



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 25, 2020

## Joy of Sharing Update

Exciting news! Many more of you opened your hearts and generously contributed to our "Joy of Sharing" fundraiser this week. We collected another **\$14,255**, bringing our total to more than \$25,000. These funds are critical to sustaining the daily operations of our parish.

We are very appreciative of your wonderful expressions of love and sacrifice for our parish. May the Lord continue to bless you all.

**2020 CCA of St Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Committee.**

## From the Desk of Our Pastor STA Outside Masses

Dear Parishioners,

At this time we have beautiful weather for Mass outside. As we enter into colder months with the possibility of rain, our Masses will have to be dependent on the weather conditions.

For example, if it rains at the time we are still not allowed to have Mass inside the church, we will have to cancel outside Masses and use Zoom as we did before, with no attendees. As we wait for any changes, please continue to participate in our Masses as much as you can. We will keep you updated.

Fr. John



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*



## First Friday Adoration & Mass

**November 6th**

6 PM - Adoration/Holy Hour

6:45 PM - Rosary

7 PM – Mass

## Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1st

**Turn your clocks back one hour**

Please make this adjustment on Saturday night so you will be on time for Sunday Mass!

## Parish Directory

Our 2018 – 2019 Parish Pictorial Directory is now available for order. For only \$15 you will receive a soft cover book of photos capturing a special time of our parish. You may order your Parish Pictorial Directory by:

- Downloading the attached form and placing the order and payment of \$15 in our regular collection basket or mail your payment to our parish office
- Using our e-giving platform Faith Direct. You can go online to [faith.direct/CA779](https://faith.direct/CA779), this is a safe and secure site. You may make a one-time donation for \$15, annotating “Pictorial Directory” in the “Note” field.
- Pick-up an order form at the table by our altar and return it to the parish office mail slot or place it in our collection basket with your \$15 payment.

## English Bible Study Fall Session

Our English Bible study class continues to meet every Wednesday from 7 PM – 8 PM via zoom. The Gospel of Mark will be the topic of reflection and lively discussion. New members are welcome.

To join just use the link below:  
[us02web.zoom.us/j/3956705686](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3956705686)  
 Meeting ID: 395 670 5686

## Upcoming VIRTUS Training Class

Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

10 AM – 1 PM via Zoom

“Protecting God’s Children”

Our Safeguard the Children committee is committed to ensuring that our parish offers everyone the opportunity to participate in the required VIRTUS training. Our goal is to provide this training to all adults who work with children so we can work together as a more effective community to prevent child sexual abuse.

**This program is mandated for all adults who work with or around children or youth on a regular basis, including all school parent volunteers.**

Due to the pandemic, classes will be held via zoom. To register please visit:

<https://stampk.org/virtus-class-registration>

Zoom meeting link and details will be sent to all registered participants.

## All Souls Novena



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](mailto:parishoffice@stampk) or placing your All Souls envelope in our regular collection basket. Envelopes are available for pick up by the altar. Deadline is Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Novena will be held from Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

## School News

### 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!

[fundraiser4us.com/zz/STASchool/](https://fundraiser4us.com/zz/STASchool/)

## All Saints Day and All Souls Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. This holy day will be celebrated at all our regularly scheduled November 1<sup>st</sup> masses.

All Souls Day falls on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be observed at a special bilingual (English and Chinese) mass at 7 PM. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation yet families are encouraged to emphasize the importance of praying for our relatives and friends who are deceased.

## “Faithful Citizen”

As Catholics, “we bring the richness of our faith to the public square.” This means shedding light on the shadows that plague our society. How does the church shed light on issues of human life? On the situation and rights of Dreamers and immigrant families? On religious freedom and conscience rights? On the realities of xenophobia, human trafficking, racism, and even infanticide? All of these are current issues that need to be met with the Church’s testimony that all human beings, from conception to natural death, have inherent dignity, are created equal, and have the right to life. Visit [www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org) for more information on how to think through these issues as a faithful Catholic. Also, view the U.S. Bishops’ publication *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* for timeless insights on these timely social issues at [usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm](http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm).

## October - Respect Life Month

*We are a nation founded on ‘life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness’, but the right to life itself is not fully protected, especially for unborn children, the terminally ill, and the elderly, the most vulnerable members of the American family. We are a country pledged to pursue ‘liberty and justice for all,’ but we are too often divided across lines of race, ethnicity, and economic inequality. We are a nation of immigrants, struggling to address the challenges of many new immigrants in our midst. We are a society built on the strength of our families, called to defend marriage and offer moral and economic support for family life. We are an affluent society where too many live in poverty and lack health care and other necessities of life. These challenges are at the heart of public life and at the center of the pursuit of the common good.*

(Abbreviated excerpt from [THE U.S. BISHOPS’ REFLECTION ON CATHOLIC TEACHING AND POLITICAL LIFE](#))

**Safeguard The Children  
DID YOU KNOW?**

**Trick-or-treating safety, social distance style**

If your neighborhoods are allowing trick-or-treating for Halloween this year, now would be a good time to review safety rules and guidelines with your family. Make sure your children are visible in their costumes, especially if they are wearing dark colors. Consider adding reflective tape and carrying flashlights. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult. For children old enough to trick-or-treat alone, consider giving them a cell phone so you can reach them, and discuss where they can and cannot go, and when they need to be home. For more Halloween safety tips, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

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

10/17-18 Offertory/Online: \$5,479.00

Over/(Under): (\$2,021.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

**Mass Intentions  
For the Week**

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM All STA Parishioners

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM Raquel O. Rivera (D)  
Risong Gust (D)

11:30 AM Gracie Mackintosh (in thanksgiving)

1:30 PM All STA Parishioners

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM All STA Parishioners

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM All STA Parishioners

7 PM Francisca Garcia (D)

**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM All STA Parishioners

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

8 AM All STA Parishioners

*Please contact the parish office via phone (323-264-4447 ext. 102) or email (parishoffice@stampk.org) for mass intentions requests.*

## Parish Contact Information

Parish Office: (323) 264-4447  
 Chinese Ministry Office: (323) 264-4448  
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### Parish Staff

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## School Information

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## Religious Education Information

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## Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5:30 PM (English)
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Mandarin) 11:30 AM (English) 1:30 PM (Spanish) 3:00 PM (Cantonese)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM (Chinese)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 AM (English)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 AM (Chinese)
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 AM (English) 7:00 PM (Spanish)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM (English) <b>**1st Friday ONLY 7:00 PM**</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM (English)

### **Zoom Links & Passwords:**

English Masses:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/311575271>

**Meeting ID:311575271 Password: Mass**

Spanish Masses:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/912501465>

**Meeting ID:912501465 Password: Misa**

Chinese Masses:

<https://zoom.us/j/3901142241>

**Meeting ID: 3901142241**

**\*THURSDAY 8 AM ENGLISH MASS:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5897232327>

**Meeting ID:5897232327 Password: 1501**