



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 7, 2021

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Church Renovation Continues with New Flooring

Dear Parishioners,

Last year, during the time outdoor Masses were being held due to COVID19, we were fortunate to complete many church renovation projects donated by generous parishioners, including the following:

1. New ambo
2. New ceiling projector
3. New laminate flooring around the altar
4. New candle sticks
5. New steps at the tabernacle

In contrast, the carpeting in the church looks tired and worn. It is time to replace the carpet with new laminate flooring. We have received Call To Renew funds and thanks to your financial support, we have sufficient funds in our fund raising and maintenance/building budget to pay for this project.

We are happy to announce that the new flooring will be installed before the holidays! Our church will be closed from Monday, Nov. 15th – Wednesday, Nov. 17th for the flooring work.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons we will be blessed with an enhanced church environment.

Fr. John

Faith Formation

In celebration of 250 years of San Gabriel Mission and 60 years since our parish was founded in 1961, a series of Faith Formation classes were designed for our parish.

Following is the list of our upcoming classes:

- 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 Faith Formation classes continue on Mondays (English) and Tuesdays (Spanish) @ 7 PM. Classes are held in person in our parish hall and via zoom. We look forward to your participation.

English Zoom Classes

Meeting ID: 311575271 Password: Mass

Spanish Zoom Classes

Meeting ID: 912501465 Password: Misa

School News

VETERAN'S DAY MASS

We invite all veterans to join us for our special Mass on Thursday, November 11, at 8 AM in the church. You are welcome to wear your military uniform, if you would like. There will be light refreshments for our veterans at the end of Mass.

Parish Office Closure Thursday, Nov. 11th In Observance of Veteran's Day

Please take a minute to say a prayer of gratitude to all who have served our country. Due to their dedication to our nation, we are able to enjoy our freedom. Many of our parishioners are veterans, a special thank you for preserving peace and protecting liberty throughout the world.

Veteran's Day Prayer

Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. ... We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

Table of Remembrance

You are invited to bring photographs of your deceased loved ones to be displayed at our "Table of Remembrance". Photographs will remain on display throughout the month of November. Please place your contact information behind your photograph. We will have a special closing Mass for our All Souls observance on Friday, Dec. 3rd. All families who have brought a picture for our Table of Remembrance are invited to join us.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

This year we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day with a special trilingual (Chinese, English, Spanish) Mass at 10 AM. Please plan on attending to show your gratitude to the Lord for all the blessings you have received.

This year we are bringing back the blessing of the food. You are invited to bring an item that will be part of your Thanksgiving meal for a blessing. Mass is available via Zoom in English at: us04web.zoom.us/j/311575271

Meeting ID: 311575271

Password: Mass

Christmas Toy Drive Partnership with Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of San Gabriel Valley sponsors an annual "Christmas with the Bishop" event for families in need. Over 300 families are expected. This year, due to the pandemic, the event will be modified to ensure all health and safety protocols are observed. The event will be a "drive thru" event in which food baskets will be distributed to all families. A sack lunch will be provided along with a toy for each child and a gift card for the teens.

Once more, STA will be partnering with Catholic Charities to make this a meaningful and successful event. We will be collecting toys for this special event. All toys (valued at a minimum of \$15) should be placed in the toy collection box beginning Saturday, November 14th. If you prefer to donate a Walmart or Target gift card valued at \$15 for the teens, please contact the parish office. Deadline for toy drive is Sunday, December 5th. Thank you in advance for your support.

Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

Use concrete visual rules to help children stay safe

Parents in a crowded place, like a playground or store, will often tell their children, “Stay where I can see you.” While the parent understands that this means, “Stay close,” a child does not necessarily understand the limit — when can a parent see or not see them? A clearer direction would be to tell your child, “Stay where you can see me.” This gives them the boundary — they must be able to see you no matter where they go. Now, your child can check in frequently, all while staying in eyesight. For more tips, request the VIRTUS® article “[Communication Tip No. 5: Stranger Danger](#)” here.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

10/30-10/31 Offertory/Online: \$6,774.00
Over/(Under): (\$ 726.00)

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 6th

5:30 PM All STA Parishioners

Sunday, November 7th

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

11:30 AM Francis B. Busque (D)
Esther Rodriguez (D)
Arroyo living & deceased
family members
Natalie Ramos (Health)

1:30 PM Raquel Ramirez (D)
Teresa Lomeli (D)

Tuesday, November 9th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

Thursday, November 11th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)
Juse Nghi Nguyen (D)

7 PM All STA Parishioners

Friday, November 12th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

Saturday, November 13th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

*For Mass intentions requests, please
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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:

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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