



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 20, 2021

## *From the Desk of Our Pastor*

### Happy Father's Day to STA Fathers



Dear Fathers,

Today we stop as a nation and thank you for your presence in our lives. We thank you for the many sacrifices you make for us, your children. We appreciate the many times you let go of your comfort to make us happy. We may not have all the words to say thank you, and sometimes we even take for granted what you do for us. But today we turn our thoughts into prayer and ask the loving God to bless you. May God look upon you with love and give you good health. May God strengthen you and grant you patience and wisdom. May you be instruments of peace in our lives. Thank you for all you do and be assured of our prayers.

### Together In Mission Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

As we turn a page and return to church, we continue to be conscious of our need to take care of one another. Thank you for all you do to support your families and our parish. Every year we extend our generosity beyond our parish and share our resources with other parishes. In the last five years, St. Thomas Aquinas has been a recipient of Together in Mission funds. These funds have helped in our school and parish faith formation. Together with the rest of the parishes I invite you to reflect on how you can share your resources again by participating in the Together In Mission campaign. Next weekend, June 26/27, we shall make pledges to support this worthy fundraising campaign. Our goal for the year 2021 is \$36,194 dollars. As you did in the past, I invite you to please consider contributing to this mission of our church. May God bless your generosity.

### St. Joseph Monastery Food Drive

Dear Parishioners,

There is a religious community of Monks from Vietnam, who live in Lucerne Valley in the San Bernardino Diocese. They provide retreats and spiritual direction to many people. Since they have no parish of their own, they depend on the generosity of others to assist them in their needs. On their behalf, I am therefore asking anyone who is able to participate in the food drive for these monks. You may donate canned food such as tuna, chicken, vegetables, rice and any nonperishable items. Please bring your donations to the church on the weekends of July 10/11 and July 17/18. Your generosity will be much appreciated.

## Fireworks Stand Volunteers and Independence Day Pot Luck

Please support our parish by buying from our own fireworks stand. We need volunteers. A sign-up sheet is located by the baptismal font inside the church.

Everyone is invited to attend our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July pot luck and fireworks display. We encourage everyone to bring family and friends and also please bring your special dish to share with your fellow parishioners.

The meal blessing will be at 6:30 PM, dinner will follow and after sunset, a fireworks display will begin in the school parking lot. Feel free to bring additional fireworks; remember to support our STA fireworks stand. Come join us for an evening of fellowship and fun as we celebrate Independence Day.

## Candles in Church

With the reopening of our church, the request for candles has increased. Please remember to use only the candles sold at our parish. Other candles drip wax and create a fire hazard. Candles can be purchased at our parish office (call to place your order) or after mass on weekends for \$5.00 each. We appreciate your cooperation.

## STA Firemark Youth Ministry Summer Camp

STA Firemark Youth Ministry will be holding the annual 2021 Summer Camp, via Zoom, on Saturday, 8/14, for 9th - 12th graders. This is an exciting and meaningful whole day retreat. If you are interested to enroll your high school children, please see the camp flyer and registration form for more details. Firemark representatives will be present in the hospitality area from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM this Sunday, 6/20, to answer all your questions. Spaces are limited. Don't miss out. Contact Person: Shawn Yeh (626) 709-6006

## First Friday Adoration and Mass July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Beginning in July, we shall return to the old First Friday schedule.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day starting at 8:00 AM.

**Rosary at 6:30 PM**

**Benediction 6:45 PM**

**Mass at 7:00 PM**

Our Adoration sign-up sheet can be found in front of the tabernacle. Please sign-up to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament.

## Senior Gathering A Big Success

Over 80 individuals attended the 6/16 senior gathering. This is the highest attendance ever. Everyone was overjoyed to be able to spend time, play games and enjoy a delicious meal with their friends and fellow parishioners. We would like to thank the Senior Leadership team who worked on organizing this fun event.

## Liturgical Guidelines

**The Archdiocese of Los Angeles provided revised liturgical guidelines effective June 15, 2021. Below are highlights of these guidelines:**

1. All liturgical celebrations and religious services (e.g., Private Prayer, Adoration, Devotions, Prayer Services) are allowed to take place indoors without capacity limitations and social distancing.
2. Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals outdoors or indoors for religious services. Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals outdoors when social distancing is not possible, and at all times indoors.
3. For now, masks and social distancing are required for employees and volunteers if they are working in the church during Mass.
4. Hand sanitation must be available for all visitors. The use of hand sanitizer is not required for entry into buildings.
5. Parishes are not required to sanitize after each liturgy or service but instead should observe sensible public health precautions.
6. Liturgical singing can take place.
7. Hymnals, missalettes, and worship aids may be placed in the pews or distributed for use by the faithful.
8. Liturgical processions may resume at their proper times (i.e., the entrance procession, the Gospel procession, the procession of the offertory gifts, and the recessional procession).
9. Water in the baptismal font and holy water fonts should be refreshed frequently.
10. For now, Holy Communion will be offered in the form of bread. Communion on the hand is strongly encouraged.

## Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

### Using the “What If” game to raise problem-solving children

The “What If” game is a great way to walk your children through potential scenarios, and work with them to find the best solutions. Ask your children about “what if” scenarios, mixing silly questions with real world ones to keep them engaged and thinking, like “What if you had super powers?” and “What if a stranger asked you to go somewhere with him at the mall?” You can empower your children with problem-solving skills that will keep them safe even when you can’t be there to protect them. For more information, visit <https://www.d2l.org/what-if-game/>.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

6/12-6/13 Offertory/Online: \$6,421.00

Over/(Under): (\$1,079.00)

***Thank you for your support!***

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, June 19th

5:30 PM For all Father’s

### Sunday, June 20th

8 AM For all Father’s

11:30 AM For all Father’s

1:30 PM For all Father’s

### Tuesday, June 21st

8 AM For all Father’s  
Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by JinFu Cu  
Jose Zaragoza & Consuelo Herrera (A)

### Thursday, June 24th

8 AM For all Father’s  
Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by JinFu Cu  
Jose Zaragoza & Consuelo Herrera (A)

7 PM For all Father’s

### Friday, June 25th

8 AM For all Father’s  
Anne Wong (D)  
Agnes Myhue Nguyen (D)  
Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Pang Hue  
Jose Zaragoza & Consuelo Herrera (A)

### Saturday, June 26th

8 AM For all Father’s  
Hou Yuan Chiao (D) by Pang Hue  
Jose Zaragoza & Consuelo Herrera (A)

*For Mass intentions requests, please  
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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) 7:00 PM (Spanish)
<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**