



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2020

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Christmas 2020

Dear Parishioners,

It is already December and Christmas is upon us. I wish everyone a very merry Christmas day and season.

We have been very fortunate that in these uncertain times, we have been able to attend our liturgy here at STA. Today we give thanks to God for the celebration of the life we have. Many people are not able to attend Mass for one reason or another, we always keep them in our prayers.

Christ came to give light to a world that was troubled. At the time of his birth people were looking for a messiah to save them from the hardships of their time. There were political and social injustices that were on the minds of people for a long time. People were waiting for a savior. We do not have to wait any more. He is already among us.

This year we pray that the Lord may save and protect us from the virus that has affected the entire world. We look at Jesus as the light of



of the world, let us pray that his light may shine upon us now and help us to work together to make his presence known.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to give wisdom to the scientists who are working hard to find medical solutions for us. We pray that together as a body of Christ, we may make Christ fully alive in our families, community and the world, especially during this Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Going Home to Uganda

Every year I go home to visit family and friends for a month. This year 2020, for obvious reasons, I have not been able to go. But thanks be to God, on January 3rd, 2021, I will be going home to visit my family for a month. Please keep me in your prayers as I take this trip at this time.

During my absence Fr. Justin and Msgr. Gomez will continue to minister to our community as always. I give thanks to them and to you for all your support. See you soon.

Fr. John

Parish Office Christmas Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24th through Monday, Dec. 28th. May the Peace and Joy of this Christmas Season be with you now and throughout the New Year.

Christmas Prayer

*Loving God,
Help us remember
the birth of Jesus, that we may
share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate and open the
door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every
greeting. Deliver us from evil by the
blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear
hearts. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be Thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us
to our beds with grateful
thoughts, forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.*

Amen.

~Robert Louis Stevenson



Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve

- 5:30 PM Mass in English
- 8:00 PM Mass in Chinese
- 11:00 PM "Midnight Mass" – in English/Spanish

Friday, December 25th Christmas Day

- 8:00 AM Mass in English
- 9:30 AM Mass in Chinese
- 11:30 AM Mass in English
- 1:30 PM Mass in Spanish
- 3:00 PM Mass in Chinese



Friday, January 1st Feast Mary Mother of God & First Friday

- Mass: 9 AM in Chinese
- Adoration: 6 PM
- Rosary: 6:45 PM
- Mass: 7 PM in English

Our Lady of Guadalupe

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in our beautiful Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. It took many hours of preparation and fundraising. May the Lord continue to bless the committee who planned the celebration and all who served. A special thank you goes out to our Gaudalupanos who sponsored the mariachi music. We had a wonderful and meaningful cultural celebration.

English Bible Study Resumes Jan.6th

Our English bible study group is on a short break during the Christmas season. Please join us on Wednesday, January 6th at 7 PM. Text Henry Ayala at 323 717-1126 to receive the meeting ID for the Zoom meeting.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation classes are available for anyone wishing to learn more about the catholic faith. Topics regarding the Sacraments will begin on Jan. 3, 2021 via Zoom.

For more information, please contact Ana Martinez at (323) 264-1338 or religioueducation@stampkschool.org

School News

To all of our school students, families, faculty, staff, and parishioners...This has been a truly trying time for us all, yet each of you continue to support our small school, and for that we are so blessed. You give of all hope and remind us that together we can accomplish anything.

STA school wishes you a very blessed Christmas! We stand in awe of the constant support we receive from this community. May your holiday be filled with the love of all those around you, both near and far. May we lift up our hearts in prayer for those who are ill, those who are suffering, and those who have gone before us to be with our Lord in Heaven.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

Love, Mrs. Lutero and STA School

Religious Ed. and Confirmation Classes Resume Jan. 3rd

All Confirmation and Religious Education zoom classes will resume January 3rd, 2021 at 9 AM. We look forward to welcoming all our students and their families.

Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

**Next Sunday, December 27,
is the Feast Day of the Holy Family**

We have been living in unprecedented times with COVID changing many aspects of our lives. These changes have caused many challenges to families, but they have also affirmed our commitment to safeguarding our children and young people. As the year comes to an end we are reminded of the resiliency exemplified by the Holy Family in their Advent journey – the love Mary and Joseph had for their son, Jesus Christ, and the many ways in which they nurtured His Spirit as a model for our families. Join the Holy Family’s call by taking time next Sunday on the *Feast Day of the Holy Family* to nourish your own family’s spirituality. Click link to download the Take-Home Resource for Families: [**The Holy Family – Nourishing your Spirituality and Well-Being.**](#)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

12/12-12/13 Offertory/Online: \$5,204.00

Over/(Under): (\$2,296.00)

Our Lady of Guadalupe \$ 840.00

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 19th

5:30 PM Elton Lui (Health)
Warren Kunkle (Health)

Sunday, December 20th

8 AM Raquel O. Rivera (D)
Mervin Karapinka (D)

11:30 AM Gregory Taggart (D)
Rev. Erasmo “Sonny” Ramirez O.P. (D)

1:30 PM Victoria Calderon (Health)

Tuesday, December 22nd

8 AM Frank Benitez (D)

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Masses

5:30 PM English
8 PM Chinese
11 PM English/Spanish

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

8 AM English
9:30 AM Mandarin
11:30 AM English
1:30 PM Spanish
3 PM Cantonese

Saturday, December 26th

8 AM Mary To (D)
Chin Chiu & Uy family (healing)
In memory of the Chin Chiu
and Uy family members

*For Mass intention requests please contact
the parish office at 323-264-4447 ext. 102
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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