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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 19, 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



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir ©LP



Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA - 33er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las tres lecturas de este domingo nos recuerdan que estamos al final del año litúrgico. La primera narra la belleza de una mujer hacendosa y trabajadora, la que con sus manos hace labores hermosas y socorre al que está en desgracia. Pablo hace una invitación personal para vivir confiados en el encuentro definitivo con el Señor. “Todos ustedes son hijos de la luz e hijos del día: no somos de la noche ni de las tinieblas” (Tesalonicenses 5:3). El Evangelio hace hincapié en los talentos que Dios nos ha regalado, pues sobre ellos daremos cuenta a Dios. ¿Qué regalos he recibido de Dios? ¿Cómo los hago producir? Existe un regalo de Dios para todos y es universal, se llama amor.

Señor, ayúdame a hacer crecer los regalos que me has dado. Que sepa compartir lo que soy y lo que tengo, que no sea egoísta, ni estéril en mis propósitos. También, ayúdame a ayudar a mi familia y amigos que han enterrado sus talentos por miedo a perder y equivocarse. “Todos hemos recibido de Dios un patrimonio como seres humanos, una riqueza humana, del tipo que sea. Y como discípulos de Cristo, también hemos recibido la fe, el Evangelio, el Espíritu Santo, los sacramentos, y tantas otras cosas. Estos dones hay que emplearlos para hacer el bien, el bien en esta vida, como servicio a Dios y a los hermanos” (Papa Francisco 11-15-2020). Recuerda esta frase: “Al atardecer de la vida, seremos examinados en el amor” San Juan de la Cruz.



Saturday - Sabado, November 18

5:00 p.m. Ints. Francis Areno

Sunday - Domingo, November 19

7:00 a.m. † William Gonzalo Cervantes

9:00 a.m. Ints. Maria Susana

11:00 a.m. † Gary Owens

1:00 p.m. † Family Lucas

5:00 p.m. Holy Spirit

Monday - Lunes, November 20

8:00 a.m. Ints. Daling soledad Santos

Tuesday - Martes, November 21

8:00 a.m. † Barney Alexander

Wednesday - Miercoles, November 22

9:00 a.m. † Corina Mitchell

6:30 p.m. Ints. Bonnie kirk

Thursday - Jueves, November 23

8:00 a.m. Holy Family

Friday - Viernes, November 24

8:00 a.m. † Marcela Genvino

6:30 p.m. Ints. Saul Salinas Happy Birthday

Sanctuary Candle

† Nelson & Leisha Elliot



Mother Mary's Side

† Juan M. Sanchez Jr.
Ints. Abby Monteon ~ In Appreciation

Joseph's Side

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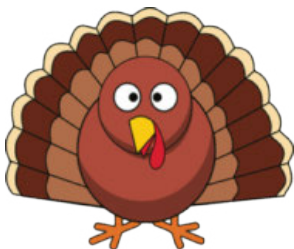


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Estele Vaca and Marcia Evans

**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,
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Benjamin Montano, Martha Romero, Estele Vaca
and Epi Lemons

*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 have begun.

Contact Information

Dana Robles, Catechetical Coordinator
drobles@sbdiocese.org

Eileen Gamboa, Faith Formation Assistant
egamboa@sbdiocese.org

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.



Young Adult Ministry

It's November! YAMs has a lot of exciting things planned, so keep an eye out! All young adults between 18-25 are invited to our bible study tomorrow at 7pm in the KDC room MC1. We will have fun and fellowship, we hope to see you there!

We are also on Instagram: @stthomas_yam!



Home Schooling Ministry

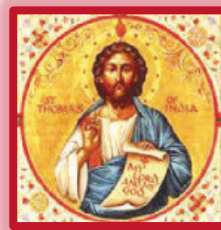
Interested in Homeschooling?

Looking for a Homeschool community?

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

First Fridays : December 1

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



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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

¡Formacion para Catequistas!

Ya abrieron las inscripciones para el curso de especialización básica **Introducción a la Catequesis** con la Universidad de Dayton para el **Ciclo 1: 15 de enero-18 de febrero, 2024.**

Visite el sitio web para ver la descripción del curso <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/course.php?course=81>.

Para inscribirse siga estos pasos:

1. Crear un perfil del estudiante <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/profile/agreement.php?lang=es>.
2. Ingresar a su perfil. Le aparece **Mi Página Inicial de la VLCFF**. Ir a **Mis Cursos Futuros** y hacer clic en **Oprima aquí para registrarse**.
3. Seleccionar el curso **Introducción a la Catequesis**. Completar la forma de inscripción indicando que pertenece a la **Diócesis de San Bernardino** y seleccione **Sí** cuando le pregunte si desea recibir una puntuación por este curso.
4. Efectuar el pago de inscripción de \$50.

Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con el Ministerio para la Catequesis al 909-475-5452 o catechetical@sbdiocese.org.

Catechist Specialization Course (Basic)

Registration is now open for the **Introduction to Catechesis** basic specialization course with the University of Dayton for **Cycle 1: January 15 - February 18, 2024.**

Visit the website for the course summary <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/course.php?course=155>.

If you have any questions, contact Catechetical Ministry at 909-475-5452 or catechetical@sbdiocese.org.





A Gratitude Examen

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of its power. The “examen” is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God’s work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What Gifts have You given me?

How have I Received love from others?

How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?

Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?

Where have I missed Your movements?

Have I used my Talents at the service of other?

Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?

How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?

Help me give Everything back to You!

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Un Examen de Gracitud

La gratitud es una de las mayores prácticas espirituales. Abre nuestra mente, calma nuestro corazón y libera la amargura de su poder. El “examen” es una práctica espiritual para reflexionar sobre cómo hemos respondido a la obra de Dios en nuestras vidas. ¡Este Día de Acción de Gracias, considere sus propios motivos de agradecimiento!

¿Qué regalos me has dado?

¿Cómo he recibido el amor de los demás?

¿Cómo actúa la gracia en aspectos de la historia de mi vida?

¿Confío en que continuaras bendiciéndome?

¿Dónde te he perdido de vista?

¿He utilizado mis talentos al servicio de los demás?

¿Veo un propósito para mi vida?

¿Cómo puedo tener la disciplina para agradecerte diariamente?

¡Ayúdame a devolvarte todo! ©LPi

Oremos...

Dios nuestro Padre,

Acepta con gracia de tu humilde pueblo
un corazón y un espíritu agradecidos.

Todo lo que tenemos y podemos compartir con los demás
en última instancia proviene de tu amor por tus creaciones.

Muchas veces pensamos que todo lo que temenos es nuestra propia creación;
te pedimos en este día, que crees en nosotros un espíritu de gratitud,
que siempre sepamos que todos los buenos regalos provienen de ti.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro hermano,
en el poder del Espíritu Santo.

Amén.



Youth Ministry Mass

Join us Monday, December 4th and every First Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Confessions at 5:00 p.m.

Gathering after Mass in the Parish Patio.

Schedule of surrounding Parish Reconciliations

St. Sacred Heart	Tuesday,	November 28
St. Thomas the Apostle	Thursday,	November 30
St. Anthony	Friday,	December 1
St. John the Evangelist	Monday,	December 4
Queen of Angels	Tuesday,	December 5
St. Mel	Wednesday,	December 6
St. Matthew	Thursday,	December 7
St. Catherine of Alexandria	Monday,	December 11
St. Edward	Thursday,	December 14
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Monday,	December 18
Corpus Christi	Tuesday,	December 19
St. Mary Magdalene	Wednesday,	December 20
St. Andrew Newman Center	Thursday,	December 21



ADVENT CANDLES

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

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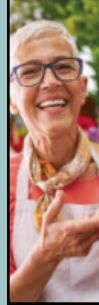


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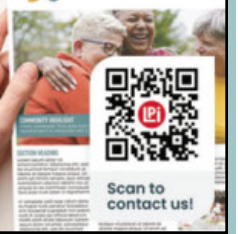


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The parish office hours on Wednesday, 11/22, will be 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Also, the office will be closed Thursday and Friday. **Happy Thanksgiving**



Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...
 God our Father,
 Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.
 Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;
 we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

Fr. Ted, Fr. Celestine, Deacon Raul and the parish Staff wish you all a most Blessed time this Thanksgiving.

Please consider serving you parish

Lectors The proclamation of scriptures at the Eucharist dates back at least as far as the time of Saint Justin. To proclaim sacred scripture aloud before the community is a privilege. The ministry of Lector calls a person to grow in a believing knowledge of the Scriptures, Gods Word. As a Lector of our community, you immerse yourself in this Word and grow in your own love of the living God. Have you heard the call from God giving you the nudge to serve as a lector at St. Thomas the Apostle? If so, our lector ministry needs you. Please call our parish office for further information and to have your name added.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) "The Eucharist is the memorial to Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, a work made present by the liturgical action. It is Christ himself, the eternal high priest of the New Covenant who, acting through the ministry of the priests, offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. And it is the same Christ, really present under the species of bread and wine, who is the offering of the Holy Eucharistic sacrifice." CCC1409-1410 Have you heard the calling from God? Is he placing on your heart the call to serve as an EMHC? We have a need here at St. Thomas the Apostle for additional ministers of the Eucharist. If you answered yes to the questions, please call our parish office (951) 689-1131 for further information, direction and to have your name added for our training.

Altar Servers Protectors of the Altar and Altar servers assist the clergy in celebrating the Sacred Liturgy, especially the sacrifice of the Holy Mass