



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 12, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Priest Retirement Fund  
Second Collection  
9/18-9/19  
“Forever a Holy  
Priesthood”**

Next weekend marks the annual invitation for each of us to contribute to the Priest Retirement Fund for our priests in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. At all of our Masses next week we will ask that you and your families consider making a gift to this vital appeal.

The fund is currently providing priests in our Archdiocese a monthly stipend for living and medical expenses so they may live humbly and with dignity in their retirement. All gifts are invested in the pension fund to be used exclusively to support our priests.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our priests and for considering making a gift in their honor.

**Haiti 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

Once again, our parishioners have displayed their generous spirit of giving. We collected a total of \$1,963 last weekend for Haiti’s relief efforts. May the Lord continue to bless you for your support of this critically needed outreach appeal.

**Fingerprinting at STA  
Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
10 AM – 4:40 PM  
Enroll Now**

All clergy, paid parish and school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. We are expecting all religious education and school staff and volunteers who work with and around children to participate in this offering. Registration is required and limited. Due to COVID-19 protocols, no walk-ins will be accepted. Please call the parish office to enroll, (323) 264-4447 x102.

**English Bible Study  
Continues on  
Wednesdays  
via Zoom @ 7 PM**

Our bible study took a short summer break but we are now back in session. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to look more closely into your spiritual life and develop a deeper relationship with our Lord. We invite you to join us as we study the Gospel of John, Chapter 13. Please text Henry Ayala at (323) 717-1126 to receive the meeting ID for the Zoom meeting.

**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](mailto:parishoffice@stampk.org).

**Grandparents Day  
Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Lord God almighty,  
Bless our grandparents with  
long life, happiness, and  
health. May they remain  
constant in your love and be  
living signs of your presence to  
their children and  
grandchildren. We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Safeguard The Children  
DID YOU KNOW?**

**What to do  
if you are worried about  
family abduction**

Family abduction happens when a child is taken or hidden by one family member from another, against custody or visitation rights. In some circumstances, family abduction is considered a crime, and can be prosecuted. If you are worried about a possible family abduction, you can take action. Have a valid custody agreement that outlines who can see or take your child, and when. Advise your child's school or daycare about custody arrangements, including who can and cannot pick up your child. For more information, visit: [missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction](http://missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction).

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

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

9/4-9/5 Offertory/Online: \$6,228.00

Over/(Under): (\$1,272.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, September 11th**

5:30 PM Robert & Edna Chua (Health)  
Dennis Rasmussen (Health)

**Sunday, September 12th**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)  
Natalie Ramos (Health)

11:30 AM Orlando Bojorquez (D)  
Oscar Daniel Ruiz (D)  
Valentina G. Pacheco (D)  
Guadalupe Gonzalez (D)  
Natalie Ramos (Health)  
Michael Melendez (Health)  
Alexis Melendez (Health)  
Alicia Melendez (Health)

1:30 PM All Souls in Purgatory  
Plutarco & Herminia Garcia (D)

**Tuesday, September 14th**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

**Thursday, September 16th**

8 AM Angelina Perez (D)  
May Chan (D)  
Annalie Galicia (D)  
Ramon Mendoza (D)

7 PM STA Parishioners

**Friday, September 17th**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

**Saturday, September 18th**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

## 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**