



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 14, 2021

The Year of St. Joseph

On March 19 we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph in this [Year of St. Joseph](#) declared by Pope Francis.

On earth, Jesus called St. Joseph his father. So should we. From St. Joseph, Our Lord learned how to walk, how to pray, how to work, and how to love. More than anything, Jesus learned from his earthly father that the meaning and purpose of our human lives is found in doing the will of our Father in heaven.

March 19 also marks the beginning of the Year "[Amoris Laetitia Family](#)," which Pope Francis has dedicated for reflecting on the joy of family love. Again we reflect that in God's plan, salvation comes into our world in the person of a Child born and raised in a human family. Our Lord's plan continues in the way we love and raise our own families.

In the life of St. Joseph we see that even in the violence and chaos of the events, God continues to work for the world's salvation. And for our salvation, too.

Trust in God is the key to living with hope and without fear. So let us try to live as St. Joseph lived, with love for Jesus and Mary, and with the intention to do the will of God in everything. If at times, like St. Joseph, we do not fully understand what is being asked of us, let us remain open to God's will, and know he will give us the courage to do what the moment demands.

Pray for me and I will pray for you. And let us ask Mary, our Blessed Mother, to help us to learn the lessons of her spouse, St. Joseph. Just as her Son did.

Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Abbreviated version of Angelus 3/3/21 article

Fr. John's Return from Uganda

Father John arrived last Thursday from his trip to Uganda to visit his family. He will adhere to the mandatory 10 day quarantine. We look forward to the time when Fr. John can resume his ministry in support of our parish community.

Weekday & Saturday Morning Masses held in Church

Due to the cold weather, wind and rain, we are moving our weekday and Saturday morning masses indoors. The Archdiocese and the State of California has approved indoor worship services, limited to 25% capacity of the church.

COVID-19 protocols will remain in place. Face coverings and the 6 foot social distancing are required.

Weekend masses will continue to be held outdoors.

Spring into eGiving

Thinking about spring cleaning? Why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for St. Thomas Aquinas and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time to make the switch to eGiving – you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help sustain our parish as we continue to confront the challenges and turmoil sparked by COVID-19, and as we work to reopen more of our programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Please visit faith.direct/CA779 to sign up today.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

St. Patrick's Day Blessing

*May the blessings of each day
Be the blessings you need most
Wishing you a happy and
blessed St. Patrick's Day!*

For LentFor Life Rice Bowl Program WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the table by our altar. During the 40 days of Lent, we reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Place your spare change in your Rice Bowl and return it full on Easter Sunday. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



From February 17th through March 28th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside FPA, 501 S Vincent Ave., West Covina, CA 91790, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please visit: 40daysforlife.com/westcovina

School News

Congratulations STA Academic Decathlon Team!!!



This past Saturday, March 6, our STA Academic Decathlon Team competed in their virtual competition. The competition consisted of individual tests in Math, English, Literature, Social Studies, Religion, Fine Arts, Current Events, and Science, in addition to the team Superquiz and Logic tests. The results were AMAZING!

Individual Subject Winners:

Natalia Ramos-2nd Place Fine Arts
Pablo Torres-2nd Place Social Studies

Team Superquiz:

1st Place

Team Overall (combined scores from individual tests, Superquiz, and logic): 3rd Place

Thank you to our Decathletes: *Pablo Torres, Vincent Hernandez, Elijah Acob, Natalia Ramos, Alejandro Rico, Sean Cortez, Isabella Chavez, Brandon Lee, Emma Matamoros, William Herrera, Sophia De La Torre, and Jeremiah Burbano*

Thank you to our coaches: *Ms. Rugama, Mr. Vassar, Ms. Abrego, and Mrs. Lutero*

Congratulations Pablo Torres-Cathedral High School Onward Scholar Recipient!

STA School would like to congratulate 8th grader, Pablo Torres, on being chosen as an Onward Scholar for Cathedral High School! Pablo will receive a generous scholarship, as well as academic mentoring and classes and activities focused on ensuring his success in high school and beyond. This highly selective program only admits 12 students per year out of all who apply. The STA community is so proud of Pablo!

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.

STA School Open Enrollment 2021-2022

Are you interested in enrolling your child at STA School for the 2021-2022 year? Registration is now open. Please email the school office at info@stampkschool.org, call (323)261-6583, or visit our school website www.stampkschool.org for information and forms.

Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

How parents can help fight against sex trafficking

Sex trafficking is a serious threat in the U.S. and around the world. Parents can make a difference in their families and in their communities by educating themselves and their children. Know the signs of trafficking or abuse, including changes in behavior, nightmares, anxiety, and self-destructive behavior. Fostering trust and communication between parents and children is crucial to protecting them from exploitation. To read more from the VIRTUS® article “Sex trafficking: What we can do to help,” visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

3/6 & 3/7 Offertory/Online: \$6,627.00

Over/(Under): (\$873.00)

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 13th

5:30 PM Clementine Nielsen (Health)
John Muniz (D)

Sunday, March 14th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by LiChu Lin
Manuel Evangelista (D)
Nelia Regalado (D)
Brianna Tretter (Health)

11:30 AM Tiny Harris (D)
Carlos Zuniga (D)
Thomas Ayala (D)
Ray Sosa (Health)

1:30 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 16th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by LiChu Lin
John Mendoza (Birthday)
Perry Davis (D)
Crystal Davis (D)
In thanksgiving for John & Marie Mendoza's blessings

Thursday, March 18th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by LiChu Lin

Friday, March 19th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by LiChu Lin
Tony Esparza (D)
Rudy Corona (D)
Francis Esparza (D)
Betty Ramos (Birthday)

Saturday, March 20th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Yu Li

*If you would like to schedule Mass
intentions, please contact:
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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)
Friday	8:00 AM (English)
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