



# *St. Thomas Aquinas Church*

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 27, 2020

## *From the Desk of Our Pastor*

### **Holy Family and New Year**



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We look upon the Holy family not just as our model in faith, but also as a family whose journey we share. Their life was not as smooth as we would imagine to be for the Son of God. Jesus came to identify with us and he started where we all do, in a family. Some of the challenges parents go through everyday were experienced by the Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary.

In the next few weeks we shall listen to the Gospel messages that tell us the stories of the baptism of Jesus, presentation at the temple and also at some point Jesus being lost away from his family.

At the same time we enter a new year this week. As we start 2021, let us put our faith in the Lord Jesus whose life is our light. Whose presence in our lives is our salvation. As we pray, let us trust that God will protect us regardless of the hardships we encounter.

We also pray that 2021 may bring us light and take the entire world out of the darkness of fear. May we together continue to make our parish community a better place for everyone to come and worship.

Happy New year and may the Lord bless all of us.

**Fr. John**



**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Feast of Mary,  
Mother of God  
& First Friday**

Mass: 9 AM in Chinese

Adoration: 6 PM

Rosary: 6:45 PM

Mass: 7 PM in English

**Parish Office  
New Year's Schedule**

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 28th and Thursday, December 31st – Monday, January 4th in celebration of the New Year.

We wish you and yours a New Year filled with peace, joy and good health.

**Prayer to Holy Family**

*Holy Family of Nazareth,  
by your intercession,  
love, and holy example,  
make our family and home  
more and more like Yours,  
until we are all one family,  
happy and at peace  
in our true home with You.*

**Together In Mission**

**Goal: \$38,792**

**Paid: \$15,815**

**Need: \$22,977**

Thank you to all who paid your Together In Mission pledge payments. It is not too late to make a donation to the 2020 Together In Mission appeal, envelopes can be found at the table by our altar. Your generous and thoughtful response is very much appreciated. May the Lord continue to bless all of you who reach out to help those less fortunate, within our own Archdiocese.

**Free 2021  
Catholic Calendars**

Each family is invited to pick up one free 2021 Catholic calendar which contains important liturgical information. They are located on the table by the altar. These calendars were generously donated by Guerra Gutierrez Mortuary.

## English Bible Study Resumes Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

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.

## Religious Ed. And Confirmation Classes Resume: Sunday, 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.

## 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 by phone at (323) 264-1338 or by email : [religionseducation@stampkschool.org](mailto:religionseducation@stampkschool.org)

## School News



### 2021 is finally here!!

STA School would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year! Through all of the ups and downs of the last year, our faith in God and our commitment to our school, to our parish, and to each other has remained strong.

Together, although from a distance, we celebrate making it through a year of challenges and look forward to a brighter 2021.

STA School resumes classes on January 4, 2021, virtually. We look forward to “seeing” our students faces on screen when we resume.

Much Love,

Stefanie Lutero, Principal  
STA School teachers and staff

## Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

### Talk to teens about posting photos

The pictures we share on Instagram and other social media can reveal much more information than just the picture we want our followers to see. If your teens are on social media, talk to them about the dangers of posting photos with potentially identifying information — posing in front of their schools or cars, tagging their location, or providing other clues that would give a predator easy access. Consider having a family screening contract, where parents approve photos before children can post. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “Technology Safety” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

12/19-12/20 Offertory/Online:\$6,514.00

Over/(Under): (\$986.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, December 26th

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

### Sunday, December 27th

8 AM Raquel O. Rivera (D)  
Mervin Karapinka (D)  
Franc Gielis (D)  
Julio Munoz (Health)

11:30 AM Rev. Erasmo “Sonny”  
Ramirez O.P. (D)  
For the health of the  
Priests and Seminarians of  
Lucba, Quezon Seminary  
Martha Huynh (D)

1:30 PM Victoria Calderon (Health)  
Luis Ovidio Najarro (D)

### Tuesday, December 29th

8 AM Joseph Power (Health)

### Thursday, December 31st

8 AM Rosie Muniz (D)

### Friday, January 1st

#### *Feast of Mary, Mother of God*

9 AM Chinese Mass  
7 PM In memory of Aurora  
Casillas living and deceased  
family members

### Saturday, January 2nd

8 AM Mary To (D)

*For Mass intention requests please contact  
the parish office at 323-264-4447 ext. 102  
or parishoffice@stampk.org.*

## Parish Contact 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**