



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2020

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 8 AM Mass

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. This mass will be trilingual (English, Chinese and Spanish).

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Celebration Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

Come to celebrate with us at STA church the Feast of Our Blessed Mother, The Virgin of Guadalupe, on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

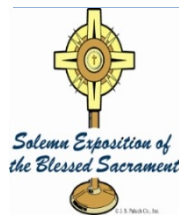
Our annual Our Lady of Guadalupe mass and celebration will include mañanitas at 11:30 AM, and a bilingual (English and Spanish) mass with live mariachi music at 12 Noon.

## Joy of Sharing Fundraiser Update

We are so thankful and appreciative of all the generosity our parishioners showed by donating to our Joy of Sharing fundraising campaign. We are happy to report that our campaign raised a grand total of: **\$52,566!**

May the Lord continue to bless you all.

CCA Fundraising committee



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

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

## Parish Advent Penance Service

Due to the pandemic, the penance service **will not** be held. Confessions are conducted by appointment only. Please contact the parish office to schedule an appointment.

## 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 by the altar. 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.

## Preparing an Advent Prayer Space in Our Homes

The Advent Season begins this Sunday. 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. On this first 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, called the Christ candle, is lit on Christmas to remind Christians of the light Jesus brings to the world.

## Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

### The devastating effects of verbal abuse

A study by Florida State University found that children who were verbally abused are more likely to experience depression and anxiety. They are also twice as likely to suffer with mood and anxiety disorders throughout their lifetime. Children who suffer such abuse can go on to repeat the same parenting styles they experienced thereby continuing the cycle of abuse. Pay attention to the language you and others use with your children. Breaking the chain of negative behaviors starts with positive, healthy parent-child relationships. For a copy of the VIRTUS article "The Devastating Effects of Verbal Abuse," visit [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

11/21-11/22 Offertory/Online: \$5,651.00

Over/(Under): (\$1,849.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 28th

5:30 PM Elizabeth Sanchez (D)  
Clementine Nielsen (Health)

### Sunday, November 29th

8 AM Raquel O. Rivera (D)  
Catherine Ku (D)  
John Shaffron (D)

11:30 AM Arthur Kimbal (D)  
Lolita Abeleda (D)  
Rev. Erasmo "Sony" Ramirez O.P. (D)  
Jack Carrol (D)

1:30 PM All STA Parishioners

### Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

8 AM Ai Min Lau (Well-being)

### Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

8 AM Ai Min Lau (Well-being)

7 PM All STA Parishioners

### Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

8 AM Ai Min Lau (Well-being)  
In memory of Aurora  
Casillas living and deceased  
family members

### Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

8 AM Ai Min Lau (Well-being)  
Chin Chiu & Uy family (healing)  
In memory of the Chin  
Chiu and Uy family  
members

*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

<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**