



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4, 2020

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Fundraising Cover letter

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you all. As we continue to celebrate our faith in every possible way, I thank you for your support for each other and for the parish. Taking care of one another by calling or visiting is very important during this changeling time. I also want to thank all of you for your continued financial support to the parish, enabling us to keep our parish doors open.

Since we cannot hold social gatherings for fundraising at this time, meeting our financial needs is a great difficulty during the pandemic. In the next few days, you will receive a letter in the mail with a donation card asking for your special financial support. If you do not receive one, additional letters will be available for pick up next weekend, 10/10-10/11, after all Masses. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

On behalf of the parish community, I thank you again for your continued support.

May God bless you and your family.

Fr. John and Fr. Justin

Respect - Virtue of the Month of October

Sometimes, we need visible symbols to remind us how to live out our faith and life in the community. September was a National Friendship Month. We focused on friendship and I hope you had time to connect with your friends or to form new ones. As we build on friendship, this October we focus on Respect as a virtue to work on.

There are many types of Respect: self-respect, respect for elders, for the young, for others, for social norms, nature, laws, different cultures, etc. Respect means that you accept somebody (or something) for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them. Both giving respect and receiving respect make us happy. It allows relationships to build feelings of trust and safety. Let us reflect on Respect to see how we are able to use this virtue to improve our relationships and friendships with others.

October is also the month dedicated to Mary the mother of God. During this month we are encouraged to recite the rosary and pray for world peace. World peace begins at home, then spreads into our communities. Let us pray for the virtue of respect and also ask Mary to be our guide as we journey through life.

**Religious Education,
Confirmation and
Adult Faith Formation
Classes start 10/11**

Registration Now Open

During the Pandemic time, it has become more evident of the need to provide invitations to our Faith Formation. We have an invitation that speaks to a person's heart and soul that breaks through the fears that keep people from the journey.

Registration for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA is now open for the upcoming year. **All classes will start on October 11th, 2020 and will be given via ZOOM meetings.**

If you know of any child or adult who needs to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, please have them call Ana Martinez at the Religious Education office by phone: 323-264-1338 or email: stareligioused@stampk.org.



**Red Cross Community Blood Drive
Wednesday, October 14th
10 AM- 4 PM
Parish Hall**

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Discover Your Antibody Test Status When You Give Blood: For a limited time, the American Red Cross will test all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies as an additional health service to their donors. **Please note the Red Cross is *not* testing donors to diagnose illness, including COVID-19.** They are practicing social distancing at all blood drives.

Please visit: redcrossblood.org and enter: **stthomasmp** to schedule an appointment.

Election 2020

Practice Faithful Citizenship

There is still time to register to vote if you are a California resident. In California, the deadline to register to vote for any election is 15 days before Election Day, so please register now. **Voting is part of our civic duty as a Catholic.**

Visit the [California Secretary of State's website](#) to ensure your vote will be counted this Election Day!

Calling All Youth Ministries

We are updating our ministries listing and need all ministries who work with minors (under 18 years old) to contact the parish office to ensure you are on our authorized ministries list. You may call (323) 264-4447 or send an email to parishoffice@stampk.org.

Groups who are not on our authorized list will not be associated with St. Thomas Aquinas church nor allowed to meet on parish grounds.

The deadline for contacting our parish office is Sunday, October 18th.

October is Respect Life Month

This year, the Office of Life, Justice and Peace has chosen topics that are at the center of our world. Our hope is that these topics enlighten and remind us that at the heart of each issue is the human person. The “topics” are not just theoretical or political, but they are personal because they affect our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Topic 1: Forgiveness and Mercy

Topic 2: Post Healing Abortion

Topic 3: Human Trafficking

Topic 4: Mental Health

Topic 5. Adoption

Topic 6: Racism

To create a world where every person is loved, each person must spread kindness, mercy and an authentic understanding of being part of the human family. Only then will abortion and other attacks on human life end.

Over these past months, we have seen civil unrest and chaos spread across our country. Now more than ever, people of faith must be the voice of reason as we seek unity and spread mercy.

(excerpt from THE U.S. BISHOPS' REFLECTION ON CATHOLIC TEACHING AND POLITICAL LIFE)

Wood Mountain Christmas Tree Pre-Sale!

STA Parish Community...help our amazing school with our Christmas Tree fundraiser! You can pre-order a tree, wreath, or garland now and pick them up at the school parking lot on December 5. Decorate your home for the Holidays and help out our school in the process!

To place an order, please stop by the school office or call (M-F between 8a-3:30p). Cash, check, and credit card will be accepted. Please see the flyer below for pricing details.

CHRISTMAS TREE, WREATH, EVERGREEN SWAG & GARLAND FUNDRAISER



DOUGLAS FIR

SIZE	PRICE
5' – 6'	\$ 63.00
6' – 7'	\$ 68.00
7' – 8'	\$ 78.00
8' – 9'	\$ 82.00



NOBLE FIR

SIZE	PRICE
5' – 6'	\$ 79.00
6' – 7'	\$ 90.00
7' – 8'	\$ 105.00
8' – 9'	\$ 131.00
9' – 10'	\$ 160.00



NORDMANN FIR

SIZE	PRICE
5' – 6'	\$ 72.00
6' – 7'	\$ 83.00
7' – 8'	\$ 95.00
8' – 9'	\$ 115.00
9' – 10'	\$ 143.00



24" ROUND WREATH

SIZE	PRICE
24"	\$ 41.00



EVERGREEN SWAG

SIZE	PRICE
24"	\$ 36.00



24" CROSS WREATH

SIZE	PRICE
24"	\$ 43.00



CEDAR GARLAND

SIZE	PRICE
1'	\$ 3.00

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS WITH TREES & WREATHS FOR TROOPS

Your donation of a fresh cut Douglas Fir and/or a 24" Wreath with patriotic bow will be directly shipped to a military base in the US the first week of December. Thank you for your support!

DOUGLAS FIR	PRICE
6' – 7'	\$ 65.00

WREATH	PRICE
24"	\$ 41.00



Make A Donation



Description: PLEASE HELP SUPPORT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL WITH THE PRESALE PURCHASE OF A CHRISTMAS TREE, WREATH, SWAG OR GARLAND. YOU MAY ALSO DONATE TO THE "TREES FOR TROOPS" PROGRAM.

Product Pick-up Date: Saturday, DECEMBER 5 (9a-4p)
Location: STA SCHOOL PARKING LOT
Hours of Operation: 9am – 4pm
Contact: STA SCHOOL OFFICE 323-261-6583
info@stampskschool.org
Checks Payable To: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL

Additional Information: Sales tax and shipping & handling are included in the price..

LAST DAY TO ORDER: 11 /16 / 2020

**Safeguard The Children
DID YOU KNOW?**

**Take advantage of TikTok’s
parental controls**

The social media site TikTok has exploded in popularity during the coronavirus pandemic, with children and adults using it to connect and pass time while in quarantine.

Unfortunately, apps like TikTok are often targeted by predators as easy ways to get in touch with vulnerable children. TikTok has “Family Pairing” capabilities, which allow parents to set restrictions on their children’s usage. It is also important to have ongoing, open discussions with your children about how they use social media, who they “talk” to and what they share. For more information about TikTok’s parental controls, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

9/26-9/27 Offertory/Online: \$6,717.00

Over/(Under): (\$783.00)

Thank you for your support!

**Mass Intentions
For the Week**

Saturday, October 3rd

5:30 PM All STA Parishioners

Sunday, October 4th

8 AM Francisca Duran (D)
Arroyo family deceased relatives

11:30 AM Carmelita Del Rosario (D)
Juana Ballesteros (D)

1:30 PM Luisa Perez Dominguez (D)
Melquiadez Santos (D)

Tuesday, October 6th

8 AM Ai Min Lau (Well-being)
Luisa Perez Dominguez (D)
Melquiadez Santos (D)

Thursday, October 8th

8 AM All Jesus M. Garcia (D)
Ai Min Lau (Well-being)

7 PM Luisa Perez Dominguez (D)
Melquiadez Santos (D)

Friday, October 9th

8 AM Ai Min Lau (Well-being)
Luisa Perez Dominguez (D)
Melquiadez Santos (D)

Saturday, October 10th

8 AM Ai Min Lau (Well-being)
Luisa Perez Dominguez (D)
Melquiadez Santos (D)