



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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The Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2021

STA COVID-19 Update

Fr. John was diagnosed with COVID-19 last Saturday, January 2nd. Luckily he is experiencing very mild symptoms of the virus. He and Fr. Justin will complete their 10 day quarantine and get retested. Fr. Justin tested negative earlier this week.

Unfortunately, Fr. John's trip to Uganda to visit his family had to be postponed.

Some parishioners have asked if they should be tested or self-quarantine. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention as of **12/10/20**, the following counts as being in close contact:

- ❖ You were **within 6 feet** of someone who has COVID-19 for a **total of 15 minutes or more**
- ❖ You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- ❖ You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- ❖ You shared eating or drinking utensils
- ❖ They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you

Since Fr. John and Fr. Justin are unable to preside at Masses until they get their new test results, **our weekday and early Saturday morning Masses are cancelled.** Our weekend Masses will continue as scheduled except our 3 PM Cantonese Mass. The Cantonese Mass is also cancelled, due to the lack of Cantonese speaking priests available for coverage.

For precautionary measures and due to the increase in Covid-19 cases, we are closing the parish office to outside visitors. The office will still maintain daily hours of 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM via email parishoffice@stampk.org until further notice.

Please continue to pray to the end of this terrible virus that has negatively affected so many individuals, including our parish community.

2020 Tax Donation Statements

You may obtain your 2020 tax donation statement by completing an application which can be found on the table by the altar. Return your completed application in the collection baskets or mail it in to the parish office.

Statements will be processed after January 11th. Please allow 7-10 working days to have your statement completed. Thank you for your continued financial support, it is truly appreciated!

Los Angeles Virtual Religious Education Congress "Proclaim the Promise" Feb. 18th – 21st

COVID-19 has changed many of the traditional ways of gathering, therefore the **RE Congress 2021 will be a virtual event**. This year, the theme of the Religious Education Congress, *Proclaim the Promise!*, is a radical invitation to believe that our lives and our world are sustained by God's promise. Now more than ever, we need hope and a vision for our future.

Register and learn more about the workshops, and calendar of events by visiting the [RE Congress website](#).

Pariah Office Closure Monday, January 18, 2021

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday, a federal holiday honoring Dr. King for his nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement.

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 <http://onelifela.org/>

Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

Why it is so important to tell the truth

As parents, we teach our children that the truth is important. In fact, the truth is a critical part of the healing process for victim-survivors of abuse. When a victim-survivor tells the truth about abuse that has happened to him or her, it robs the secret of its power and begins to break down any fear surrounding it. This helps a victim-survivor on the path to being free from the effects of abuse and enables the church and other institutions to take appropriate action to keep others safe. For more information about the importance of truth-telling, visit lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

*Please see next weekend's
bulletin for collection totals.*

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 9th

5:30 PM Clementine Nielsen (Health)
Jenny Arenas (Health)

Sunday, January 10th

8 AM Joe Saragueta (D)
Raquel O. Rivera (D)
Mervin Karapinka (D)
Reynaldo Vasquez (D)

11:30 AM Rev. Erasmo "Sonny"
Ramirez O.P. (D)
George Esquer (D)
Robert Mazzone (D)
Martha Huynh (D)
Mario Abrantes (D)
Aurora Garcia (D)
Almeida Family (Health)

1:30 PM For all STA Parishioners

***Our weekday and Saturday
morning Masses have been
cancelled until further notice.***

***For Mass intention requests
please contact the parish
office via email at:
parishoffice@stampk.org.***

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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