



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 8, 2020

## Parish Office Closure Monday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

In Observance of Veteran's Day  
Please take a minute to say a prayer of gratitude to all who have served our country. Due to their dedication to our nation, we are able to enjoy our freedom.

Many of our parishioners are veterans, a special thank you for preserving peace and protecting liberty throughout the world.



## Veteran's Day Prayer

*Loving God,*

*We ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.*

*We ask for healing for the Veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.*

*We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.*

*Amen.*

## Joy of Sharing Update

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Your continued support for our Joy of Sharing fundraiser has been inspiring and a true blessing to our parish. Last Sunday we raised another \$7,481 bringing the total to \$41,286.

We recognize your generosity as a sincere expression of the love for St Thomas Aquinas parish. To both our first time donors and repeat donors- thank you for your constant and faithful support of St. Thomas Aquinas. You truly make a difference. Financially, your donations are critical for our church to continue essential services. Symbolically, your donations reflect the compassion, strength, and unity of our parish community.

As our 2020 Joy of Sharing comes to a close on November 15, we hope you can support us in making our final week an exciting and strong success! May the Lord bless you all.

Paul Braeckmans,  
CCA of St. Thomas Aquinas 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 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
- You can go online to [faith.direct/CA779](http://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.

## Thanksgiving Day Masses

This year we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day with three masses. Please plan on attending one of the following to show your gratitude to the Lord for all the blessings you have received.

9:00 AM – English

10:30 AM – Chinese

12 Noon – Spanish

Due to the pandemic, there will be no blessing of the food.

## Christmas Toy Drive Partnership with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of San Gabriel Valley sponsors an annual “Christmas with the Bishop” event for families in need. This year, due to the pandemic, the event will be modified to ensure all health and safety protocols are observed. The event will be a “drive thru” event in which food baskets will be distributed to all families. A sack lunch will be provided along with a toy for each child and a gift card for the teens.

Once more, STA will be partnering with Catholic Charities to make this a meaningful and successful event. We will be collecting toys for this special event. All toys (valued at a minimum of \$15) should be placed in the toy collection box beginning Saturday, November 21st. If you prefer to donate a Walmart or Target gift card valued at \$15 for the teens, please contact the parish office.

**Deadline for toy drive is Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you in advance for your support.

## Parish Hillside Clean-up

Sat. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 9 AM – 12 Noon

Due to the pandemic our annual parish “Earth Day” clean-up was cancelled. Our hillside has overgrown grass and needs to be trimmed and cleaned. Now that the weather is cooler, we are asking our parishioners to help with this project.

If you have a “Weed Wacker” and a few hours to spare, please join us on Sat., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 am – 12 noon. Our hillside is so large that the clean-up will adhere to the “social distance” mandate. We are requesting all volunteers to bring their mask.

Please contact the parish office at (323) 264-4447 x102 or send a note to [parishoffice@stampk.org](mailto:parishoffice@stampk.org) to sign-up. Thank you in advance for sharing your talent and time to maintain our parish grounds.

## 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/](http://fundraiser4us.com/zz/STASchool/)

**Safeguard The Children  
DID YOU KNOW?**

**How to help your children with anxiety**

We're living in uncertain times, and our anxiety about what is happening today, and will happen in the future, can trickle down to our children, making them anxious, too. This anxiety may manifest in new fears, such that a child becomes reluctant to try new things, or it may exacerbate existing fears, such that a child becomes even more anxious than before. Parents can help their children with anxiety by practicing techniques for deep breathing, ensuring regular exercise and talking honestly about feelings and concerns. For more tips, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "Techniques for Calming Anxiety for Youth" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

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

10/31-11/1 Offertory/Online: \$7,332.00  
 Over/(Under): (\$168.00)  
 All Souls mass: \$204.00

*Thank you for your support!*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

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

5:30 PM All Souls  
 Clementine Nielsen (Healing)

**Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM All Souls  
 Joseph Nghi Nguyen (D)  
 Agnes Myhue Nguyen (D)  
 Raquel O. Rivera (D)  
 John Arroyo (Birthday)

11:30 AM All Souls  
 Francis R. Busque (D)  
 Rosa Betancourt (D)

1:30 PM All Souls

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM Ai Min Lau (well-being)  
 Joseph Nghi Nguyen (D)  
 John Arroyo (Birthday)

7 PM All STA Parishioners

**Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM Ai Min Lau (well-being)

**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM Ai Min Lau (well-being)

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

### Parish Contact Information

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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**