



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

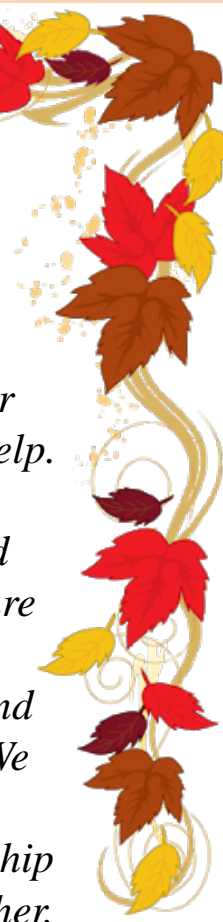
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 22, 2020

## From the Desk of Our Pastor

### Thanksgiving Message 2020



Dear Parishioners,

*The season of thanksgiving is upon us. Despite the situation in the world that has so many disappointing realities, we here at St. Thomas Aquinas are blessed to be a community that cares for one another. Our recent fundraising success is just one aspect of how we reach out to help.*

*During this pandemic, some of you are showing care for others by taking communion to them, going shopping for them, calling them and finding ways to stay connected. These are simple things to which we are thankful for during this time.*

*We thank the unspoken heroes, caretakers, nurses, housekeepers and all those who spend their days unnoticed, yet doing good for others. We pray for them that they may be safe and well.*

*Our faith brings us together to celebrate Mass in the outside worship area. Even when it is windy or cold, warm, quiet or noisy, we still gather. For such a spirit we give thanks.*

*We invite you to join us for our Thanksgiving day Masses, due to the pandemic, there will be no blessing of the food:*

**9:00 AM – English**

**10:30 AM – Chinese**

**12 Noon – Spanish**

*May we keep our spirit high and continue to support one another and be thankful for what God is doing for us every day.*

Fr. John

## Joy of Sharing Fundraiser Update

We are very grateful for the donations we have received for our Joy of Sharing fundraising campaign. We have received an additional **\$1,610**, which brings the campaign total to **\$49,166**.

May the Lord continue to bless you all.

CCA Fundraising committee



*Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

## First Friday Adoration & Mass December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6 PM - Adoration/Holy Hour

6:45 PM - Rosary

7 PM – Mass

## STA SCHOOL NEWS

### Amazon Smile!

Help support STA School when you shop on Amazon! Use the link below when shopping and STA School will earn rewards.

[smile.amazon.com/ch/95-2266227](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-2266227)

## Parish Office Closure

In celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday season, our parish office will be closed Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th. It will reopen on Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. May you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

## Preparing an Advent Prayer Space in Our Homes

The Advent Season begins Sunday, November 29, 2020. The Season will invite us to slow down and prepare our hearts so that we may be ready to welcome Jesus at Christmas. We invite you to plan to prepare a space for prayer in your home using an Advent wreath and a Nativity scene. Next Sunday will be the 1st Sunday of Advent, we will have the Blessing of Advent wreath and candles.

The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize hope, love, joy, and peace. The fifth candle, call the Christ candle, is lit on Christmas to remind Christians of the light Jesus brings to the world.

## 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.

## English Bible Study

Our English bible study group will start Advent weekly readings on Wednesday, December 2nd. You are invited to join them as you prepare yourself for celebrating the first coming of Jesus at Christmas. Text Henry Ayala at 323 717-1126 to receive the meeting ID for the Zoom meeting.

## CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY, THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles will host virtually the 89th annual celebration of the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Procession and Mass virtually due to the pandemic on Sunday, Dec. 6. This year’s theme is **“Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of Healing and Hope.”** The celebration will begin at 10:30 AM with a procession. The procession will conclude at the San Gabriel Mission at 12 PM with a Mass presided by Archbishop José H. Gomez. You are invited to join virtually via:

[facebook.com/lacatholics](https://facebook.com/lacatholics)

[lacatholics.org/guadalupe/](https://lacatholics.org/guadalupe/)

May Jesus, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, grant you peace and joy.

Most Reverend José H. Gomez  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

## Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

Keeping children safer online While we continue to develop our understanding of the impact of Covid-19 and social distancing on child safety, we also know that more time online means increased risk of more direct access to children for those intending to harm them. From online enticement to sexting and sextortion, it is critical that we combine efforts to protect children from online risks. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in partnership with the White House have launched a new campaign to raise awareness about safeguarding children online.

Visit <https://safetypledge.org/> for more information and to learn about the tools available to help parents and other trusted adults keep children safer online.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

11/14-11/15 Offertory/Online: \$5,019.00

Over/(Under): (\$2,481.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

5:30 PM Mu-Chih Wang (D)  
Nu-Hui Wang (D)  
Haiboh Wang (D)

### Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

8 AM Raquel O. Rivera (D)  
Catherine Ku (D)  
Connie Ortega (H)

11:30 AM Edmundo Pacheco (D)  
Santiago Sulit (D)  
Esther Rodriguez (D)  
Connie Lopez (H)  
Steve & Dianne Ledesma (H)

1:30 PM All STA Parishioners

### Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

8 AM All STA Parishioners

### Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> *Thanksgiving Day*

9 AM All STA Parishioners  
10:30 AM All STA Parishioners  
12 PM All STA Parishioners

### Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

8 AM All STA Parishioners

### Saturday, November 28<sup>th</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

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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**