



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Solemnity of All Saints - November 1, 2020

Joy of Sharing Update

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Encouraging news! Our parishioners have continued to graciously come forward to support the third week of our Joy of Sharing event. \$7,925 of donations were collected last week, for an event total over of \$34,000!

Your gifts are cherished and we continue to ask for special blessings during this pandemic time. Our Joy of Sharing will end November 15, so please thoughtfully consider making a contribution to our event. May the Lord continue to uplift and protect our parish community.

Blessings,

Paul Braeckmans, St. Thomas Fundraising Committee



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 you 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
- You can go online to 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 place it in our collection basket with your \$15 payment.



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



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**First Friday
Adoration & Mass
November 6th**

**6 PM - Adoration/Holy Hour
6:45 PM - Rosary
7 PM – Mass**

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 1st masses.

All Souls Day falls on Monday, November 2nd 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 Citizenship Election Day 2020 Tuesday, November 3rd

California voters will be asked to vote on 12 statewide ballot measures in the 2020 General Election on November 3, 2020. As faithful citizens we are called to make informed voting decisions based on a clear understanding of our faith and a deep appreciation of life, the common good, solidarity, care for the poor and the other principles of faith and morals that are to guide our life.

Visit cacatholic.org/elections for more information on these and all the propositions on the November ballot. Descriptions of each proposition with clear background, non-partisan analysis and a sampling of the principles of Catholic social teaching are available to help us in that discernment. Since this is a presidential election year, faithful participation is particularly important. We encourage everyone to fulfill this duty as faithful, informed and involved civic participants.

Upcoming VIRTUS Training Class

Saturday, November 7th

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.

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/

Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

Teens and alcohol: COVID temptations

Families have been cooped up for months now during the COVID-19 pandemic, and studies have shown that many Americans are buying more beer and alcohol than usual to cope with related anxiety and stress. These same stresses may tempt teens and young adults to experiment with alcohol, especially if it is readily available. Talk to your children about the dangers of underage drinking, even if they plan to stay home. Model good behavior for your children, too; if you do drink alcohol, practice moderation and safe judgement. Consider locking your bar, or moving alcohol somewhere out of reach from your children. For more information, visit

<https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

10/24-25 Offertory/Online: \$5,173.00

Over/(Under): (\$2,327.00)

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 31st

5:30 PM Clementine Nielsen (Healing)

Sunday, November 1st

8 AM Raquel O. Rivera (D)
Oscar Fernandez (D)
Arroyo family deceased members

11:30 AM Jesus M. Garcia (D)
Oscar Fernandez (D)
Debbie Flores (Health)

1:30 PM Oscar Fernandez (D)

Tuesday, November 3rd

8 AM All Souls
Ai Min Lau (well-being)

Thursday, November 5th

8 AM All Souls
Ai Min Lau (well-being)

7 PM All Souls

Friday, November 6th

7 PM All Souls
Ai Min Lau (well-being)
Aurora Casillas living and deceased family members

Saturday, November 7th

8 AM All Souls
Ai Min Lau (well-being)

*Please contact the parish office
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for mass intentions requests.*

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Mass Schedule

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