



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 9, 2021

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Mother's Day Message 2021



Dear Mothers,

This weekend we take time to reflect on the gift of motherhood. You go through a lot of hardships to raise us, your children. You give yourselves totally for the well-being of others. For this and for the many blessings you bring to us, we give tribute and we pray for you. Mothers, we thank you for raising us and giving us a model to follow, a model taken from Mary, the Mother of Jesus who shared her unselfish love with her family. We invoke her protection over you today and always.

Motherhood has been tested especially during the Covid-19 pandemic. I have heard stories where mothers have been on the frontline as caregivers with illness around them, on top of their other regular responsibilities. They have kept the faith and commitment to their families. We thank you. This weekend we remember the mothers who are sick. Some are not able to come to Mass due to health issues. We also pray for you whose children are not home with you due to various reasons. Also for those mothers whom God has called back to himself, especially those who have died of Covid, we pray.

Let us also pray for the mothers who need our support and prayers; those experiencing loss or disappointment. Through our actions and prayers may we make them aware that St. Thomas Aquinas community is in solidarity with them and they are not alone, or forgotten. May God bless you and keep you healthy and happy. I wish all of you a Happy and blessed Mother's day.

Masses inside of the Church

Starting this weekend, May 8th/9th, our Saturday 5:30 PM and Sunday 8:00 AM Masses will be celebrated inside of the church. We are starting with these two Masses because they have less people attending them. With time we will all eventually return to celebrating Mass inside the Church. In order to accommodate those who still prefer outdoor seating, we have installed two speakers in the hospitality area of the church. Limited spaces are available for family seating and individual chairs will be provided. As we return inside of the church we still have to abide by the CDC and LA County health guidelines, which include keeping a safe social distance, wearing a mask, and sanitization. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fr. John.

Parish Pictorial Directory

Our 2018 – 2019 Parish Pictorial Directories have arrived! It has been a while since we started the project and the pandemic further delayed the production, they are now here, being delivered to all who pre-ordered the directory.

We have a limited amount available for purchase, first come, first served.

Approximately 150 families and 30 ministries were photographed for this valuable pictorial of our parish history. For only \$15 you will receive a soft cover book of photos capturing a special time of our parish. You may order your Parish Pictorial Directory by:

1. Downloading the attached form and placing the order and payment of \$15 in our regular collection basket or mail your payment to our parish office
2. Using our e-Giving platform Faith Direct. You can go online to faith.direct/CA779, this is a safe and secure site. You may make a one-time donation for \$15, annotating "Pictorial Directory" in the "Note" field.
3. Pick-up an order form at the table by our altar and return it to the parish office mail slot or place it in our collection basket with your \$15 payment.

Chinese Zoom VIRTUS Class Sat. May 22nd @ 12:30 PM

A zoom VIRTUS class will be held on Saturday, May 22nd from 12:30 PM–3:30 PM for those individuals who need to take the initial VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training class. **This class will be held in Chinese.** Please contact the parish office to enroll.

Confirmation Mass Sunday, May 16th @ 6:00 PM

This year's Youth and Adult Faith Formation Confirmation ceremony will be held on May 16th. Throughout the pandemic, our students have remained focused on preparing for this special sacrament. They are completing our two year program and are looking forward to receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord).

Our Most Reverend Bishop O'Connell, San Gabriel Pastoral Region Bishop will be the main celebrant. Please pray for our Confirmantees as they continue on their spiritual journey.

Summer Camp @ STA School June 21st – July 16th

Catholic and public school students in grades TK – 5 are welcome to attend a summer program at STA. Our school is currently enrolling students for the 2021 in- person summer camp. Students are invited to join us for Camp Eagle this summer! Enjoy four weeks of math and reading review, theater, science club, games, water play, and weekly themed activities! Extended day care will be available. For additional information go to: <https://www.smores.com/dxkbn>

Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

What you can do to help

Every Catholic is called to protect the most vulnerable, including children who are at risk for abuse and exploitation. Find out how your community is working to prevent child abuse and get involved. You can continue to learn best tips and prevention practices through the DID YOU KNOW bulletins each week. You can also enroll in VIRTUS training to receive extensive information on how to identify suspicious behavior and report it. Encourage everyone you know to learn about child sexual abuse prevention. Together, we can change the future for our children. For more information please visit: <https://lacatholics.org/departments-ministries/safeguard-the-children>.

To request a copy of the full VIRTUS article visit lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

5/1-5/2 Offertory/Online: \$7,506.70

Over/(Under): \$ 6.70

Rice Bowl Collection: \$2,040.30

**A special thank you to our Guadalupanos for their donation of \$100.00 towards our Rice Bowl collection.*

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 8th

5:30 PM For All Mother's

Sunday, May 9th

8 AM For All Mother's

11:30 AM For All Mother's

1:30 PM For All Mother's

Tuesday, May 11th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Yoyo Yu
Gary Ybarra (D)
Felicitas Valenzuela (D)
Maria Dora Acosta (D)
For All Mother's

Thursday, May 13th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Yoyo Yu
For All Mother's

7 PM For All Mother's

Friday, May 14th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Yoyo Yu
Lopez living and deceased
family members
For All Mother's

Saturday, May 15th

8 AM Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Yoyo Yu

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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)
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