



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 19, 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. English zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/311575271> Meeting ID:311575271 Password: Mass

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. Spanish zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/912501465> Meeting ID:912501465 Password: Misa

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"**

This 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.

**First Friday
Adoration and Mass
October 1, 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

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

**Fingerprinting at STA
Saturday, October 9th
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.

***Penta Virtual
Regional Congress:
A New Beginning
Sat, Sept. 25th
8:30 AM – 1 PM***

It is our pleasure to invite you to join us at this year's annual Regional Congress. This year, our Congress will once again be virtual but this time we have combined all five regions to form one, PENTA Regional Congress. The theme for our PENTA Congress is: "A New Beginning." In moving forward, we are excited for the new possibilities for our ministries.

This virtual Congress focusing on spiritual and emotional well-being has been planned for:

- Parish Catechetical Leaders (PCL)
- Catechists
- Families

For details on the workshops please visit our website:

<https://lacatholics.org/regional-congress/>

Registration will close on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 11:30 PM

**Safeguard The Children
DID YOU KNOW?**

What to look for in a safe school

Preventing violence in schools takes more than a few rules and requirements. It requires a culture of concern, in which every member works together to prevent violence and abuse. These cultures share certain hallmarks that parents can look for in selecting the safest school for their children. Some of these features include a strong community, clear lines of communication between teachers, staff, and families, and equal respect for students and staff throughout the school. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Characteristics of Safe and Responsive Schools” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

9/11-9/12 Offertory/Online: \$6,944.00

Over/(Under): (\$ 556.00)

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 18th

5:30 PM Alicia Maria Ortega (D)
Robert & Edna Chua (Health)
Dennis Rasmussen (Health)
Yuri Marlene Harada (Health)
Rebecca Buenaventura (Health)
Christina Vega (Safe Delivery)
Sierra Snow Trejo (Protection and Blessing)

Sunday, September 19th

8 AM Elizabeth Tinoco (D)
Martha Huynh (D)
Juse Nguyen (D)
Agnes Nguyen (D)
Natalie Ramos (Health)

11:30 AM Julie Santoyo (D)
Elizabeth Tinoco (D)
Irene Spencer (D)
Ray Gutierrez (D)
Natalie Ramos (Health)
Rico Chavez (Birthday)

1:30 PM All STA Parishioners

Tuesday, September 21st

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

Thursday, September 23rd

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

7 PM STA Parishioners

Friday, September 24th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

Saturday, September 25th

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)

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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