



# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 21, 2021**

## **Catholic Campaign for Human Development Second Collection: 11/20-11/21**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [uscgb.org/cchd](https://uscgb.org/cchd).



## **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. 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **First Friday Adoration and Mass December 3, 2021**

Dear Parishioners,

Every First Friday of the month we have had adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 AM to 7 PM. The purpose of this devotion is to spend quality time with our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

For the past few months, there has been several hours during the day on First Fridays without anyone present for adoration. Therefore, starting Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our First Friday monthly adoration time will begin at 5 PM and conclude with Mass at 7 PM. We hope this time will allow more presence and devotion.

Fr. John.

*From the Desk of Our Pastor*  
**Happy Thanksgiving 2021**



*Dear Parishioners,*

The season of thanksgiving 2021 is upon us. We here at St. Thomas Aquinas are blessed to be a community that cares for one another. On behalf of the parish and school staff, I wish you all a peaceful Thanksgiving Season. There are many things we are thankful for including each other and our faith. We thank the unspoken heroes, caretakers, nurses, housekeepers and all those who spend their days unnoticed, yet doing good for others. We pray for them that they may be safe and well. Our Thanksgiving day Mass will be on Thursday, November 25th at 10:00 AM. Please bring some food and wine to be blessed that you can take it home and share with your family. God bless.

**Kudos to Mrs. Stefanie Lutero, STA Principal**

Dear Parishioners,

I write to you with sincere thanksgiving for your continued support of our parish community and school. During the Pandemic time, our school has been able to continue with both in person and long distance learning. The success story of our school has many sides to it. Our students have been resilient. They have been able to adjust to the new ways of doing things through Zoom and google classroom education systems.

Our teachers are credited for their creative ways of teaching. They have to teach students in class and at the same time on zoom. It is a skill that they have learnt at the same time they have shown so much love and commitment to the school families. The parents have also become active participants in the education of their children more than before.

As we are coming to the end of the first half of the year, I would like to highlight the leadership of Mrs. Stefanie Lutero, our school principal, whose leadership has kept our school above others in our area.

During the Covid transition from in person to long distance learning, it was Mrs. Lutero who spearheaded the move. She directed the teachers to continue educating without missing a beat. Her enthusiasm has not gone unnoticed. She has been appointed to be the Chair of the principals in the 19 schools of Deanery 10. Her role is the equivalent to the role of the Dean for the priests in the same 19 parishes. Please join me in congratulating her. Because of her leadership, our enrollment has now surpassed our pre Covid numbers and it continues to grow almost every week.

There are several creative ways you can support our school, even by sending a note of encouragement or appreciation to the teachers and the principal once in a while. Any way to show appreciation is much appreciated. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Fr. John Kyebasuuta, pastor.

## 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 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

### Guadalupanos Tamale & Gift Sale Sunday, Nov. 21st

Tamales and great boutique items can be yours if you stop by after mass and help Los Guadalupanos raise needed funds for STA's Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration.

Prior tamale and boutique sales helped raise money for the mariachis that perform at our Lady of Guadalupe mass and celebration. Thank you for your continued support and boutique donations.

### Help Me Thanksgiving Prayer

*O God, when I have food,  
help me to remember the  
hungry; When I have work,  
help me to remember the  
jobless; When I have a home,  
help me to remember those  
who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain, help  
me to remember those who  
suffer, And remembering,  
help me to destroy my  
complacency; bestir my  
compassion, and be  
concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
those who cry out for what  
we take for granted.  
Amen.*

— Samuel F. Pugh

### Parish Office Closure

A loving reminder that our parish office will be closed both Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after to allow our dedicated staff to share this beautiful time with their families.

May you and your family have a healthy and holy Thanksgiving together! Our parish priests, together with our staff, along with our great lay leadership wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

## School News

### **NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY 2021-2022** SCHOOL STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

*The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic **origin** to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.*

*The school does not discriminate on the **basis** of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.*

***While** the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.*

## Giving Tuesday November 30th

Giving Tuesday is November 30, 2021 – it's a global day of generosity that reflects our Catholic values of selflessness, compassion, mercy, and grace. Hundreds of millions of people will come together on Giving Tuesday to share what they have with those in need – and on this special day of stewardship, we hope you will remember St. Thomas Aquinas church.

You can enroll in recurring eGiving or make a single donation to St. Thomas Aquinas at [FaithDirect/CA779](https://FaithDirect/CA779). Your gifts and your participation would be a blessing to us.

Thank you for your faithful generosity!

## Safeguard The Children DID YOU KNOW?

### Honoring children's boundaries teaches important lessons about consent

As we enter into the holiday season, where many of us will spend time with extended family and friends, parents should remember to pay attention to their children's comfort levels, especially when it comes to physical affection. We want our children to be kind and considerate, so it is tempting to ask them to give hugs and kisses to family members and friends. But when children are nervous or shy, or just do not want to, it is important to honor their personal boundaries — and it teaches them a great lesson about consent over who interacts with them and their bodies. You can suggest alternatives, like high-fives or fist bumps. For more information, read "[Why you shouldn't force your kids to hug relatives.](#)"

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

11/13-11/14 Offertory/Online: \$8,136.00

Over/(Under): \$ 636.00

*Thank you for your support!*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, November 20th

5:30 PM Edmundo Pacheco (D)  
Carlos Villanueva (D)  
Mr. Mu-Chih Wang (D)  
Mrs. Nu-Hui T. Wang (D)  
Mr. Hai-Boh Wang (D)

### Sunday, November 21st

8 AM Juse Nghi Nguyen (D)  
Agnes Myhue Nguyen (D)  
Martha Huynh (D)  
Priscilla Marie Vasquez (D)  
Natalie Ramos (Health)  
Dolores Chaulsett (Birthday)

11:30 AM Alfredo Villarreal (D)  
Belen Villarreal (D)  
Jayne Lau (D)  
Sue Gue Lau (D)  
Marina Vazquez (D)  
Natalie Ramos (Health)

1:30 PM All Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, November 23rd

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

### Thursday, November 25th

10 AM- Thanksgiving Day Mass

### Friday, November 26th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

### Saturday, November 27th

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

*For Mass intentions requests, please contact Linda Almaguer, Parish Secretary, [parishoffice@stampk.org](mailto:parishoffice@stampk.org) or (323) 264-4447 ext. 102.*

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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**