



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 29, 2021

## Religious Education Enrollment Happening Now Classes Begin: Sunday, Sept. 12th

During this time, it has become more evident of the need to provide invitations to our Faith Formation. We have an invitation that speaks to a person's heart and soul that breaks through the fears that keep people from the Journey.

Registration for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation and RCIA is now open for the upcoming year. **All Classes will start on Sept 12, 2021** and will be given via Zoom meetings or in person depending on the Pandemic.

If you know of any child or adult who needs to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, please contact Ana Martinez at the Religious Education office at 323-264-1338 or by email: [religiouseducation@stampkschool.org](mailto:religiouseducation@stampkschool.org) In-person registration requires an appointment.

**The last day to register for classes is this Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the Religious Education office today!**

## First Friday Adoration and Mass September 3rd, 2021

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



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*



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## In Memory of William Sanchez...

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that one of our parish's Founding Members, William (Bill) Sanchez, joined our Lord in eternal peace on Monday, August 23, 2021. William died at home with his family by his side.

William was a highly decorated and distinguish World War II veteran and shared his talents with our parish, school and local community for decades. He was an advocate for veteran's rights and benefits. He has been the key note speaker for numerous Veterans events, including Monterey Park's patriotic celebrations and has been recognized by many politicians including the Monterey Park City Council. He supported and participated in statewide Veterans organizations. In 2015 he was Monterey Park Play Days parade Grand Marshal.

William was a man of integrity and a true gentleman. He had a great devotion for our church. He consistently supported all our events. We will miss William's thoughtfulness and his generous heart of gold. His imprint will remain in our hearts and in our parish forever.

William will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, a national shrine to those who have honorably served our Nation during times of war. The processing time for their burial services is 6-8 weeks. Funeral services will be finalized once a burial date is provided.

Information regarding William's services will be provided at a later date.

Please keep William and his family in your prayers.

## Haiti Assistance 2nd Collection Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

The people of Haiti experienced a catastrophic earthquake, causing immense damage and substantial loss of life. The earthquake was followed by a major tropical storm, which added even further devastation. The people of Haiti were still rebuilding after a major earthquake from 11 years ago and have also been dealing with other major challenges.

The bishops of the United States are asking for your financial support, so that we can respond as a unified Church. We will be holding a second collection for Haiti relief efforts the weekend of Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

## Zoom VIRTUS Class Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

A zoom VIRTUS class will be held on Thursday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM – 8 PM for those individuals who need to take the initial VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training class. All parents who plan on volunteering for our school or religious education program must take this class before starting your volunteer assignment. Liturgical ministers and anyone who works or volunteers around children are also required to take this training class. Please contact Ana Martinez, Religious Education Coordinator, to enroll. She can be reached at (323) 264-1338 or [stareligioused@stampk.org](mailto:stareligioused@stampk.org).

## The Jubilee is Fast Approaching

The Los Angeles Archdiocese will soon launch the "Forward in Mission" Jubilee Year in honor of the 250th anniversary of the founding of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel, the birthplace of Christian faith in Los Angeles.

All are invited to commemorate this historic occasion at an outdoor prayer service with Archbishop José H. Gomez at Mission San Gabriel on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Then, all are invited to pray for spiritual renewal in our local Church during 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration from 6 PM on Thursday, September 9 through 10 AM on Saturday, September 11. Please go to [forwardinmission.com/adoration](http://forwardinmission.com/adoration) to register for the location and time of your choice.

In addition, all are invited to join Archbishop José H. Gomez for the historic Jubilee Opening Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Saturday, September 11 at 11 AM. Mass will begin with the Rite of the Opening of the Holy Door on the Cathedral Plaza.

## In Appreciation

The American Red Cross sends their warmest thank you for last Sunday's blood drive. Due in part of the support of our congregation they were able to collect 31 pints of life saving blood which will make a vital difference for more than 96 hospital patients.

Every day over 1,200 pints of blood are needed for surgeries, premature babies, burn patients and transfusions, so the American Red Cross is very appreciative of STA allowing them the opportunity to come to our Church to help save lives.

They would like to thank everyone and let them know their blood donation will now give another hospital patient a chance to be with their families and loved ones.

**Safeguard The Children  
DID YOU KNOW?**

**Teach children how to answer the door safely**

You would never knowingly let someone dangerous or unsafe into your home. But it is impossible to fully vet every stranger, maintenance worker, new neighbor, salesperson, etc — who shows up at your door. Teach children a few tips about answering (or not answering) the doorbell. Consider these rules, or something similar, for your family: Always look to see who is at the door first. If the person is a stranger, get an adult to answer the door. Do not open the door to someone you do not know. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “Beware of inviting other people – and vulnerability – into your house,” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

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

8/21-8/22 Offertory/Online: \$6,534.00  
Over/(Under): (\$ 966.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, August 28th**

5:30 PM Frank Benitez (D)  
Robert & Edna Chua (Health)

**Sunday, August 29**

8 AM Irene Spencer (D)  
Natalie Ramos (Health)  
Daniel Olivas (Health)

11:30 AM Vicky Rodriguez (D)  
Orlando Bojorquez (D)  
Natalie Ramos (Health)  
Jackie Sanchez (Health)  
John A. Marquez (Health)  
Helena Macias (Health)

1:30 PM All STA Parishioners

**Tuesday, August 31st**

8 AM All STA Parishioners

**Thursday, September 2nd**

8 AM All STA Parishioners  
7 PM All STA Parishioners

**Friday, September 3rd**

7 PM Casillas deceased family members  
St. Rita (Thanksgiving)  
Parish Office (Thanksgiving)

**Saturday, September 4th**

8 AM Casillas living family members

## 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) 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**