



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 3, 2021

From the Desk of our Pastor

Faith Formation First Class October 4th - Preamble

What does the word Incarnation mean?

The word Incarnation literally means embodied in flesh or taking on flesh. It refers to the conception and birth of a sentient being who is the material manifestation of an entity, God, spiritual or universal force whose original nature is immaterial.

Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. Gn 1:26~27

I am taking the meaning of incarnation back to the original desire of God to be man, where he invited us to be like him. This definition can be traced back to Genesis one 26 to 27. I hope you will join me tomorrow in the parish hall at 7 PM to explore this topic further.

For those who would like to join us on zoom, the English link can be found below:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/311575271>

Meeting ID:311575271 Password: Mass

Creative Ideas for Fun at STA

Are you interested in doing some activities or projects with your fellow parishioners?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Creative writing
- Knitting
- Painting
- Gardening
- Hiking

If you like to participate or have other ideas you think you can do with others here at STA, let's meet on **Saturday October 9th under the blue canopies on the school playground from 10 AM to 11:30 AM.**

Bring your ideas to this meeting, so we can brainstorm, plan, involve and invite more interested people. Let's get together and have a great time.

Fr. John

Holiday Boutique
Sunday, October 24th
Parish Hall
9 AM – 3 PM

Crafters and vendors will be displaying their specialties. Boutique items to be sold are: Halloween, Dia De Los Muertos, Harvest and Christmas décor. Gifts for all ages include: angels, nativity sets, quilts and gift boxes. Unique ornaments for your tree, wreaths, bling jewelry, children's and teenager jewelry, vintage jeweled frames and crosses, Scentsy candles., homemade jams, aprons, and 100's of unique hand crafted gifts.

We will be selling breakfast, lunch, drinks, treats and snacks. There will be prize drawings every hour. Place a hold on your calendar; you will not want to miss this fun seasonal event.

COVID-19 protocols as directed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health will be enforced.

School News

CEF/Shea New Enrollment Initiative:

Are you looking to enroll your child in a Catholic school for the first time, and you know STA school is the place for you, but you need some financial support?

Through the generosity of the Shea Foundation, in partnership with CEF, we have a new enrollment initiative. Tuition support grants are available to new families to the Archdiocese who qualify.

To find out more, please email or call STA school at (323)261-6583, info@stampkschool.org.

Let us help you join the Eagle family!

Senior Gathering
Wednesday, October 13th
10:30 AM – Parish Hall

Our next Senior Gathering will take place on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the parish hall. Come join us for a day of fun, friendship, bingo, trivia games and good food. Masks are required for all attendees.

We request a donation of \$10.00 per person, which includes lunch and 3 - 50/50 tickets. Prepay optional or may be paid at the door.

Halloween costumes are optional but a prize will be awarded to the "best" Halloween Costume.

RSVP IS REQUIRED. Please contact one of the committee members below by October 7th to reserve your spot!

Emma Arroyo:
(626) 572-9236

Paul Braeckmans:
(626) 808-7010

Dolores Chaulsett:
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Grace Navarro:
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Beware of Fraudulent Texts

A few of our parishioners received fraudulent texts, claiming to be from Fr. John. If you receive a text requesting financial assistance, please do not respond to it. Fr. John would never contact you via text requesting funds. Unfortunately, these scams continue to multiply and we must be vigilant in protecting ourselves from being victims of fraud.

Knights of Columbus Hospitality and Fellowship Sunday, October 3rd

Our St. Thomas Aquinas Knights of Columbus Council # 17458 will be hosting complimentary refreshments, pan dulce & coffee, after the morning Masses (8 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM) in recognition of the support received by St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners.

Please stop by and see the upcoming activities, and inquire how one may join and become a Charter Member of the Knights of Columbus.

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.

Chinese Ministry Gift Sale October 10th 8:30 AM – 3 PM

Please stop by our Chinese Ministry gift sale next Sunday. They will have a wide assortment of items for sale including artwork, bath & body products and household goods. Proceeds from this sale will go to our parish operating budget. Help support our parish while buying great valued items at a bargain price!

Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

**Safeguard The Children
DID YOU KNOW?**

Talking about stranger danger

The idea of “stranger danger” is often too broad a concept for children to grasp as not all strangers are dangerous, and children will always be meeting new people and on occasion may need to ask a stranger for help. Instead of issuing a blanket warning, try these tips for keeping children safe around people they do not know. If an unknown adult approaches them, have them check with a parent or known and trusted adult before engaging in conversation. This can be as simple as a quick look to the parent followed by a nod indicating that it is okay to interact. As an adult yourself, you can set a good example by talking first to parents, then to children in their care. This helps your own children see how trustworthy adults engage with children around their parents and helps them learn caution for adults who do not act in the same way. Read the VIRTUS article [“Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger”](#) here.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

9/25-9/26 Offertory/Online: \$5,469.00

Over/(Under): (\$ 2,031.00)

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 2nd

5:30 PM Anna Barellano (D)
Ramiro Guillen (D)
Robert & Edna Chua (Health)
Ramiro Galicia (Health)
Noah Rodriguez (Health)
Marvin Barellano (Health)

Sunday, October 3rd

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

11:30 AM Elizabeth Tinoco (D)
Arroyo living & deceased family members
Natalie Ramos (Health)
Amelia Grace Sanchez (Health)
Robert Mosqueda (Health)
Charlize Zavaleta (Health)

1:30 PM Jeanette Castellon (Health)

Tuesday, October 5th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

Thursday, October 7th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)
7 PM STA Parishioners

Friday, October 8th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)
Jesus Garcia (D)

Saturday, October 9th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

Parish Contact Information

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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:

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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