



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Second Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2021

## Lent 2021

Though our on-site Lent events have been placed on hold, there are many ways you can enrich your spiritual life during Lent. We invite you to choose one or two things to help you grow in your faith.

**Join Bible Study:** We will be offering a look at the readings for each Sunday during Lent. Bible study is held every Wednesday from 7 PM - 8 PM via zoom. Contact Henry Ayala at (323) 717-1126 for zoom link.

**Stations of the Cross:** We invite you, your family and friends to observe the Lent season by praying the Stations of the Cross at home. Details on the how to recite the Stations of the Cross can be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: [uscgb.org](http://uscgb.org)

**Rice Bowl Program:** Take home a rice bowl. On Fridays during Lent, abstain from eating meat. Place the money you save by eating simply into your rice bowl.

**Attend mass more often:** Our regular Mass schedule has been reinstated. Join us for an additional Mass each week.

**Pray more often:** Take a few minutes throughout your day to pray. There are many needs in our community and throughout the world. Be a Lenten prayer warrior.

**Fr. John  
Returns Next Week**

Fr. John will be returning from Uganda next week. Please pray for his safe return. As required by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Fr. John will be quarantined for a minimum of ten days after his arrival. We look forward to Fr. John's return to his ministry.

## Make 2021 Your eGiving Year

This time last year the full scope and inherent dangers of COVID-19 were becoming clear. Our world was brought to a standstill, but some of our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recurring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

To continue to make a difference in 2021, St. Thomas Aquinas is reaching out to our parishioners. The more people who use eGiving, the stronger foundation we will have for ministries that bring hope in times of uncertainty.

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/CA779](https://faith.direct/CA779).

## For Lent .....For Life Rice Bowl Program

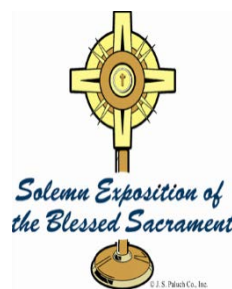
**HUNGER IN OUR WORLD** Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger— it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Please pick up your Rice Bowl and place your spare change in it, return it full on Easter Sunday. Visit [csricebowl.org](https://csricebowl.org) to learn more.

## School News

### STA School to resume in-person instruction

STA School will resume in-person instruction on Monday, April 12, 2021. Our families will have a choice to either send their child(ren) in person or to remain online for the rest of the school year.

Are you interested in enrolling your child at STA School for the 2021-2022 year? Registration opens on Monday, March 1, 2021. For additional information and enrollment forms please contact the school office at (323) 261-6583 or email: [info@stampkschool.org](mailto:info@stampkschool.org)



**First Friday  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Adoration 9 AM  
Mass 10 AM**

Our March First Friday Adoration will start at 9 AM; Mass will begin at 10 AM. Individuals wishing to recite the rosary may do so following our First Friday Mass. This change is due to the winter season coldness and darkness. Please plan on joining us.

## Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

### Holding adults to high standards

When you start to talk to your children about inappropriate touching and basic sexual abuse prevention safety rules, be mindful that children can easily be confused by even the best of any adult's intentions, which underscores why all adults have a responsibility to adhere to the highest of standards in their relationships with children. Consider that another good reason to be involved in the activities your children participate in is that it allows you to get to know the adults who work regularly with them. That way, if your child brings a confusing scenario to you, you can more easily discuss the circumstances with your child and the adult involved, with the goal of working towards better behaviors. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article "How to Talk Productively With an Adult about Inappropriate Behavior with a Child" at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

Ash Wednesday:	\$1,665.00
2/20 & 2/21 Offertory/Online:	\$6,251.00
Over/(Under):	(\$1,249.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, February 27th

5:30 PM Joseph Corona (D)

### Sunday, February 28th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Mrs. Wang

11:30 AM Tiny Harris (D)

1:30 PM Jesus Guzman (D)

### Tuesday, March 2nd

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Mrs. Wang

### Thursday, March 4th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Mrs. Wang

### Friday, March 5th

10 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Mrs. Wang

In memory of Aurora Casillas living  
and deceased family members

### Saturday, March 6th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Mrs. Wang

*If you would like to schedule Mass intentions, please contact:  
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## Parish Contact Information

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### Parish Staff

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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)
<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**