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Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Mass Schedule

Horario de Misas

October 15, 2023

Saturday Vigil ~ Vigilia del Sabado

5:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ Domingo

English - 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
*11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Spanish - *1:00 p.m.

Daily Mass ~ Misa Diaria

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday -
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday -

*9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Friday -

*8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. in Spanish
1st Saturday of the month - 8:00 a.m.

* = Livestream Masses via YouTube

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoración Eucarística

After Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass and
After first Friday 6:30 p.m. Mass

Reconciliation ~ Reconciliación

Saturday ~ 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Also by appointment if NEEDED

Anointing of the Sick

Unción de los Enfermos

First Monday of the month after the
8:00 a.m. Mass.

Emergency phone number for After Hours
Anointing **Only** (951) 396-1247



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

"Vengan a la boda." - Mt 22, 4

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life matters. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There is a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

15 de octubre de 2023 ~ 28° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¡Vengan a la fiesta! Todo está preparado, no falta nada, solo los invitados. Los primeros invitados del Evangelio de hoy responden de mala gana, son indignos de ir a la fiesta. Además, maltratan a los enviados a invitarlos. ¡Qué falta de educación y responsabilidad! Con justa razón el rey se enoja, y actúa de diferente manera. Invita a la gente de los caminos, de todas partes, sin importar su estatus migratorio, ni nacionalidad, ni costumbres, buenos y malos. Todos tienen un lugar en el banquete del reino. Solo existe una condición, llevar vestido de fiesta de gala. Y ¿Cuál es ese traje de fiesta ahora? El traje de fiesta es la Gracia que nos otorgan los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.

Cabe preguntar lo siguiente: ¿Cuáles son los pretextos que pongo para aceptar las invitaciones de Dios en mi vida? ¿Cuál es el banquete al que Dios me invita actualmente? Dios nos quiere felices, y desea que gocemos de sus dones terrenos y espirituales desde ahora, de inmediato. Sin embargo, la meta debe estar puesta en lo eterno, en lo duradero, en el cielo. Saber gozar es un don. San Pablo nos da la pauta a seguir en la segunda lectura de hoy: “Todo lo puedo en aquel que me fortalece” (Filipenses 4,13). Nosotros nos fortalecemos cada domingo en el Banquete de la Eucaristía. A este banquete estamos invitados todos. El traje es gratis, lo puedes adquirir en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. ¡Acepta la invitación del Señor! ©LPi



INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Saturday - Sabado, October 14

5:00 p.m. † Matias Ayon

Sunday - Domingo, October 15

7:00 a.m. † Joseph Welch

9:00 a.m. † Marco Quesada

11:00 a.m. Ints. Ma Teresa Soriano

1:00 p.m. † Zoila Eusebia Nalvarte

5:00 p.m. Ints. Gene Ross

Monday - Lunes, October 16

8:00 a.m. Ints. Brenda Rogers & Family

Tuesday - Martes, October 17

8:00 a.m. Ints. Peter Leon Guerrero

Wednesday - Miercoles, October 18

9:00 a.m. Ints. Peter Leon Guerrero

6:30 p.m. Ints. Esther Leon Guerrero

Thursday - Jueves, October 19

8:00 a.m. Ints. Peter Leon Guerrero

Friday - Viernes, October 20

8:00 a.m. † Gregory Stoll

6:30 p.m. Ints. Esther Leon Guerrero

Sanctuary Candle

Ints Sally Binckley ~ Happy Birthday

Mother Mary's Side

Ints. Daling Soledad Santos

Ints. Florence Marquez

St. Joseph's Side

Ints. Leonard Santos

Ints Joe L. Marquez



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Parish News



Marco Quesada, Agustin Zavala, Lisa Weber, Anne Coniglio, Jorge Baranda, Cecilia Perches, Alfred Velasquez, Thomas Vaughn, Francisco Ybarra, Michael Aja, Alberto Jun, Otto Schaffler, Karen Blod, Yolanda Meiers and Gloria DeLeon

May the souls of our faithful departed rest in peace.
Descansen en paz las almas de todos los fieles difuntos.



Prayer request for the sick Oremos por nuestros enfermos

Jeannette Quesada, Chelsea Wandro, Rosemary Ojeda, Joanne DeGeorge, Walt Perne, Michelle Perine, Carol Cowles, Sarah Davenport, Cruz Ballesteros, Margie Alvarez, ElsieAnn Myers, Lupita Munoz, Gabriella Munoz Basil & Sally Binckley, Kenny Cruz, Orest Stetkevich, Mary Schaffler, Santiago Guillen, Donna Valenzuela, Gio Roman, Lidia Bonilla-Garcia, Raquel Bernal, Jamie Rios, José Luis Cervantes, Margie Cervantes, Irene Meurer, Peter C, Cevannah Cheng, Bernice Santa Maria, Corinne Malone, Lois Kirk, Adam Ksiazek, Tony Stoll, Deacon Paul Myers, Jane Bjelke, Tom Manley, Francis Blumschein, Pennie Rials, Patsy Schulte, Juanita Blumschein, Sarah Blunschein, Rey Reboles, Chanelle M Brooks, Sharon Drucker, Louis Drucker, Kate Kemp, Linda Carter, Baby Nina Mendonsa, Jojo Doran, Elizabeth Mendez, Donna Cabrera, Mary Reategui, Peter Leon-Guerrero, Mama Fran Hernandez, Daling Soledad Santos, Tim McNamara, Juana Martin Nicolas, Jose Quintana, Del & Deanna Rice, Fernando & Denise Moreno and Donna Marshall

May they feel the healing power of God.



2023 DDF Annual Appeal

Diocesan Goal for St. Thomas the Apostle:
 \$96,000.00

Pledges Made: \$103,113.00
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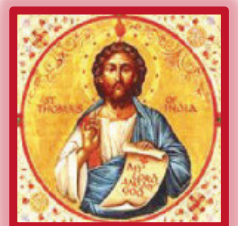
Don't suffer alone! Stephen Ministry is here for you.

...Caring for those in crisis from family issues, hospitalizations, loss, stress, any of life's overwhelming challenges.

To have a Stephen Minister paired with you or to have your questions answered, please call the Parish office and leave your contact information.

A Stephen Minister **will** get in touch with you.

**St. Thomas the Apostle
 Pray for us!**



Please be generous in your Combined Fall Campaign

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FAITH FORMATION

Youth Confirmation

The Faith Formation Office is accepting registration forms now. Classes will begin in October. Registration Forms and steps for enrollment are located in the vestibule of the church and the parish office.

1st Year parents—please call the Faith Formation Office to schedule your **Mandatory** Confirmation Journey meeting.

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Dana Robles, Coordinator of Catechetical Ministry
and **Eileen Gamboa, Faith Formation Assistant**

Adult Confirmation

Please check our website for important Adult Sacrament information or contact the RCIA Coordinator, Grace Fernandez in the church office or email her at gfernandez@sbdiocese.org

Home Schooling Ministry

Contact Lori-Ann Mauricio for more information juanandloriann@yahoo.com or 858-337-6397



Young Adult Ministry

IS BACK IN SESSION !

Thank you everyone who was able to make it to our Bible study and movie night this past week, we hope you had a wonderful time! If you have graduated high school or are between 18-25 years old, we would like to invite you to join us for future events! Bring a Bible and something write with, and prepare to grow in faith and fellowship! Scan the QR code below to be added to our Discord where we share events and updates!

Thank you to all the parishioners of St. Thomas for your continued prayers and support; we hope that we can represent this parish and our community well through our ministry. All glory and honor to God!

We are also on Instagram: @stthomas_yam!



*When two or more gather,
there I Am.*

*St. Thomas the Apostle
came together and here He is.*

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Nuestro Horario de Servicios

Bienvenidos!

Misa de la Vigilia

Sabado 5:00 p.m. (Ingles)



Misas Dominicales

Misa en Español *1:00 p.m.

Misas en ingles: 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
*11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.



Misas durante la Semana (Ingles)

Lunes, Martes, Jueves, *Viernes 8:00 a.m.
Miercoles *9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.



Misa en Español Viernes 6:30 p.m.

Adoracion

Los viernes al terminar la misa de las 8:00 a.m.* y el primer viernes del mes al terminar la misa de las 6:30 p.m. en español



Confesiones

Sabados 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Uncion de los Enfermos

Se celebra despues de la misa de las 8:00 a.m. el primer lunes de cada mes.
Si se tratara de una "uncion de emergencia" por favor llame al **(951) 776-7382**



* Servicios que se transmiten en vivo via YouTube



Fiesta en Santo Tomas Apostol

Sabado 21 de octubre

12:00-9:00 p.m.

Comida, musica, entretenimiento y mucha diversion!

Boletos para la rifa y brazaletes para que los ninos jueguen ilimitadamente ya estan disponibles en la oficina.

Día del Sacerdote

Sábado 28 de octubre



Rosario y Caminata de Oración por el Sacerdote y Ramo Espiritual

Estamos encantados de extenderle una cálida invitación a un evento muy especial que no solo nos une como comunidad sino que también nos permite expresar nuestro profundo aprecio y apoyo a nuestros devotos sacerdotes, diáconos y seminaristas.

Rosario y oración por el sacerdote: **Caminata hasta Mount Rubidoux a las 6 a. m.**, seguida de una **misa de clausura en St. Thomas the Apostle Riverside a las 9:30 a. m.**

Únase a nosotros Más información por venir. Reserve esta fecha importante.

St. Teresa of Ávila Feast Day October 15

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri. ©LPi



Santa Teresa de Ávila |Fiesta 15 de octubre

Santa Teresa de Ávila (1515-1582) fue una monja carmelita española que vivió en el siglo XVI. Fue una mística y autora de escritos y poemas espirituales. Originadora de la Reforma Carmelita, fundó numerosos conventos en toda España y restauró la vida contemplativa a la orden. Se hizo conocida por sus experiencias místicas, muchas de las cuales describió en su autobiografía.

La primera de las cuatro mujeres nombradas Doctora de la Iglesia, la doctrina ascética de Santa Teresa y las reformas carmelitas moldearon la vida contemplativa católica romana, y sus escritos sobre el viaje del alma cristiana hacia Dios se consideran obras de arte. Sus escritos, especialmente "El Camino de la Perfección" y "El Castillo Interior", han ayudado a generaciones de creyentes.

Santa Teresa de Ávila murió el 15 de octubre de 1582. Fue canonizada el 22 de marzo de 1622, junto con tres de sus más grandes contemporáneos: San Ignacio de Loyola, San Francisco Javier y San Felipe Neri. ©LPi

¿Es correcto demandar a alguien? ¿No es una forma de vengarse?

La venganza es infligir daño por hacer daño, la idea de ojo por ojo, diente por diente, y algo más. A menudo existe una delgada línea entre justicia y misericordia, entre compensación y perdón. Desafortunadamente, nos pueden suceder cosas que causen daño, sufrimiento y dolor, independientemente de las intenciones de las personas. Cuando alguien resulta herido, especialmente de tal manera que requiere atención o tratamiento especial, se debe pagar el costo de esa atención.

En un mundo perfecto, las personas con necesidades especiales, discapacidades o discapacidades encontrarían la ayuda y la atención que necesitan, incluidos aquellos que están heridos o heridos. Pero la justicia no siempre llega y la gente no siempre es justa. Por eso, utilizar el sistema legal para corregir un error es a veces la única opción.

En algunos casos, es la única manera de que las personas puedan obtener la ayuda que necesitan y merecen. Sin embargo, los juicios frívolos o la "pesca de dinero" no sólo son injustos, sino también inmorales. La ley está ahí para proteger a las personas y hacer uso de ella cuando sea necesario es algo bueno. ©LPi

Atencion Familias del Catecismo en Español!



El proximo sabado 22 de octubre no habra reuniones de catecismo. Sin embargo, los esperamos en nuestra fiesta parroquial de 12:00-9:00 p.m. Tendremos mucha diversion.

Venga con toda la familia!



Priest Day ... Saturday, October 28th

Rosary and Prayer Walk for Priests and Spiritual Bouquet

We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to you for a very special event that not only unites us as a community but also allows us to express our deep appreciation and support for our devoted priests, deacons, and seminarians.

Event Details: Date: **October 28, 2023** Activity: Rosary and Prayer for Priest Walk to Mount Rubidoux 6:00 a.m., followed by a Closing Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, Riverside 9:30 AM. Join us as we pray for our priests in the diocese and to present them with a special Spiritual Bouquet from our community. Our journey to Mount Rubidoux will be both a physical and a spiritual adventure. As we ascend the mountain, it symbolizes not only our shared dedication to God but also our companionship with our priests in their mission to serve our diocese.

What is a Spiritual Bouquet? A spiritual bouquet is a collection of prayers, sacrifices, and spiritual exercises by as many -- if not all -- parishioners to express our heartfelt support, gratitude, and appreciation for those who have chosen a vocation to spiritually guide and nourish us.



Uniting in Worship: The Closing Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, Riverside will be the pinnacle of our event. Together, we will gather to celebrate, express gratitude, and lift up our intentions for the well-being and ministries of our priests. This collective worship is a profound testament to our faith and commitment as a community. The presentation of our Spiritual Bouquet will be given to our beloved priest at the close of mass.

Please contact Sandra via email scburroughs@msn.com

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Job Opening

St. Thomas the Apostle Church has an opening for a Liturgy Assistant. Please call Fr. Ted in the parish office for position details.

Healing After Loss

St. Thomas the Apostle church invites you to journey with us in our Healing After Loss (grief support) group.



This Wednesday, October 18th, begins our 5-week program to support and encourage individuals that have lost someone to death and still has an empty, aching feeling inside. We can't make the pain go away but we can lovingly journey with you through this process. Call Valerie Doran at the parish office, (951) 689-1131 for more information and to reserve your place. We will meet at the Katharine Drexel Ministry Center, the Morning session is at 10:00 a.m. or the Evening session starts at 6:00 p.m. A one-time donation of \$35. is requested to cover the cost of handout materials.

We look forward to you joining us and to start your journey.



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St. Thomas the Apostle School Students


Fiesta Performances Saturday, October 21st 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.


Join us for a day of fun for the entire family!

Recycle Day
Sunday, November 12th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us for
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every
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Thursday, November 9th
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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Painting to be determined.

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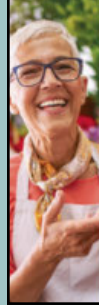
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