



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 11, 2020

## “Joy of Sharing” Fundraiser



Meeting our financial needs is a great difficulty during the pandemic, partly due

to our inability to have our normal face to face fundraisers.

Last week you should have received a letter in the mail with a donation card asking for your special financial support. If you did not receive one, additional letters are available for pick up this weekend after all Masses. You may also contact our parish office and we will mail or send the letter electronically. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

## Parish Directory

Our 2018 – 2019 Parish Pictorial Directory will be available for order soon. It has been a while since we started the project and the pandemic further delayed the production. Approximately 150 families and 30 ministries were photographed for this valuable pictorial of our parish history. For only \$15 you will receive a soft cover book of photos capturing a special time of our parish. Details for pre-ordering your Parish Pictorial Directory will be announced soon.



All deceased loved ones may be included in our November All Souls Novena by contacting the parish office at (323) 264-4447, by email: parishoffice@stampk or placing your All Souls envelope in regular collection basket. Envelopes are available for pick up by the altar. Deadline is Thursday, October 28th. The Novena will be held from Nov.2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov.10<sup>th</sup>.

## Monterey Park Police Dept. Cyber Safety Class

Join our Monterey Park Police Department for a Cyber Safety Presentation on Wednesday, October 21st from 6:00 pm 7:30 pm on Zoom. Please see the link below for more information. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn additional ways to keep your child safe online.

**Additional Info:**

<https://www.smores.com/3a91r>

**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](mailto:stareligioused@stampk.org).



**Red Cross Community Blood Drive  
Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: **stthomasmp** to schedule an appointment.

## School News

### Shakey's Night!

Order dinner (take-out only) from Shakey's on Atlantic Blvd., in Monterey Park, on October 13 from 4 PM – 9 PM. Make sure to tell the cashier that you are supporting St. Thomas Aquinas School!

### Student Council 2020-2021

We would like to congratulate our new members of STA School Student Council!

**Advisor:** Ms. Mendiaz

**President:** Evan Cheung

**Vice President:** Natalia Ramos

**Secretary:** Vincent Hernandez

**Treasurer:** Emma Matamoros

**Historian:** Ava Hernandez

**Commissioner of Academics:** Brandon Lee

**Commissioner of Spirit:** Sofia de la Torre

**Commissioner of Sports:** Alan Retana

### Support our STA School

### Wood Mountain Christmas Tree Sale!

Pre-Order trees now through Nov. 16 for pick-up on Saturday, December 5. In addition to placing orders in the school office or by phone, we now have an online store where you can order. Send the link below to family and friends and encourage everyone to pre-order trees, wreaths, or garland!

<https://fundraiser4us.com/zz/STASchool/>

## 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 email: [parishoffice@stampk.org](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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. 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. Now more than ever, please 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)*

**Safeguard The Children  
DID YOU KNOW?**

**Is your caregiver safe?**

Many families are stretched thin during this pandemic and may be relying on childcare from different places — family members, neighborhood swaps, or in-home care. Any time you leave your child in someone else’s care, make sure you do your due diligence on the safety of the caregiver. Fundamentally, you must trust the caregiver is a safe person – ask for references, conduct interviews, survey the physical space(s) where your child will be playing, sleeping, eating. Discuss the level and kind of supervision your child needs to be sure the caregiver understands what you expect, given your child’s age(s) and activity level(s). It may also be important to consider whether the caregiver is able to physically and emotionally care for your child? For example, older family members may not be able to chase energetic young children for a full day. Even if it feels like your options are limited, your child’s safety is critical. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00**

10/3-10/4 Offertory/Online: \$7,237.00  
Over/(Under): (\$263.00)

First Friday Mass: \$177.00

*Thank you for your support!*

**Mass Intentions For the Week**

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Ramiro “Romo” Guillen(D)  
Elizabeth Sanchez (D)  
Joseph Barrios (D)

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM Joseph Nghi Nguyen (D)  
Agnes Myhue Nguyen (D)  
Joe Saragueta (D)  
Rudy Tamayo (D)  
Bob & Kathy Nielsen (40th Anniversary)

11:30 AM Joseph Hook (D)  
Frank Soto (D)  
Joella Alvarado (Health)  
Sam Barber (Health)

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

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM All Ai Min Lau (Well-being)  
Frank Soto (D)

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

**Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM Luisa Perez Dominguez (D)  
Melquiadez Santos (D)  
Frank Soto (D)