



# *St. Thomas Aquinas Church*

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 17, 2021

## FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTOR STA PARISH FINANCIAL AND PASTORAL REPORT July 2020 – June 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I write to you with sincere thanksgiving for your continued support of our parish community, especially during this pandemic time. Many thanks to the parish staff whose work has enabled us to continue ministering to our people. As you can see from the Annual Financial Report ending June 2021, we finished the fiscal year with a positive gain. Due to your generous donations and lots of cost cutting, we are able to have some savings reserved for full openings and raining days.

When the news of church closure came before us, we were able to move our services to the outside at the school food court area. Using the large blue canopies, adding the beer tent and all small fiesta tents, we created an outside worshiping space. We found a way as a church community to still gather and celebrate our faith. We were able to continue with celebrating the sacraments. We had baptisms, a few weddings and funerals.

The religious education program and School both continued on Zoom. Thanks to all volunteers / teachers, program coordinator and our school principal, students were able to graduate and also receive the sacraments of both First Communion and Confirmation.

On behalf of Fr. Justin and Msgr Gomez, I thank you again for your support. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless us and keep us healthy and safe, as we go through these difficult times.

Blessings,

Fr. John Kyebasuuta  
Pastor







***Parish Hall  
Free Admission  
Sunday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM – 3 PM***

After last year's absence due to the pandemic, our holiday boutique is back. Everyone is welcomed!!!!!! Bring your friends and family members and enjoy this day with us. Avoid the mall crowds, long lines, looking for a parking space, and having to walk all over the stores looking for a special gift. Halloween, Dia De Los Muertos, Harvest and Christmas décor and gifts will be available. Come and enjoy a one stop shopping event at our St Thomas Aquinas Hall. Door prize raffle every hour starting at 10 AM.

A relaxing place to sit and eat delicious food, have delightful drinks and delectable deserts with friends. Indoor and outdoor seating will be available.

Plate meals only \$6.00 each. Tamale or Bean and Cheese Burrito plate will include salad and fruit, lemonade or orange flavored drink.

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

### **All Saints Day and All Souls Day**

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and will be observed at our regularly scheduled 7 PM Mass, it will be a special bilingual (English and Chinese) Mass.

All Souls Day falls on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be observed at our 8 AM Mass. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation yet families are encouraged to emphasize the importance of praying for our relatives and friends who are deceased.

### **All Souls Special Envelopes**

All deceased loved ones may be included in our November All Souls Novena by completing and returning the All Souls envelopes which are located at all church entrances. The Novena will be held from Nov. 1st – Nov. 10th

### **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.

## Respect Life Month

The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month every October. The goal is to remind Catholics of the gift of human life to that in our communities we continue to work to build a culture of life.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis designated this year as the year of St. Joseph. This year, our Respect Life Month Material features St. Joseph, defender of life.

This October you can **pray** for a culture that defends and protects every human life!

*St. Joseph, humble servant of God, entrusted to care and protect Mother and Child, we ask for your intercession as we strive to care for expecting mothers and their unborn children, help us to protect the most vulnerable in our society and those whose lives are threaten. Most valiant and obedient, St. Joseph give us the courage to do God's will, help us to live lives of holiness. Keep us faithful to all that is true, do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear. Give us courage and strength as we work to build a culture that cherishes and protects every human life. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!*

## Faith Formation Class Break

Our Faith Formation classes will be taking a break this week. No classes will be held on Monday, 10/18 nor Tuesday, 10/19. Fr. John will be away from the parish, attending a retreat from Monday, October 18th - Friday, October 22nd. Classes will resume next week, Monday, October 25th @ 7 PM. We look forward to your participation.

## Together In Mission Forward with Faith

<b>2021 Goal:</b>	<b>\$36,194</b>
<b>Collected:</b>	<b>\$20,470</b>
<b>Still Needed:</b>	<b>\$15,724</b>

Thank you to all who continue to make your Together In Mission pledge payments. We are making progress towards reaching our goal. We have collected 56.6% of our target goal.

Your generous and thoughtful response is very much appreciated. It is not too late to participate in this very worthwhile program. Pledge envelopes can be found on the table in the front of the church.

## World Mission Sunday Second Collection 10/23-10/24

World Mission Sunday, the annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, will be celebrated next weekend. Parishes will have special collections to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, hope, and peace.

## In Appreciation

We would like to thank everyone who stopped by the gift sale last week. The **\$1,053** profit from this fund raiser will be directed to our parish operating budget. We especially want to thank the organizers and volunteers who spent many hours setting up and hosting the sale.

## VIRTUS Training

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires all adults working or volunteering with or around children comply with Safeguard the Children Program requirements to ensure that St. Thomas Aquinas Church and School are safe places for our youth and vulnerable adults.

Our Safeguard the Children committee has scheduled the following to ensure our parishioners have an opportunity to meet the requirements:

- Three hour VIRTUS® “Protecting God’s Children”. An in-person class will be held in our parish hall November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 1 PM. Please contact the parish office to enroll at (323) 264-4447 x 102 or [parishoffice@stampk.org](mailto:parishoffice@stampk.org).

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

## Creative Ideas for Fun at STA



Dear parishioners,

On Saturday October 9, 2021 the following people showed interest in forming groups that will make our parish more active beyond Mass.:

Josephine Leong: Origami paper art [jleong@usd.edu](mailto:jleong@usd.edu)

William Hua: Weekdays rosary and Divine Mercy prayers after 8am weekday masses [williamdhua@yahoo.com](mailto:williamdhua@yahoo.com)

Jennifer Vazquez: Walking group [Vazquezjennifer2016@gmail.com](mailto:Vazquezjennifer2016@gmail.com)

Joan Serrano: Hiking group [Serranojd5@gmail.com](mailto:Serranojd5@gmail.com)

Jesus Padron: ( Sports) Basketball, volleyball, ping pong or table tennis  
[Jesus.padron@stampkschool.org](mailto:Jesus.padron@stampkschool.org)

Belinda Delgadillo: Walking, hiking, creative writing [Bemarie113@gmail.com](mailto:Bemarie113@gmail.com)

Dolores Chaulsett: Creative writing and table tennis [doloreschaulsett@yahoo.com](mailto:doloreschaulsett@yahoo.com)

Fr. John Kyebasuuta: Creative writing [frjohn@stampk.org](mailto:frjohn@stampk.org)

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please email the contract person of the group you want and plan to attend our planning meeting on Saturday November 6, at 10:00 am in the school lunch area.

Fr. John

**Safeguard The Children  
DID YOU KNOW?**

**Escalating red flags in an adult’s  
behavior**

In most abuse cases, the victim knows the offender. Offenders go to great lengths to ensure that they are not strangers, often spending months or even years hiding in plain sight. Parents should be aware of a few red flags that range from obvious to subtle, and usually indicate a more sinister relationship at work between an offender and potential victims. Some obvious signs include telling children dirty jokes or showing them pornography. More subtle signs could be an adult who wrestles or tickles often, wants to be alone with children, gives gifts frequently, or encourages children to keep secrets. Read the VIRTUS article [“The Rationale of Warning Signs”](#) here.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

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

10/9-10/10 Offertory/Online: \$7,205.00

Over/(Under): (\$295.00)

*Thank you for your support!*

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, October 16th**

5:30 PM All STA Parishioners

**Sunday, October 17th**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)  
Juse Nguyen (D)  
Anges Nguyen (D)  
Natalie Ramos (Health)

11:30 AM Elizabeth Tinoco (D)  
Guadalupe Gonzales (D)  
Joseph Hook (D)  
Dorcas Fierro (D)  
Natalie Ramos (Health)  
Amelia Grace Sanchez (Health)

1:30 PM Carmen Guerrero (D)  
Eduardo Rodrigues (D)  
Isela Boresoff (D)  
Victoria Mendoza (D)

**Tuesday, October 19th**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

**Thursday, October 21st**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

7 PM STA Parishioners

**Friday, October 22nd**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

**Saturday, October 23rd**

8 AM Martha Huynh (D)

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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**