



# St. Thomas of Canterbury

1522 McCoy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95130 | Website: [www.StThomasSJ.org](http://www.StThomasSJ.org)

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION CORNER

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

4:45 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturdays or by appointment.

#### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptism is by appointment. New and expectant parents are invited to call the parish office to begin the process.

#### **Sacrament of Marriage:**

Call the parish office at least six months in advance for an appointment with the pastor.

**Funeral Preparation:** Please contact the Parish Office through the respective Funeral Home.

#### **Healing Mass:**

First Thursday of the Month during the 8:30 am Mass.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Second Saturday each month: 7:00am - 4:30pm.

#### **Visitation of the Sick and Homebound:**

If any parishioner who needs a homebound visit, please contact the parish office.

#### **OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:**

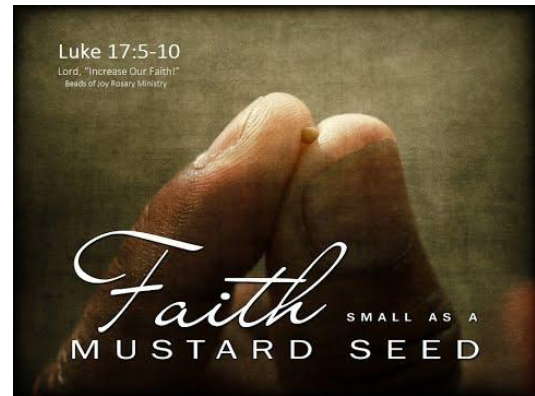
Anyone interested in learning about and/or becoming a Catholic Christian is invited to call Vicki Schwoob at the parish office for information.

#### **Prayer Requests:**

We have a community of prayer warriors ready to pray for you: <https://www.stthomassj.org/prayer-request>

**Membership:** If you worship with us regularly and would like to become a member of St. Thomas of Canterbury, please contact the parish office to send you a registration form or register online at: <https://www.stthomassj.org/stc-community>

**Mass Intentions:** provide a spiritual gift to those you love through prayer. It tells the recipient that they are not alone in these moments. Mass intentions are a Catholic gift of prayer, asking God to bless them with his Spirit of love and peace. You are able to offer a Mass intention on-line at our parish website. Visit <https://stthomassj.org/mass-intentions>



*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

**Luke 17:5-10**

### **Parish Office Hours**

#### **Mondays**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**

10:00 am to 3:00 pm (by appointment only)

### **Parish Staff**

#### **Reverend Vincent T. Dang**

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#### **Lucy Chai**

Youth Ministry

### **Mass Schedule:**

**Wednesday through Friday:** 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** 5:15 p.m. (In Person and Live Stream)

**Sunday:** 10:00 a.m.

**Streaming Links for Saturday Evening Mass:**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StThomasSJ/videos>

\* **First Thursday Healing Mass in October** will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup> during the 8:30 Mass.

\* **Second Saturday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will be on October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00am-4:30pm.

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Lk.17:5-10** – In the Gospel that we will listen to, on the twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time today, the Apostle came to Jesus and asked Him to, “*Increase their faith!*” These were the words of the apostles, those who were the disciples of Jesus, who lived with him, who heard His teachings and saw all His miracles. In other words, these were the elite individuals selected from among the seventy two disciples, but they still felt that they lacked something. They felt that the one thing they were still in need of was faith. So let us follow the example of the apostles to ask the Lord Jesus to “*increase our faith.*” May the grace of God be with us. May the Lord Jesus make us faithful and zealous servants for Him. And let us remember that when we serve, we will surely find true happiness; and when we serve in love, we will surely grow in faith.

*Fr. Vincent, Pastor*

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat	10/04/25	5:15pm: Isabella Leano ( <i>Birthday</i> ) Frank & Jennie Epolite † Corina Martinez † Maria Dang thi Thai (Lanh) †
Sun	10/05/25	10:00am: Martin Lawas, Juana Cueto, Juan Cueto ( <i>Special Intention</i> ) Tirso Lawas, Natalia Lawas, Sofia Lawas, Proceso Lawas ( <i>Spe. Intention</i> ) Lindsey Larson Schmidt †
Wed	10/08/25	8:30am: For the souls in Purgatory
Thu	10/09/25	8:30am: For the souls in Purgatory
Fri	10/10/25	8:30am: For the souls in Purgatory

*Please Pray for ...*

**\*All Those Who Are Sick and those who care for them:**

Tim Clevenger, Lorene Hughes, Jean Hunt, Julius Kurtz,  
Judy Machado, Betty & Bob Schmidt, Robert  
Wojtkowski

**\*All Those Who Have Died and their families:**

Maria Thai Thị Đặng (mother of Fr. Vincent)  
Jean Hunt, Mary Grace Trenner, John Vargas

### Scriptures to be Proclaimed next weekend:

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 5, 2025:** 2 Kings 5:14-17 / 2 Timothy 2:8-13 / Luke 17:11-19



### Wednesday Bible Study:

Join us in the Canterbury Room at 9:45am for prayer requests and 10am for studying the upcoming weeks' Sunday

readings. For questions, please contact Linda Delescale at (408) 540-7699.



Pray the Rosary with the St. Thomas community Mon through Fri at 7pm via Zoom. Sign up for Zoom:  
<https://stthomassj.org/pray-the-rosary>  
For a rosary, please contact Vicki at the parish office.

### **The Pope's Prayer Intention for October FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

**Respect Life Mass** with Bishop Cantú at



St. Joseph Cathedral's  
Sunday, October 5th,  
at 8:30am.



We will pray the Rosary half an hour before every Mass during the month of October:

**Weds – Friday: 8am followed by 8:30am Mass**

**Saturday: 4:45pm followed by 5:15pm Mass**

**Sunday: 9:30am followed by 10am Mass**

This month of October, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in their daily lives.

**"As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world."**

### Oct 18 Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance:

All are invited at 11:30am at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose. Let us draw consolation from our Eucharistic Celebration and the comfort of being together to share memories, stories, and healing prayers. For more information, please contact Barbara Zahner at: [barbarazahner1@mac.com](mailto:barbarazahner1@mac.com).

***If today you hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts***

Psalm 95



## Faith Formation

### Classes have begun!

Register online at our parish website:

<https://stthomassj.org/faith-formation-online-registration>

**Grades 1-4: Mondays 4pm to 5:15pm**

**Grades 5-7: Tuesdays 7pm to 8:15pm**

**For inquiries regarding Faith Formation**, visit our website: <https://stthomassj.org/faith> OR contact

**Vicki Schwoob**, Director of Faith Formation, at (408) 766-3270 or [Vicki@StThomasSJ.org](mailto:Vicki@StThomasSJ.org)

**Youth Ministry:** Lucy Chai, Youth Minister; [Lucy.Chai@gmail.com](mailto:Lucy.Chai@gmail.com)



The OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is **a formation process** for adults and children (age 7 and up) seeking to become Catholic.

This faith formation process is also for those who have been baptized in the Catholic faith, but perhaps did not receive and complete their sacraments of initiation (First Communion and Confirmation.)

**Contact Vicki at the parish office** if you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are Baptized and need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).

Congratulations to **Gia** and **Gilbert** who are now Catechumens, in the catechumenate phase of their journey of faith. Every Sunday until the Easter Vigil they will be dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word to spend time ‘breaking open the Word’ to reflect more deeply as they prepare to join the assembly at the Table of the Lord.

*Please keep Gia & Gilbert in your prayers!*

### Sep 24 thru Nov 2 Respect Life – 40 Days for Life

**Campaign:** Join us for the 40 Days for Life Campaign from Sept. 24th through Nov. 2nd and join other Christians for prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Opportunities to stand and peacefully pray during the 40 Day Vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 1691 The Alameda, San Jose 95126, and help spread the word about this important community outreach. For information visit [www.dsja.org/40-days](http://www.dsja.org/40-days).

### October is Respect Life Month

*May the gift of human life be a sign of Hope in the world!*

There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus’ mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, “How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today.”

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God’s presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For “hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross.”



### Oct 20 St. Thérèse de Lisieux Relics Mass and Veneration:

Please join us witness the Relics of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux who will arrive on Monday, October 20 at our Lady of La Vang Parish in time for Mass at 4pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Cantú followed by public veneration till 6:45pm

when the relics depart to the Carmelite Monastery. All are invited to a reception at the Parish grounds at 7pm.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Spooky Eve Hospitality and Potluck - Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> after the 5:15pm Mass.**

In an early observance of Halloween let's have a bit of spooky fun! We will have a Spooky Table decoration contest and costume contest with prizes! Everyone is encouraged to wear a costume, or wear black, orange, or purple attire. Please email [angelica.bangle@gmail.com](mailto:angelica.bangle@gmail.com) or text (408) 218-5796 with your name, potluck dish you will be bringing, and whether or not you want to decorate a spooky table. **Reserve your table soon!**



**Don't forget to sign up to bring baked goods for the Parish Rummage Sale Fundraiser. Sign up next to the sacristy!**



SUNDAY OFFERINGS:	09/28/25	Month to Date
Needed:	\$5,400	\$21,600
Collected (at Mass):	\$1,971	\$8,466
(WeShare):	\$846	\$4,811
(Zelle/Venmo):	\$60	\$250
Total:	<b>\$2,877</b>	<b>\$13,527</b>
Variance:	-\$2,523	-\$8,073

**Second Collection for THIS Week:** Monthly Maintenance Fund. *Thank you for your generosity!*  
**NO Second Collection for NEXT Week**



**THIS Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will celebrate with our Parish Picnic, a Blessing of the Animals and pray a Living Rosary.

**11:15am – Parish Picnic**

**11:45am – Living Rosary**

**12:30pm – Blessing of the Animals**

Come enjoy a hot dog or hamburger and nachos! Your “free-will” donations are greatly appreciated!

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for cooking and serving and a special thanks to the SCRIP program for covering our expenses!

**YOU** are the reason why the SCRIP program is able to cover our expenses. Your support of the SCRIP program – buying gift cards – brings profit to the parish. So, keep supporting the SCRIP program! We are very grateful for your support!

**Buy SCRIP.... ONGOING PARISH FUNDRAISER:**  
**STOP by the SCRIP table to purchase your gift cards!**  
*It costs you nothing extra, but each purchase makes a profit for the parish!* Info and questions, contact JoAnn McPeak (408) 819-1238.



Your last opportunity to make donations to the upcoming Rummage Sale

is next weekend, 10/11 after the Sat. 5:15 p.m. and 10/12, Sun. 10:00 a.m. Masses.

To date, besides committee members, only a few people

have signed up to help with the Sale. There is very little lifting, but a lot of sorting and pricing of items the week before the event begins. Once the Sale starts, your help is needed to keep the tables tidy and to monitor the rooms. This Parish fundraiser will only be successful if you participate. All volunteers will have a private, pre-sale opportunity to shop on Friday, October 17th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are on the table at the exit nearest the parking lot. Feel free to invite your friends and family to come shop the sale as well.



### **Community Connections Ministry:**

*Feeling stressed? Lonely? Need someone to listen?* Email:

[STConnections@googlegroups.com](mailto:STConnections@googlegroups.com);

For more information about Community Connections, contact **Kathy Mattingly** (669) 222-9418. Meetings will be on the

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Becket Hall. Our members are trained to listen with the ears of the heart and to accompany one another and anyone who may be encountering struggles.

Help us find ways to make our community even more welcoming to those who may be facing struggles.

### **Helpline Numbers:**

**Suicide Crisis Lifeline:** 988 or chat: 988lifeline.org

**Suicide Hotline 24/7:** (855) 278-4204

**NAMI Warmline:** (408) 453-0400

**Birthright Pregnancy Help:** (408) 241-8444

**Maternal Mental Health Hotline:** (833) 943-5746

**ACOD (Adult Children of Divorce):**

<https://www.lifegivingwounds.org/>

**Seasons of Hope Grief Support:** Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 PM in the Parish Center, Sacred Heart Parish in Saratoga.

### **Migrants & Refugees Support and Resources:**

The Diocese of San José stands in solidarity with immigrant families and is committed to ensuring that our parishes and schools remain safe and welcoming places for all. Regardless of immigration status, all people deserve dignity, respect, and support.

Visit <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/social-services/migrants-and-refugees/> for information on your rights, resources for legal assistance, and guidance to help protect your family in times of uncertainty. **RED cards** are available on the bulletin boards with helpful tips and information.

*“For I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”*

Matthew 25:35



### **The Serra Club of Santa Clara - Fund Raiser Dinner, Silent Auction and Raffle:**

St. Martin of Tours, school gym on Saturday, October 25 at 6pm to support vocations in the Diocese of San

Jose. Tickets are on sale near the Scrip table. Please, see the Flyers for more information.

