



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15, 2020

The Joy of Sharing The Joy of Thanksgiving

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Over a month ago, we reached out to you and asked you to participate in the Joy of Sharing fundraiser that was spearheaded by the CCA. We are writing to thank you for your passionate response and generosity. As of today, through your heartfelt contribution to the Joy of Sharing, we have received **\$47,556**. This is one of the most successful fundraising events in the history of our parish.

Your participation and support with such generosity is beyond imagination, especially during this time of uncertainty. It is a sign of love and caring for each other here at St. Thomas Aquinas parish. The money raised through this fundraising will enable us to continue our ministries and keep the daily operations of our parish moving forward.

Everyone who contributed reminds us of how interconnected we all are. Your kindness and giving brought to life the gospel passage where we are reminded that ***“whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”*** Matthew 25:40. May we continue to be mindful that we belong to the same big STA family.

During this month of Thanksgiving, please accept our deepest appreciation. Your sacrifice affirms your love for our parish. Let us continue to pray for one another and keep the joy of sharing always close to our hearts.

Sincerely,

Fr. John Kyebasuuta
Pastor

Fr. Justin Liu
Associate Pastor

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Church Renovations During Covid

Dear Parishioners,

During this time when we are not using the church, several generous parishioners have donated funds specifically to make some renovations in the church.

After Mass this weekend, I invite you to walk through the church and see the:

- 1. *New ambo***
- 2. *New ceiling projector***
- 3. *New laminate floor around the altar***
- 4. *New candle sticks***
- 5. *New steps at the tabernacle***
- 6. *Old ambo located next to the piano in the choir area***

All these are donations made out of love for our parish. May the Lord bless our donors. Let us pray that soon we shall all return inside the church and enjoy these renovations in the worshipping space.

Fr. John.

Parish Hillside Clean-up

Sat. Nov. 21st

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. 21st 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 to sign-up. Thank you in advance for sharing your talent and time to maintain our parish grounds.

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.

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.

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 7th.** Thank you in advance for your support.

School News

Support our STA School Wood Mountain Christmas Tree Sale!

This the last weekend to order your Christmas trees through STA School. Orders may be placed in the school office, by phone, or by clicking the link below. Please share the link with your family and friends and encourage everyone to order their trees, wreaths, or garland with us! Pick up date is Saturday, December 5.

fundraiser4us.com/zz/STASchool/

**Safeguard The Children
DID YOU KNOW?**

**Safely store and administer
medications for children**

During cold and flu season, many parents give their children a fever reducer, cough syrup, and other medications. These medications can help ease your children’s symptoms, but if they’re administered or stored improperly, they could put your children at risk. Children are far more susceptible than adults to the effects of medication, because their bodies are smaller and still developing. Even small amounts of drugs can be difficult for them to metabolize, so it’s critical to follow your doctor’s instructions and to closely monitor children who are old enough to administer their own medication. Make sure medications are stored properly, out of children’s reach. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/medicine>.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

10/31-11/1 Offertory/Online: \$7,175.00
Over/(Under): (\$325.00)
First Friday: \$104.00

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 14th

5:30 PM Socorro Castaneda (D)
Frankie Sanchez (D)
April Lisa Herrera (D)
Mu-Chih Wang (D)
Nu-Hui Wang (D)
Haiboh Wang (D)

Sunday, November 15th

8 AM Alice Gust (D)
Joe Saragueta (D)
Raquel O. Rivera (D)
Catherine Ku (D)
Anita Berumen (B-Day)
John Arroyo (B-Day)
Connie Ortega (Health)

11:30 AM Adoracion Lainez (B-Day)

1:30 PM All STA Parishioners

Tuesday, November 17th

8 AM Ai Min Lau (well-being)
Gabriel Luna (B-Day)

Thursday, November 19th

8 AM Ai Min Lau (well-being)
Alice Gonzalez (D)

7 PM All STA Parishioners

Friday, November 20th

8 AM All STA Parishioners

Saturday, November 21st

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.*

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Mass Schedule

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