



# *St. Thomas Aquinas Church*

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The Epiphany of the Lord - January 3, 2021

## *From the Desk of Our Pastor*

### **My Appointment As Dean**

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you may know, there are five Pastoral Regions in the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Every pastoral region is led by a regional bishop in charge of 4 deaneries. St. Thomas Aquinas belongs to Deanery 10 of the San Gabriel Pastoral Region. Deanery 10 is made up of 19 parishes located in the cities of Pasadena, Altadena, San Gabriel, Monterey Park, Montebello, and Alhambra. Recently, Archbishop Jose Gomez has appointed me to be the next dean of Deanery 10. This appointment is effective January 1, 2021, with a term of 5 years. It was agreed that I shall start taking up this role in early February after returning from my vacation.

As the Dean of our deanery, my role is primarily pastoral, being an extension of the Bishop's pastoral role as shepherd. I will also be a vital channel of communication between the Bishop and the priests, deacons and people of our Deanery. In addition, I will also carry out other duties and tasks assigned by our Bishop David G. O'Connell.

At the same time, I continue to be the Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas. I have made some arrangements to get ready for this new role as dean, in order to minimize the impact to our parish. When necessary, I will consult with and work closely with Fr. Justin and my staff to ensure the smooth operation of St. Thomas Aquinas.

I am grateful for this new role and pray to God for the ability to be his useful instrument. I also pray for God's continued blessing to you and St. Thomas Aquinas. May peace and happiness be with you always.

Fr. John.



## In Appreciation...

This year's Christmas season was different from other we have experienced but even so, our parishioners, their family, friends and visitors were able to enjoy a blessed and beautiful

Christmas season due to the many volunteers and staff members who worked diligently and joyfully to make our Advent season and Church environment inviting and meaningful. The musicians, liturgy and environment teams spent countless hours in preparation for our special Christmas season.

Thank you to all who were involved in making our Christmas season environment, masses and events as special as they were. It is truly recognized and appreciated.

## Blessing of the Home on the Epiphany



*Bless, O Lord, this household  
and family, and allow all of us who live  
in this home to find in it a shelter of  
peace and health. Inspire each of us to  
develop our individual talents and to  
contribute wisdom and good works for  
the benefit of the whole family.*

*Make our house a haven for us all,  
and a place of warmth and caring for  
all our friends who come to visit us.*

*Enlighten us with the brilliance  
of your Epiphany star, so that,  
as we go into the world,*

*we might clearly see our way to*

*You and discover You in our work and play.*

*This we ask to your glory and in the power of your kingship.*

## In Memory of Warren Kunkle

One of our longtime, faithful and active parishioners, Warren Kunkle, joined the Lord in heaven on Saturday, December 26, 2020. Warren fought the COVID virus in a courageous manner and used his faith as a tool of strength.



He was a very involved parishioner who shared his talent with our parish community in a loving and committed manner. Warren worked as our parish business manager for many years. He served in many ministries and organizations, including but not limited to: Religious Education Master Catechist, Liturgy Minister, Safeguard the Children committee member and trainer, Parish Council member, a member of our fiesta for decades, Knights of Columbus leadership roles and in 2018 was presented with the Catholic Charities Volunteer Recognition Award for his contribution to our parish.

Warren was a man of integrity and a role model for all, especially his sons, Joseph, Edward and William. He was very proud that his sons completed their First Communion and Confirmation at STA and later became members of our liturgy team. He was a loving husband to Elga, they celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a blessing and get together here at STA. They were the epitome of a Catholic family with Warren living his faith.

He had a great devotion to the church. He gave of himself unselfishly: he was a cornerstone of our parish. We will miss Warren's thoughtfulness and his generous heart of gold. Thank you Kunkle family for sharing this special person with our parish. His imprint will remain in our hearts and in our parish forever.

Plans for Warren's funeral services are pending but due to the pandemic, attendance will be limited. Once the pandemic is over and we can gather safely, a memorial service will be held for Warren and all will be invited to attend.

Please keep Warren and his family in your prayers.

## **Parish Office New Year's Schedule**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 4th in celebration of the New Year.

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **Father John on Vacation January 3rd thru February 4th**

Father John will be leaving to visit his family in Uganda on Jan. 3rd. He will be returning on Feb. 4th. Please keep Fr. John in your prayers for a safe and enjoyable vacation.

## **OneLife LA: The Joy of Life Virtual Event**

**Saturday, January 23, 2021  
12 Noon**

The mission of OneLife LA is to unite communities and inspire positive action through an annual event that promotes the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

OneLife LA speakers, partners, community, and musicians will bring the Joy of Life into your home during the one-hour program.

Register for OneLife LA 2021, and you will receive information on joining the virtual event.

Register at [onelifela.org](http://onelifela.org)

## Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

### How the ADLA can help victim-survivors heal

When the Vatican released the McCarrick Report late last year, many victim-survivors of sexual abuse may have been triggered by the revelations in the report and the repeated mention of it in the news and on social media. In the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry was created to provide a safe and compassionate environment for victim-survivors who need to report abuse to be able to do so, and to receive assistance for healing. For more information about these resources, visit <https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/protecting-children/>.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

12/26-12/27 Offertory/Online: \$4,931.00  
 Over/(Under): (\$2,569.00)  
 Christmas Eve: \$1,541.00  
 Christmas Day: \$3,035.00

*Thank you for your support!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, January 2nd

5:30 PM Clementine Nielsen (Health)  
Warren Kunkle (D)

### Sunday, January 3rd

8 AM Raquel O. Rivera (D)  
Mervin Karapinka (D)  
Kathy Nielsen (Birthday)

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

1:30 PM For all STA Parishioners

### Tuesday, January 5th

8 AM For all STA Parishioners

### Thursday, January 7th

8 AM For all STA Parishioners

### Friday, January 8th

8 AM Mary To (D)

### Saturday, January 9th

8 AM For all STA Parishioners

*For Mass intention requests please  
contact the parish office at  
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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**