.org

WEDDINGS

Call for appointment with the Pastor

BAPTISMS

(Call for appointment)
Spanish-Father Fernando
English-Deacon Phil

FUNERALS

Please call 646-4338 X101

PLEA URGENTE PARA LA
5:00 PM MISA

En la INMEDIATA necesidad de
música, lectores, servidores de altar,
ujieres, eucarística Ministros y
Sacristan para configurar.

