

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor Father Tom Verber O.S.A.

Associate Pastor Father Fernando Lopez O.S.A. and Deacon Phil Nelson

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

March 10, 2019



First Sunday  
of

Jesus was led by the Spirit  
into the desert for forty days,  
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2

# Lent

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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

## 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

ADORER CHAPEL HOURS  
Thursday morning through  
Saturday mornings

## 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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;  
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Moses recounts great events of salvation history which find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. We confess him to be Lord, for God raised him from the dead. He is ever faithful, resisting temptation to forsake his Father's mission, trusting in God's love.

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

The command of the Lord is clear; love one another, for "whatever you do to these least ones, you do it to me"

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

May God's Spirit always inspire us how to pray and be open to the Word that the Father may be glorified.

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

Nineveh heard the preaching of Jonah and repented. The Word calls us to repentance as well.

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12

If we petition in faith, we shall be heard, as was Esther.

**Friday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

The Lord forgives us in the conversion of our hearts, and rejoices in the reconciliation of one to another.

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

We are called to love even our enemies, and thus walk in God's ways, following the law of the Lord.

**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery—the dying and rising of Jesus.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;  
Rite of Calling the Candidates to  
Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending;  
Daylight Saving Time begins;

Girl Scouting Sunday

**Monday:** Julian Calendar Lent begins

**Friday:** Abstinence

## PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner  
without a future.

## LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

**Domingo:** Dt 26:4-10; Sal 91 (90):1-2, 10-15;  
Rom 10:8-13; Lc 4:1-13

**Lunes:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 19 (18):8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46

**Martes:** Is 55:10-11; Sal 34 (33):4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Miércoles:** Jon 3:1-10; Sal 51 (50):3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lc 11:29-32

**Jueves:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12

**Viernes:** 1 Pe 5:1-4; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Sábado:** Dt 26:16-19; Sal 119 (118):1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48

**Domingo:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 27 (26):1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Fil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lc 9:28b-36

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

**Domingo:** Primer Domingo de Cuaresma;  
Rito de Elección; Rito de Envío;  
Rito del Llamado a la Conversión Continua;  
Cambio de Hora; Domingo de las Niñas  
Exploradoras

**Lunes:** Inicio de la Cuaresma en el calendario juliano

**Viernes:** Abstinencia

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Las cenizas que se nos pusieron en la frente el miércoles pasado ya están borradas, pero las palabras que nos dijeron deben sonar aún en nuestras almas. Tradicionalmente se dice: "Recuerda que del polvo venimos y al polvo retornaremos." Y aunque hoy en muchos lugares se dice: "Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio" el mensaje para oídos latinos es el mismo. Es un mensaje que nos saca de nuestro egoísmo recordándonos lo que los antiguos Toltecas ya sabían: esta vida es un sueño y el que muere despierta a la vida verdadera. Viviendo el Evangelio en esta vida nos prepara para la vida eterna.

Las cenizas y esas frases dan un mensaje que lleva la imagen de la tierra que se somete para cultivarse. A veces la tierra se quema para que de sus cenizas venga vida nueva. Las cenizas que se nos pusieron no son para despreciar nuestra vida sino para amarla. De esa manera seremos cultivados por el ayuno, la oración y la caridad que hagamos durante la cuaresma, sometiendo el polvo de nuestro cuerpo para dar fruto eterno.

## Things to know

## Cosas que saber

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE****TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019 7:00PM**

Priests in both languages will be available for this service

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES****SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA COMUNITARIA****MARTES, 20 DE MARZO 7:00PM**

Los sacerdotes en ambos idiomas estarán disponibles para este servicio.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S PANTRY****March 16, 2019****Open at 9:00AM**

Thank you for your continued support and generous donations of foods and monies. Also a BIG thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who prepare and stock the shelves and purchase needed items and serve at the Pantry.

**DESPENSA DE SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL****16 de marzo de 2019****Abierto a las 9:00AM**

Gracias por su apoyo continuo y generosas donaciones de alimentos y dinero. También un gran agradecimiento a todos los dedicados voluntarios que preparan y abastan los estantes y compran los artículos necesarios y sirven en la despensa.

**LENT WITH BISHOP BARRON****WORDONFIRE.ORG**

Bishop Barron offers great resources and you can sign up to receive via email daily reflections on the Gospel

**CUARESMA CON EL OBISPO BARRON****WORDONFIRE.ORG**

Bishop Barron ofrece grandes recursos y puede inscribirse para recibir por correo electrónico reflexiones diarias sobre el Evangelio.

**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

|           |        |        |                      |                                 |
|-----------|--------|--------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Mar 10 | 9:30AM | Debbie Young †       | By: Matt & Jennifer Bender      |
| Monday    | Mar 11 | 9:00AM | Josephine Nocero †   | By: Charles Coscarelli          |
| Tuesday   | Mar 12 | 9:00AM | Woodrow Rimpa †      | By: Connie Rimpa                |
| Wednesday | Mar 13 | 9:00AM | George Heilshorn †   | By: Marlene & Allen McCauley    |
| Thursday  | Mar 14 | 9:00AM | John Harnett †       | By: Helen Harnett               |
| Friday    | Mar 15 | 9:00AM | Bob Nelson †         | By: The Nelson Family           |
| Saturday  | Mar 16 | 8:00AM | Carmen Elena Rocha † | By: Barbara Caballero & Ana Luz |
|           |        | 5:00PM | Paul De Toro †       | By: The Morgan Family           |



Pray for the repose of the soul of,

Samuel Anguiano, Father of Elizabeth Arant

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.

Please keep Samuel and his family and friends in your prayers

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH****ESTA SEMANA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA**

|                       |      |                                       |
|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------------|
| First Sunday of Lent  |      |                                       |
| Sun:                  | 3-10 | 7:00AM Rosary                         |
|                       |      | 10:30AM RCIA                          |
| Mon:                  | 3-11 | 9:00AM Daily Mass                     |
| Tue:                  | 3-12 | 6:00PM Homeless shelter               |
|                       |      | 7-8:30PM English class                |
|                       |      | 7:00pm RCIA                           |
| Wed:                  | 3-13 | 9:00AM Daily Mass                     |
|                       |      | 3:30PM Religious Ed class             |
|                       |      | 6:00PM Religious Ed Spanish           |
|                       |      | 6:00PM-8:00PM High School Youth Group |
| Thurs:                | 3-14 | Adoration                             |
|                       |      | 7:00PM Choir                          |
| Fri:                  | 3-15 | Adoration                             |
|                       |      | 9:30AM Rosary                         |
|                       |      | 3:00PM Bulletin Submission            |
|                       |      | Deadline                              |
|                       |      | 3:00PM Stations of the cross-         |
|                       |      | English                               |
|                       |      | 7:00PM Stations of the cross-         |
|                       |      | Spanish                               |
| Sat:                  | 3-16 | Adoration                             |
|                       |      | 3:30-4:30PM Reconciliation            |
| Second Sunday of Lent |      |                                       |
| Sun:                  | 3-17 | 7:00AM Rosary                         |
|                       |      | 10:30AM RCIA                          |

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| Dom:     | 3-10 | 7:00 AM Rosario                |
|          |      | 10:30AM RCIA                   |
| Lun:     | 3-11 | 9:00AM Misa diaria             |
| Martes   | 3-12 | 6:00PM Refugio                 |
|          |      | 7-8:30pm Clase de inglés       |
|          |      | 7:00PM RCIA                    |
| Miér:    | 3-13 | 9:00AM Misa diaria             |
|          |      | 3:30PM religioso Ed classes    |
|          |      | 6:00PM Religioso ed spanish    |
|          |      | 6:00PM-8:00PM grupo de jóvenes |
|          |      | de la escuela secundaria       |
| Jue:     | 3-14 | Adoración                      |
|          |      | 7:00PM Coro                    |
| Viernes: | 3-15 | Adoración                      |
|          |      | 9:30AM Rosario                 |
|          |      | 3:00PM envío del boletín Plazo |
|          |      | 3:00PM estaciones de la Cruz-  |
|          |      | Inglés                         |
|          |      | 7:00PM estaciones de la Cruz-  |
|          |      | Español                        |
| Sáb:     | 3-16 | Adoración                      |
|          |      | 3:30-4:30PM Reconciliación     |
|          |      | Segundo domingo de Cuaresma    |
| Dom:     | 3-17 | 7:00 AM Rosario                |
|          |      | 10:30 AM RICA                  |

**Congratulations**

Joe Silvestri and his son Tim Silvestri for their years of service to St Thomas Aquinas Parish. They were honored at the annual Catholic Charities recognition banquet in the parish hall of Padre Serra Church in Camarillo. Our thanks joins the certificate of appreciation given them by Dan Grimm, regional director of Catholic Charities.

**Felicitaciones**

Joe Silvestri y a su hijo Tim Silvestri por sus años de servicio a la parroquia de St Thomas Aquinas. Fueron honrados en el banquete de reconocimiento anual de Caridades Católicas en el salón parroquial de la iglesia padre Serra en Camarillo. Nuestro agradecimiento se une al certificado de agradecimiento otorgado por dan Grimm, director regional de Caridades Católicas

**Lent Reflections with Bishop Barron**

We will be showing the Bishop Robert Barron series on The Mass. Lent is a wonderful time of reflection and a reminder of why we are called to the Mass and the miracle that happens right before our eyes.

**Mondays March 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st, 8th  
at 11am and 7pm in English  
March 20th, 27th at 7pm in Spanish.**

Please contact the parish office for questions or to RSVP.  
All are welcome for this Lenten time of reflection!

**Reflexiones prestadas con el obispo Barrón**

Vamos a mostrar la serie del Obispo Robert Barron en La Misa. La Cuaresma es un tiempo maravilloso de reflexión y un recordatorio de por qué estamos llamados a la Misa y al milagro que sucede justo delante de nuestros ojos.

**Lunes 11, 18, 25 de marzo y 1 de abril, 8º  
a las 11am y 7pm en inglés  
el 20 de marzo, 27 a las 7pm en español.**

Please contact the parish office for questions or to RSVP.  
All are welcome for this Lenten time of reflection!



**FAMILY****FAMILIA****DID YOU KNOW?**

"Battered Child Syndrome" is a clinical term professionals use to refer to children experiencing recurrent physical abuse from a caretaker over an extended period of time. Signs of a battered child can include repeated bruising or bruising in unusual places, broken bones, scratches, and other injuries. Even if you do not see physical abuse happening, such injuries may be signs that a child is in danger in his or her own home. You should report any suspicious injuries or symptoms to a local child protective services agency — that report could save a child's life. To learn more from the VIRTUS® article "Battered Child Syndrome,"

**¿SABÍA USTED?**

El "Síndrome del niño maltratado" es un término clínico que los profesionales usan para referirse a niños que experimentan abuso físico recurrente por parte de un cuidador, durante un período prolongado de tiempo. Los signos de un niño maltratado pueden incluir moretones esporádicos o moretones repetidos en lugares inusuales, huesos rotos, rasguños y otras lesiones. Aunque usted no vea el abuso físico, tales lesiones pueden ser signos de que un/a niño/a está en peligro en su propia casa. Usted debe reportar cualquier lesión o síntoma sospechoso a una agencia local de servicios de protección infantil, ya que ese informe podría salvar la vida de un/a niño/a. Para obtener más información sobre el artículo de VIRTUS® "Battered Child Syndrome" (Síndrome del niño maltratado),

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HELPED ON OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

Centennial Committee      Q-Time BBQ Company      Don Lalos Mexican Food      Frontier Paints - Donated Paint  
 Jiagi Doris Zhang & Villanova Prep - Banner Design      Ventura Signs & Screen Printing - Church Banners  
 Ojai Business Center - Printed Bookmarks & posters      Women's Guild      Dave Meisch - Built Stage Stairs  
 Karen Lewis - Donation of Thomas Aquinas College Chapel Painting      Kirby Russell - Photography  
 Gil and Claudia Webber - Donated Chapel's stained glass window,  
 Loaves' & Fishes' (discovered in their newly purchased home)

Ellen Rueth - Prepared Worship Aid      Perry Van Houten - Ojai Valley      Paul Ramirez - Painted Stage Floor  
 Tony Cunningham - Remodeled Parish Hall Stage Front      Those who provided luncheon entertainment  
 Ojai Museum - Enthusiastic support and willingness to assist us in all our endeavors

Rose Chavez Boggs,      Helen Chavez Peterson,      Patricia Clark Doerner      Barbara Caballero  
 For sharing their stories, a very special thank you to all the parishioners and staff who supported our Centennial

**I am grateful for all the support and help in bringing together an important milestone in our parish history. It takes many willing people and I personally would like thank you all so much.**

Marlene Lattimer Centennial Committee Chairman

**Thank you to all of the parents who helped with the children's activities at the 100th celebration party.  
 You are a blessing to this parish and very appreciated!!**

## Parish information

## Información de la parroquia

**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER & DANCE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH**

Tickets will be sold soon after Masses and in the office. Bring all your family and friends, buy a table! Great food, corned beef and cabbage, Live Band, there will be dancing! Cold beverages & Adult Beverages too!

**CENA Y BAILE DE SAN PATRICIO  
SÁBADO 16 DE MARZO**

Los boletos se venderán poco después de Misas y en la oficina. Trae a todos tus familiares y amigos, ¡compra una mesa! Buena comida, carne en conserva y repollo, Live Band, ¡habrá baile! Bebidas frías y bebidas para adultos también!

**Religious Education Congress 2019  
March 22-24, 2019**

For more information: [www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org)  
Or contact  
Aina Yates (805) 646-4338 x 111

**Congreso de educación religiosa 2019  
22-24 de marzo, 2019**

Para más información: [www.recongress.org](http://www.recongress.org)  
O comuníquese con  
Aina Yates (805) 646-4338 x 111

**NOMINATIONS FOR NEW  
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Pastoral Council is seeking new members. This group is not a governing board, but rather an advisory council and a source of wisdom and guidance for our pastor. The members represent the interests and needs of the entire parish community and work together with the pastor to do what is best for the parish.

Qualifications include:

- Being baptized
- Practicing Catholics
- Are active participants in our parish

Ideal candidates should be:

- Willing to listen
- Speak honestly
- Be flexible and open minded

This committee meets quarterly (four times per year) for approximately one and half hours...

If you or anyone you know has a desire to serve or would like additional information, please contact Fr. Tom or any of the current pastoral council members (their names and photos are in vestibule of the church along with "Nomination Forms" - both English and Spanish.

Deadline for nominations is Sunday, March 25.

**NOMINACIONES PARA NUEVO  
MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO PARROQUIAL**

El Consejo Pastoral está buscando nuevos miembros. Este grupo no es una junta directiva, sino un consejo asesor y una fuente de sabiduría y guía para nuestro pastor. Los miembros representan el intereses y necesidades de toda la comunidad parroquial y trabaja junto con el pastor para hacer lo mejor para la parroquia

Las calificaciones incluyen:

- Ser bautizado
- Católicos practicantes
- Son participantes activos en nuestra parroquia

los candidatos ideales deben ser:

- Dispuesto a escuchar
- Habla honestamente
- Sea flexible y de mente abierta.

Este comité se reúne trimestralmente (cuatro veces por año) durante aproximadamente una hora y media...

Si usted o alguien que conoce tiene el deseo de servir o desea información adicional, contáctese con el Padre. Tom o cualquiera de los actuales miembros del consejo pastoral (sus nombres y fotos están en el vestíbulo de la iglesia junto con "Formularios de nominación", ambos en inglés y español).

La fecha límite para las nominaciones es el domingo 25 de marzo.

## Parish information cont.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT ~**

On Sunday March 10th, 13 missionaries from NET ministries lead a retreat with 75 of our young people preparing for Confirmation. Please remember in your prayers all of our young people and all of those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation that they may grow in their faith and love for God and His Church.

A special heartfelt thank you to Linda Desch and Jon & Julie Teichert for hosting the missionaries in their homes this year. Without their generosity, we wouldn't be able to have a retreat like this.

**RETIRO DE CONFIRMACIÓN ~**

El domingo 10 de marzo, 13 misioneros de los ministerios NET lideran un retiro con 75 de nuestros jóvenes que se preparan para la confirmación. Por favor, recuerden en sus oraciones a todos nuestros jóvenes y a todos aquellos que se preparan para recibir los sacramentos de iniciación que pueden crecer en su fe y amor por Dios y su iglesia. Un agradecimiento especial a Linda DESCH y Jon & Julie Teichert por acoger a los misioneros en sus hogares este año. Sin su generosidad, no podríamos tener un retiro así.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me...'

Matthew 25:35-40



Porque tuve hambre y me diste de comer, tuve sed y me diste de beber, era un extraño y me invitaste a entrar, necesitaba

ropa y me

vestiste ...'

Mateo 25: 35-40

**PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY**

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| Confirmation, Brian Campos                     | 805-646-4338 X102 | brianc@stacojai.org       |
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