



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 5, 2021

From the Desk of our Pastor

“Forward in Mission” Jubilee STA Faith Formation Classes Experience the Richness of Our Faith



Dear Parishioners,

In celebration of 250 years of San Gabriel Mission, the oldest church in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Archbishop Jose Gomez has proclaimed this year (September 2021 to September 2022) to be a Jubilee Year.

At the same time, our parish is celebrating 60 years since it was founded in 1961. With these two celebrations in our midst, STA is going to offer a series of faith formation classes to help us keep in touch with our spiritual journey and experience the richness of our faith. Listed below for your information is the syllabus of the classes.

- Lesson 1: Incarnation: God’s Presence Among Us**
- Lesson 2: Turning Away from God: How do we Return to God?**
- Lesson 3: The New Covenant: A Deeper Relationship with God**
- Lesson 4: The Lamb of God: The Concept and Meaning**
- Lesson 5: The kingdom of God: What is it?**
- Lesson 6: Sacraments as the Doors to the Sacred**
- Lesson 7: Encountering Jesus in the Mass**
- Lesson 8: The Catholic Community and Faith: Who are we?**
- Lesson 9: The Church in the Modern World: Catholic Social Teaching**
- Lesson 10: From Maintenance to Mission: Now What?**

These classes will be offered in English from 7 PM to 8:30 PM, starting on Monday, October 4th, and continue every Monday with 2 breaks until the end of the lessons. They will be offered in person in the parish hall and also via Zoom. Zoom link will be provided soon.

The same classes will be offered in Spanish from 7 PM to 8:30 PM, starting on Tuesday, October 5th, and continue every Tuesday with 2 breaks until the end of the lessons. They will be offered in person in the parish hall and also via Zoom. Zoom link will be provided soon.

I encourage everyone to join us and be part of our faith formation. The more we know about our faith, the more we actually enjoy it and the more we will share it with others who are interested to have a deeper experience with their faith. I hope these topics will help each one of us to awaken the mystery of God among us.

Fr. John

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 8th 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 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.

Haiti Assistance 2nd Collection Sept. 4th – 5th

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 this weekend.

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

William Sanchez’s Funeral Services Information

Last week we announced the passing of Willian (Bill) Sanchez, one of our founding members and a distinguished WW II veteran.

William’s vigil service will be held on Friday, Sept. 17th @ 7 PM. His funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18th @ 11 AM, both here at STA. Individuals will have the option to view the services via zoom using our English mass zoom link and password.

William will be interred at the prestigious Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Please keep the Sanchez family in your prayers.

VIRTUS Training and Fingerprinting

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires all adults working or volunteering with or around children to comply with Safeguard the Children Program requirements to ensure that St. Thomas Aquinas Church and School are safe places for our youth and vulnerable adults.

Our Safeguard the Children committee has scheduled the following to ensure our parishioners have an opportunity to meet the requirements:

- **Three hour VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children”.** Zoom class will be held September 9th, from 5 PM – 8 PM. Please contact Ana Martinez, Religious Education Coordinator to enroll. She can be reached at (323) 264-1338 or stareligioused@stampk.org.
- **Live Scan Fingerprinting** – Will be held at STA on 10/09/2021 – registration will start 9/13/21. Please contact the parish office to register - (323) 264-4447x102 or parishoffice@stampk.org

Rest in Peace

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that one of our long time parishioners, Irene Spencer, joined our Lord in eternal peace on August 24, 2021. Irene died at home with family and hospice care in attendance.

Irene was involved in community outreach programs (blood drive, social services) for many years. She was a proud member of the Guadalupanos and was a generous donor to that ministry. Despite her handicap she was a faithful attendee at our 11:30 AM Sunday mass, senior luncheons and parish events, arriving and departing in a taxi. We will miss her cheerful smile and positive attitude.

Services for Irene will be held on Friday, September 10th at 11 AM, here at STA. Individuals will have the option to view the services via zoom using our English mass zoom link and password.

Please keep the Spencer family in prayer.

Labor Day Office Closure Monday, Sept. 6th

In observance of Labor Day, our parish office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6th. We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

Mass Intentions

When a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass reverently. The second is to apply the grace of that Mass toward a specific need or intention. The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. You can remember someone who has died recently or many years ago. Intentions do not have to be just for the dead. They make beautiful gifts for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, and any other intentions one may have. To offer an intention for someone who is struggling with something shows you want the Lord to support them in their need. All Mass intentions are handled through our parish office. Please call 323-264-447x102 or send your request to parishoffice@stampk.org.

Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

Understanding the VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children” program

Child sexual abusers often target nurturing, child-friendly environments, where parents and participants assume that no one would ever want to harm a child. Religious organizations are prime examples. The Catholic Church has adapted the VIRTUS®

Protecting God’s Children program to send a message to potential predators that child sexual abuse is not tolerated. Through this program, adults learn that through early identification, awareness, and education they can be “proactive” in protecting children and young people from child sexual abuse. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Protecting God’s Children” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

8/28-8/29 Offertory/Online: \$6,979.00
Over/(Under): (\$ 521.00)

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 4th

5:30 PM Robert & Edna Chua (Health)

Sunday, September 5th

8 AM Natalie Ramos (Health)
St. Jude (Thanksgiving)
Matthieu Munoz (Well-being)

11:30 AM Orlando Bojorquez (D)
Arroyo living & deceased
family members
Natalie Ramos (Health)
Nydia De La Cruz (Health)
Michael Melendez (Health)
Brandon Melendez (Health)
Divina Rodriguez (Birthday)

1:30 PM All STA Parishioners

Tuesday, September 7th

8 AM Ida Esparza (D)
Martha Huynh (D)

Thursday, September 9th

8 AM Perry & Crystal Davis (D)
Martha Huynh (D)

7 PM STA Parishioners

Friday, September 10th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

Saturday, September 11th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

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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