

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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

PRAYER LINE
805-276-3799 or deaconphil@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



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Second Sunday of
Advent

December 9, 2018

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

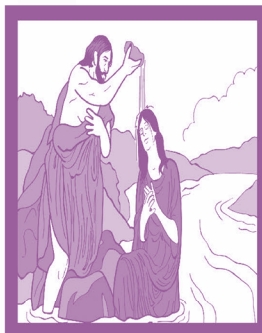
Altar Flower Donation Envelopes for the Christmas Season are available in the vestibule. The envelopes can be put in the offering baskets or turned into the parish office. There is a place on the envelope to make a dedication, and the envelopes will be placed on the Altar. Thank you for your contribution.



December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist preached from the desert. The desert not far from Jerusalem is extremely rugged, where steep hills and deep valleys are common across a barren landscape. When John quoted Isaiah in today's Gospel, this rough terrain stirred the imagination of John's listeners. John proclaimed that these hills and valleys are to be made level, to provide a smooth path for God to enter.

John's listeners recognized that the height of hills and the depth of valleys are similar to human attitudes and relationships: heights of personal pride and depths of discouragement and fear. Hills and valleys evoked how people treat each other, with some people raised high and others brought low. They suggested how social structures embody and harden these tendencies with large-scale systems of military, political, or economic oppression. John proclaimed that God was about to alter this social landscape through the work of Jesus.



9 de diciembre de 2018
Segundo Domingo de Pascua

Juan el Bautista predicó desde el desierto. Aquel desierto que no está lejos de Jerusalén es extremadamente escabroso, donde colinas empinadas y valles profundos son comunes en todo ese paisaje desértico. Cuando en el Evangelio de hoy, Juan cita a Isaías, este terreno escabroso estimula la imaginación de quienes lo escuchan. Juan proclamó que estas colinas y valles se aplanarían, para proporcionar un camino parejo para que Dios entre.

Quienes escucharon a Juan reconocieron que la altura de las colinas y las profundidades de los valles eran similares a las relaciones y actitudes de las personas: alturas del orgullo personal y profundidades del miedo y desaliento. Colinas y valles evocan cómo las personas tratan unas a otras, con algunas personas altamente elevadas y otras menospreciadas. Ellas sugieren cómo las estructuras sociales representan y endurecen estas tendencias con una larga escala de sistemas opresores militares, políticos o económicos. Juan proclamó que Dios estaba a punto de transformar este paisaje social por medio de las obras de Jesús.

EARTH-MOVING

Transforming the human landscape, like the task of smoothing the desert hills and valleys, is an enormous undertaking, truly the work of God. Yet God looks for partners in this transformation. John the Baptist, and Jesus afterward, called followers to participate in God's work, and to begin with repentance. We the Church respond to this call today, and acknowledge our ongoing need for God's mercy and forgiveness. Our Advent preparation for Christmas includes opening our hearts to God's forgiveness, so that Jesus might come to take residence there.

We join in God's earth-moving project by repenting of how we block God's path with resentments and fears. When we are brought low in our lives, we seek God's help, and God will enlist the help of others. When we realize that we reside on mountains of advantage or privilege that place others in valleys, we are to repent and to change how we live. When we bring healing and justice to others, we are sharing in God's earth-shaking work, and preparing a straight pathway for our God.

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MOVIMIENTO DE LA TIERRA

Transformar el paisaje humano, como la tarea de aplanar las colinas y valles desérticos, es una tarea inmensa, verdaderamente el trabajo de Dios. Sin embargo, Dios busca compañeros en esta transformación. Juan el Bautista, y después Jesús, ambos invitaron a personas a seguirlos para colaborar en el trabajo de Dios, empezaron con el arrepentimiento. Nosotros, la Iglesia, respondemos hoy a esta invitación y reconocemos nuestra necesidad constante del perdón y de la misericordia de Dios. Nuestra preparación de Adviento para la Navidad incluye apertura de nuestro corazón para el perdón de Dios, para que Jesús pueda venir y habitar en él.

Nos unimos al proyecto de Dios para mover la Tierra arrepintiéndonos de cómo obstruimos el camino de Dios con resentimientos y miedos. Cuando somos menospreciados en nuestras vidas, buscamos la ayuda de Dios y Dios consigue la ayuda de otras personas. Cuando nos damos cuenta que vivimos en montañas de ventajas o privilegios que pone a otras personas en los valles, debemos arrepentirnos y cambiar cómo vivimos. Cuando llevamos alivio y justicia a otras personas, estamos compartiendo el trabajo de Dios para sacudir la Tierra y preparar un camino recto para nuestro Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Flp 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION February 23, 2019

CELEBRACION DEL CENTENARIO 23 de Febrero de 2019



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 11

11:00AM

PARISH HALL

There are several unresolved plans for the celebration that need to be addressed.
Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

COMITÉ CENTENARIO REUNIÓN

MARTES

11 DE DICIEMBRE

11 A.M

Sala parroquial

Hay varios planes no resueltos para la celebración que deben abordarse. Cualquier persona interesada está invitada a asistir.

PLANNING FOR THE 100TH

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

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: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
Lk 3:10-18

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: International Human Rights Day
Tuesday: St. Damasus I
Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday: St. Lucy
Friday: St. John of the Cross

Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lc 3:1-6
Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-3 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima Virgen María, nos. 707-712
Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Ecl 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 17-19a, 10-13
Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Segundo Domingo del Adviento
Lunes: Día Internacional de los Derechos Humanos
Martes: San Dámaso I
Miércoles: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Jueves: Santa Lucía
Viernes: San Juan de la Cruz

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*

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of

Ayude al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Un donante escribe: “Su volante me llegó hasta el corazón —al ver a los religiosos jubilados, salieron a la luz tantos recuerdos”. ¿Recuerda a las hermanas, hermanos o sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas que afectaron su vida positivamente? Hoy, muchos son ancianos y necesitan ayuda. Sus congregaciones luchan para satisfacer las necesidades de su jubilación y continuar sirviendo al Pueblo de

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

ESTA SEMANA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA



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Sun:	12-9	2 SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	7:00AM	Rosary
	10:30AM	RCIA
	4:00-6:00PM	Confirmation
	6:00PM	Novena
Mon:	12-10	6:00PM Novena
Tue:	12-11	6:00PM HOMELESS SHELTER
		6:00PM NOVENA
		7:00PM VIGIL MASS
		7:00PM LITURGY
		7-8:30PM English Class
		7:00PM Spanish Class
		7:00PM Choir
		7:00PM RCIA
** BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR PUBLISHER**		
REQUESTS FOR BOTH December 16 and December 23 due!		
Wed:	12-12	5:00AM MANANITAS
		6:00AM MASS
		9:00AM DAILY MASS
		3:30-4:45PM Middle School Youth Group
		3:30-5:00PM Religious Education
		6:00PM NOVENA
		6:30PM PROCESSION
		6-7:30PM Religious Education-Sp
		6-8:00PM High School Youth Group
		7:00PM MASS
Thurs:	12-13	
Fri:	12-14	Adoration
		9:30AM Rosary
		3:00PM Bulletin Submission
		Deadline
Sat:	12-15	8:00AM MASS
		Adoration
		9:00AM OPEN PANTRY
		3:30-4:30PM Reconciliation
Sun:	12-16	3 SUNDAY DAY OF ADVENT
		7:00AM Rosary
		10:30AM RCIA
		4-6:00PM Confirmation

Dom:	12-9	2 DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO
		7:00 AM Rosario
		10:30 AM RICA
		4: 00-6: 00PM Confirmación
		6:00 PM Novena
Lun:	12-10	6:00 PM Novena
Mar:	12-11	6:00 PM REFUGIO SIN HOGAR
		6:00 PM Novena
		7:00 PM MISA DE VIGILES
		7:00 PM LITURGIA
		7-8: 30PM Clase de inglés
		7:00 PM clase de español
		7:00 PM Coro
		7:00 PM RICA
** PLAZO DE PRESENTACIÓN DE BOLETINES PARA EL EDITOR **		
¡SOLICITUDES POR AMBOS 16 de diciembre y 23 de diciembre debido!		
Miér:	12-12	5:00 AM MANANITAS
		6:00 AM MASA
		9:00 AM MISA DIARIA
		3:30-4:45PM Grupo de jóvenes de secundaria
		3:30-5 00PM Educación Religiosa
		6:00 PM Novena
		6:30 PM PROCESION
		6-7: 30PM Educación Religiosa-SP
		6-8: 00PM Grupo de jóvenes de secundaria
		7:00 PM MISA
Jue:	12-13	
Viernes:	12-14	Adoración
		9:30 am rosario
		3:00 PM Envío de boletines Fecha tope
Sáb:	12-15	8:00 AM MISA
		Adoración
		9:00 AM OPEN PANTRY
		3:30-4:30PM Reconciliación
Dom:	12-16	3 DOMINGO DIA DE ADVIENTO
		7:00 AM Rosario
		10:30 AM RICA
		4-6: 00PM Confirmación

THANK YOU**A note from our Bereavement Ministry:**

Jay at Reardon's has gifted us with large baskets that we needed for the flowers we collected at the All Soul's Mass. Reardon's has always supported our parish with gifts and support. We are blessed.
Connie Campbell

GRACIAS**Una nota de nuestro ministerio de duelo:**

Jay en Reardon's nos ha regalado canastas grandes que necesitábamos para las flores que recolectamos en la misa de todo el alma. Reardon siempre ha apoyado a nuestra parroquia con regalos y apoyo. Estamos bendecidos
Connie Campbell

FAMILY & MORE

FAMILIA Y MÁS



'Prepare the way of the Lord'
Luke 3 : 4



IN THIS TIME

Last week we learned some things about John the Baptist. In today's Gospel and next week's we learn what John did when he became an adult. He began to teach people about how they should prepare for Jesus, telling them what they needed to do to change their lives. He told them Jesus would come to teach us about God's kingdom and our part in it.

While you and your family are busy getting ready to celebrate Christmas, don't forget to include the things John spoke about in your preparations. In addition to all the decorations and presents, what else do you need to do to prepare your heart for Jesus? How can you show and tell others about Jesus?

Today's Gospel (Luke 3:1-6) begins with the names of several important people. They tell us exactly when in the history of the world John the Baptist lived and worked. John's work was telling people to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

You are like John. You live in a different time, but like all Catholic Christians, you have the same job—to help others know Jesus. Fill in the lines with the names of the people who are our leaders today. Then write your message about Jesus on the last lines.

In the second year of President _____,
when _____
was Governor of _____ (your state)
and _____ was
Mayor of _____ (your town),
during the time when _____ was
pastor of your parish, called _____,
the Word of God came to you and you listened. This is your important message
telling people how they can prepare for the coming of Jesus in this time and place.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thanksgiving and Christmas are popular travel times, as people gather with family and friends to celebrate the holidays. For many people, that means trading in the routines and established safety practices of home for time spent in a hotel. If you and your children are staying in a hotel, take a few minutes to go over the escape route in the event of a fire or emergency. Show your children how to dial out from the room—to call 911. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Family Travel and Vacation Safety (Are We There Yet?)" click here.

¿SABÍA USTED?

El Día de Acción de Gracias y la Navidad son épocas de viaje, ya que las personas se reúnen con familiares y amigos para celebrar las fiestas. Muchas personas alteran las rutinas y las prácticas de seguridad establecidas en el hogar durante el tiempo que pasan en un hotel. Si usted y sus hijos se alojan en un hotel, tómese unos minutos para repasar una ruta de escape en caso de incendio o emergencia. Muestre a sus hijos cómo marcar desde el cuarto para llamar al 911. Para obtener una copia del artículo completo de VIRTUS® "Family Travel and Vacation Safety (Are We There Yet?)" (Seguridad en viajes y vacaciones familiares ¿Ya llegamos?), Visite <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

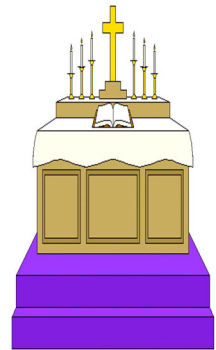
PARISH INFORMATION

INFORMACION DE LA PARROQUIA



DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	Dec 9	9:30AM	Jackie Fontana †	By:	John & Joan McNeil
Monday	Dec 10	9:00AM	Marie Coscarelli †	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Tuesday	Dec 11	9:00AM	Fr. Pat Keane, OSA †	By:	Chong Crisp
Wednesday	Dec 12	9:00AM	Jackie Fontana †	By:	Chong Crisp
Thursday	Dec 13	9:00AM	Joseph Nocero †	By:	Chuck Coscarelli
Friday	Dec 14	9:00AM	Madeleine Burns	By:	Chuck & Therese Mon-
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Saturday	Dec 15	8:00AM	John Moss †	By:	Bereavement
		5:00PM	Conny Kurtenbach †	By:	Ed Kurtenbach Family



St. Thomas Aquinas Financial Status

	Monthly (October 2018)	Year to Date (7/1/18- 10/31/2018)
Unrestricted Income*	\$45,843	\$150,217
Restricted Income	\$12,623	\$59,020
Expenses	\$50,438	\$216,372
Net	\$8,028	-\$7,134

- Unrestricted income includes: plate and envelope collections, online giving, donations, fundraisers, etc.
- ** Restricted income includes: sales from Parish Thrift Store (supports Religious Education) and the Building Fund

There has been a slight trend of increasing contributions to the Building Fund with more than \$4,000 contributed in October. Thank you to the parishioners for these valuable contributions as St. Thomas Aquinas is working to fix those items that need fixing and spruce up the grounds and church in preparation for our Centennial Celebration next February. Volunteers got off to a great start on November 24, 2018 in tree trimming all around the church, vacuuming and cleaning all the pews, and some new plantings. Painting, staining and other activities are in the planning stages and another volunteer event is being organized for December. Please look for announcements at the masses and in the bulletin for your chance to assist.

OPEN PANTRY SUGGESTED SHOPPING LIST

Pasta	Cold Cereal
Toilet Paper	Packaged Dinner
Mac N Cheese	Hot Cereal
Paper Towels	Peanut Butter
Instant Potatoes	Pop Tarts
Kleenex	Ketchup
Rice	Bread
Soap	Relish
Stuffing	English Muffins
Deodorant	Pickles
Gravy Mix	Instant Breakfast
Shampoo	Mustard
Soup Mix	Breakfast/Protein Bars
Conditioner	Mayonnaise
Flour	Jam/Jelly
Laundry Detergent	Spaghetti Sauce
Corn Meal	Bisquick
Sugar	Pancake/Waffle Mix
Brown Sugar	Syrup
Canned Fruit	Canned Vegetables
Wipes	Gatorade
Soup	Lotion
Pedalyte	Baby Food
Coffee	Vegetable Juice
Canned Meat	Cash/Check
Baby Cereal	Tea
Spam	Grocery Store Gift Card
Formula	Fruit Juice
Canned Chicken	Diapers
Water	Tuna