



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 14, 2021

## Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021

**8 AM:**

English Mass

**12 Noon:**

English Liturgy of the Word

**5:30 PM:**

English/Spanish Mass

**7:30 PM:**

English/Mandarin Mass

*In order to take pre-cautionary measures, ashes have been packed in special individual bags and will be given out at the end of our Masses. We ask that only one bag be taken per family.*



**Parish Office closure  
Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
In observance of  
President's Day**

## STA COVID-19 Update

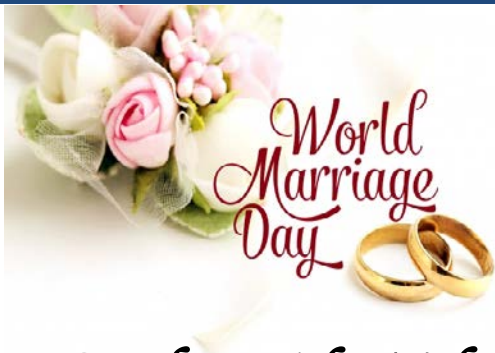
We are happy to announce that Father Justin has completed his recuperation and will start his ministry. He will be presiding at our weekday masses starting 2/15. We invite you to join our regularly scheduled weekday and Saturday morning masses this week. Please say a prayer of thanksgiving for Fr. Justin's COVID-19 recovery.

Our parish staff will be returning to work from our office next week. The office will remain closed to outside visitors. To conduct on-site business, please call the office to make an appointment. The office staff will be available via phone and email. Office hours are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

## Chinese New Year The Year of the Ox

2021 is a [Year of the Ox](#) according to the Chinese zodiac, starting from February 12th, 2021 and lasting until January 31th, 2022. Normally our Chinese parish community hosts a special celebration. Due to the pandemic, there will not be a celebration this year.

This Sunday at our Chinese masses, a sprinkling of incense will be shared. Incense is as a symbol of the prayer of the faithful rising to heaven. Smoke rises high into the air, symbolizing the connection between the prayers of living people and God and their ancestors.



## *Sunday, Feb. 14th*

*World Marriage Day, the second Sunday of February, and National Marriage Week USA (February 7 – 14) are observed annually in dioceses and parishes throughout our country as an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.*

*During all masses on Feb. 13th & Feb. 14th a special blessing will be bestowed on all married couples. We encourage all married couples to invite their family members and friends to join us as we celebrate "World Marriage Day".*

**Los Angeles Virtual  
Religious Education Congress  
"Proclaim the Promise"  
Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

## Lenten Reminders

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation classes are available for anyone wishing to learn more about the catholic faith. All classes will be held on Zoom. Below are the topics for February:

- **February 21, 2021 - No Class (Religious Education Congress)**
- **February 28, 2021 - Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy**

For more information or to register for classes, please contact Divina Rodriguez at (323) 717-1126 or via email at [divina.rodriguez@stampkschool.org](mailto:divina.rodriguez@stampkschool.org).

## Blood Drive Life Saving Success

The Red Cross is truly grateful to all STA blood donors and to STA for the use of our parish hall. The 2/4 blood drive surpassed their goal. They collected 34 pints of blood which means up to 95 hospital patients will be affected, so thank you so much! Your blood donation will help address the Red Cross's emergency appeal for blood and platelet. You may have saved a life!

## Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

### Tips to handle teen dating

Most teenagers are eager to date, but parents may be less eager to reach that milestone. Preparing yourself — and your teenager — for smart, safe dating is key. As a family, set rules, and enforce them. Discuss who they can see, what activities are allowed or forbidden, how late they can stay out. Make sure your teenager is clear on how to handle himself or herself in tough situations, and that they have an “out” if they need one in you or another trusted adult. Honesty and specificity will make these conversations more impactful, and more likely to stick with your teen. For more tips on handling teen dating, read the VIRTUS article “Preparing for the Day Your Teen Starts Dating” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

1/2 & 1/3 Offertory/Online: \$6,927.00  
Over/(Under): (\$573.00)

1/9 & 1/10 Offertory/Online: \$4,535.00  
Over/(Under): (\$2,965.00)

1/16 & 1/17 Offertory/Online: \$3,735.00  
Over/(Under): (\$3,765.00)

1/23 & 1/24 Offertory/Online: \$3,066.00  
Over/(Under): (\$4,434.00)

1/30 & 1/31 Offertory/Online: \$4,978.00  
Over/(Under): (\$2,522.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 13th

5:30 PM For All STA Parishioners

### Sunday, February 14th

8 AM Raquel O. Rivera (D)  
Mervin Karapinka (D)  
Anselmo Vasquez (D)  
Faustino Vasquez (D)  
Celia Macias (100<sup>th</sup> B-Day)

11:30 AM Martha Huynh (D)  
Valentina Pacheco (D)  
Ofelia Retana (D)  
Lorraine Melendez (B-Day)  
Natividad Fernandez (B-Day)

1:30 PM For All STA Parishioners

### Tuesday, February 16th

8 AM For All STA Parishioners

### Thursday, February 18th

8 AM For All STA Parishioners

### Friday, February 19th

8 AM For All STA Parishioners

### Saturday, February 20th

8 AM For All STA Parishioners

*If you would like to schedule Mass intentions, please contact: Linda Almaguer, Parish Secretary via email: [parishoffice@stampk.org](mailto:parishoffice@stampk.org)*

## Parish Contact 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)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 AM (English)
<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**