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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

November 12, 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



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!” But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ - Mt 25:11-12

“‘Señor, señor, ábrenos’. Pero él les respondió: ‘Yo les aseguro que no las conozco.’” - Mt 25, 11-12

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OPTIONAL



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritual-

ly shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark. Father John Muir ©LPi



Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday:

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday:

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday:

Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday:

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday:

Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday:

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday:

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENENDIMIENTO PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

12 de noviembre de 2023 ` 32º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

No podemos detener el tiempo y éste pasa volando, los días se van aprisa y los años vuelan. A veces nos preguntamos: ¿Qué fue lo que hice hoy? ¿Qué he hecho en los años que he vivido? La respuesta puede variar, quizá hemos aprovechado todo en la vida, o quizá no hemos logrado todo lo que hubiéramos querido. Pero, hoy, el Evangelio no invita a estar prevenidos, a estar bien preparados. Nos invita a comenzar de nuevo y llenar nuestra alcuza de aceite con actitudes y valores de acuerdo al Evangelio. A tener esperanza, a estar despiertos para cuando llegue la hora.

“Ser sabios y prudentes significa no esperar hasta el último momento para corresponder a la gracia de Dios, sino hacerlo activamente de inmediato, empezar ahora. [...] Si queremos estar preparados para el último encuentro con el Señor, debemos cooperar con él a partir de ahora y realizar buenas acciones inspiradas en su amor” (Papa Francisco 11-08-2020). Si notamos en la parábola, todas las vírgenes se despertaron al escuchar el aviso de que llegaba el novio. Todas ellas deseaban participar en el banquete. Sin embargo, solo las prudentes estaban listas para disfrutar de la boda. Señor, ayúdame, a vivir preparado en todo, que siempre esté listo con buenas obras y tenga tiempo para esperar tu llamada. Actualmente, ¿cómo me preparo para acudir al banquete de la Eucaristía? Estoy puntual, y listo para participar. ©LPi



Saturday - Sabado, November 11

5:00 p.m. † Lourdes Borja Santiago

Sunday - Domingo, November 12

7:00 a.m. Ints. Rus Lee and family

9:00 a.m. † Francisco Navarro

11:00 a.m. † Richard Fernando

1:00 p.m. † Mercedes Lomeli

5:00 p.m. Ints. St. Joseph

Monday - Lunes, November 13

8:00 a.m. Ints. Mickie Rogers ~ Happy Birthday

Tuesday - Martes, November 14

8:00 a.m. Ints. Mama Fran Hernandez

Wednesday - Miercoles, November 15

9:00 a.m. † Bonnie Burchett

6:30 p.m. Ints. Caroline Lower

Thursday - Jueves, November 16

8:00 a.m. † Malcolm Lower

Friday - Viernes, November 17

8:00 a.m. † Gloria Lomas

6:30 p.m. † Zoila Eusebia Navarte

Sanctuary Candle

† Samuel & † Elizabeth Elliot



Mother Mary's Side

† Juan M. Sanchez Jr.
Ints. Gloria Palmer ~ In Appreciation

St. Joseph's Side

† Hipolito Zavala Meza
† Maximiliano Cardenas

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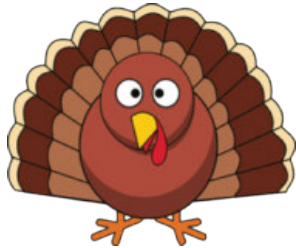


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Estele Vaca and Marcia Evans

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

November at First Glance

- ◇ Wednesday, 11/22- The Parish Office will be open 8:30 – Noon and closed 11/23 & 24
- Thursday, 11/23 – Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. and Blessing of Food
- ◇ Thursday, 11/30 – St. Thomas the Apostle Penance Service at 7:00 p.m.



Thanksgiving & Christmas Gift Card collection for the needy of the parish is open.

Please bring your generous donation of gift cards to the parish office, drop in the weekend collection basket or mail in to St. Thomas the Apostle “Attention Arcelia”.



**Thank you!
God bless your generous heart.**



Prayer request for the sick Oremos por nuestros enfermos

Jeannette Quesada, Chelsea Wandro,
Rosemary Ojeda, Joanne DeGeorge,
Walt Perne, Michelle Perine, Carol Cowles,
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Del & Deanna Rice, Fernando & Denise Moreno,
Donna Marshall, Don Fennell, Tim St. Croix,
Dick & Carol Egan, Avery Brantley, Marsha Evans,
Benjamin Montano, Martha Romero, Epi Lemons
and Joanne Carter

*May they feel the healing power of God.
Que sientan el poder sanador de Dios.*

Stephen Ministry wishes to sincerely thank the parishioners of St Thomas for listening to us and for meeting with our minister members. Thank you for getting information and taking our literature. Caring is love in action, so very typical of and at the heart of St Thomas parish. You are in our prayers. Peace



FAITH FORMATION

Youth Confirmation

Classes will begun.

Contact Information

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Faith Formation

Registration Forms and steps for enrollment are located in the vestibule of the church and the parish office.

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



Youth Ministry Mass and Gathering every 1st Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.



Thank you to the Daily Rosary Warriors.
They spent the morning praying their Rosary and preparing our new missalettes for our upcoming Advent release for our parish use.

Young Adult Ministry

November! YAMs has a lot of exciting things planned, so keep an eye out! We will have fun and fellowship, we hope to see you there!

We are also on Instagram: @stthomas_yam!

YAM



Home Schooling Ministry

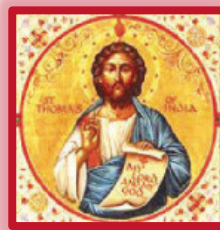
Interested in Homeschooling?

Looking for a Homeschool community?

The Homeschool Ministry invites you to our Homeschool Masses at 11 am on the following

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Contact Lori-Ann Mauricio for more information
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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



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Noviembre 11 y 12



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VELAS CONMEMORATIVAS



El acto de encender una vela en honor a los difuntos es una tradición centenaria que nos permite expresar lo que no podemos comunicar con palabras. La vela del santuario y las velas junto a la estatua de María y José están disponibles para ser encendidas por sus intenciones durante una semana. Llame a la oficina parroquial para programar sus intenciones para los próximos meses. El costo es de \$10 por vela, la cual se encendera por sus intenciones durante una semana.

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Church Collections

Where does the money go that is collected each week at Church?

This is a good question! Every parish has financial obligations, including the basic operation of the buildings, salaries, maintenance, and improvements. In addition, there are schools to support, programs to run, charities to be funded, and operational expenses like hosts and wine for Mass, music books, vestments, and so on. In some cases, cemeteries and other buildings need attention. Finally, there is the diocesan assessment that each parish pays to help run the diocese and the support services provided to each parish.

Most parishes manage to get by with the collection, a few fundraisers and endowments. But contrary to popular opinion, cash flow is also a problem, and many parishes operate in the red. The Finance Committee is responsible for assisting the pastor in fiscal management, and good stewardship is the basis for successful programs. ©LPi

Colecciones de la Iglesia

¿A dónde va el dinero que se recauda cada semana en la Iglesia?

¡Esta es una buena pregunta! Cada parroquia tiene obligaciones financieras, incluida la operación básica de los edificios, salarios, mantenimiento y mejoras. Además, hay escuelas que apoyar, programas que ejecutar, organizaciones benéficas que financiar y gastos operativos como hostias y vino para la misa, libros de música, vestimentas, etc. En algunos casos, los cementerios y otros edificios necesitan atención. Finalmente, está la evaluación diocesana que cada parroquia paga para ayudar a administrar la diócesis y los servicios de apoyo brindados a cada parroquia.

La mayoría de las parroquias logran arreglárselas con la colecta, algunas actividades para recaudar fondos y donaciones. Pero contrariamente a la opinión popular, el flujo de caja también es un problema y muchas parroquias operan en números rojos. El Comité de Finanzas es responsable de ayudar al pastor en la gestión fiscal, y la buena mayordomía es la base para programas exitosos. ©LPi

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PMFP concludes on June 12, 2024.



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Registration Link (English): <https://form.jotform.com/mfi.sbdiocese/S2024pmfp>

Enlace para registro (en español): <https://form.jotform.com/mfi.sbdiocese/P2024pmfp>

¡Inscríbete hoy!

A Message from YAM! (Young Adults Ministry)



Hello all! November is in full swing, and YAMs is back at it again with a month full of activities; we would like to thank everyone who made it to our Bible study, it is an honor to grow in faith alongside you!

We will be holding adoration here in the church tomorrow November 13th at 8pm featuring music by the Choir of St. Cecilia, and we'd like to invite young adults to join us for this special time with the Lord!



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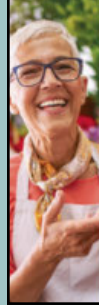
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Thanksgiving Parish Food Drive This weekend, November 11th and 12th

In the Holy Eucharist we receive at Mass, Christ gives us His Body and Blood as food to keep us strong and growing Spiritually. He asked us in return to provide food for each other (for those in need) to maintain strength and growth physically.

Our Food Drive supports these people in need through the food pantries at:
Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We can do a lot when EVERYONE does a little. This weekend, **November 11th and 12th**, we are asking every parishioner to please bring food items to Mass. Slips with suggested items will be passed out today after all Masses.

Please drop off food at the designated areas at the church during all Masses this weekend. Working together we can help people in need in our own neighborhood and become even more truly a **Eucharistic Community** (A People Giving Thanks).



ADVENT CANDLES

BY THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

On the weekend of November 18th and 19th the American Heritage Girls Troop 1022 will be selling hand poured advent candle sets.

These candles are made from past Paschal, Advent, and other blessed candles used during our parish liturgical year.

The girls of troop 1022 are taught how to handle and reverently reuse the blessed wax.

Each advent set has a suggested donation of \$20.

