



St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 16, 2022

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Sunday Funday 2022 Unprecedented Success

Dear Parishioners,

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the donations and contributions made towards our Sunday Funday fundraising event. With all your efforts, we were able to raise **\$24,686**. This is the best profit ever from all prior Sunday Funday fundraising events, \$4,223 more than 2019. These funds go towards the operational expenses for our parish.

May the Lord bless your generosity and spirit of cooperation. This success was due to the efforts of the fundraising committee who did the groundwork of preparations, every parishioner and friend who sold or bought raffle tickets, every volunteer who worked hard in different booths and in the background and helped setting up, taking down and putting away the tents, tables and chairs, and everyone who came to the event to enjoy great food, laugh and have fun with families and friends. May God bless you always.

Fr. John.

We Celebrate World Mission Sunday Together Next Week!

Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Second collection envelopes will be placed in all pews. Thank you!

Table of Remembrance

Effective Monday, October 31st, 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.

In Appreciation

Los Guadalupanas reported \$396.00 was raised at last Sunday’s tamale and boutique sale for a future celebration honoring our beloved Virgin Mary.

A big “Thank You” is extended to our generous and supportive parishioners and community members.

Dia De Los Muertos Celebration Saturday, October 29th

A Special Dia de Los Muertos celebration will be hosted by Las Guadalupanas on Saturday, October 29th. A great luncheon, dancing, costume cha-cha line and great door prizes are planned. Music to be provided by the Bobby Z Band.

Tickets for this event will be \$30 each. They can be purchased in the parish office. Please call (323) 264-4447 to make an appointment. Put a hold on your calendar, you will not want to miss this fun traditional event.

All Saints Day Tuesday, November 1st 8 AM Mass: English/Spanish 7:00 PM Mass: English/Chinese

All Saints Day is a **Holy Day of Obligation** and celebrates that everyone in heaven is a saint, not just the officially canonized. It is the day we honor those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith who are now saints. The word “saint” means “holy” and ALL those in heaven are holy, ALL are saints. As a Holy Day of Obligation, all Catholics are expected to participate in Mass.

All Souls Day Wednesday, November 2nd 7:00 PM Mass in Spanish

All Souls Day 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.

In celebration of the Dia De Los Muertos, the regular Spanish Mass on Thursday is being moved to November 2nd. Please plan on attending this special mass.

All Souls Novena

All deceased loved ones may be included in our November All Souls Novena by contacting the parish office at (323) 264-4447 or placing your All Souls envelope in our regular collection. Envelopes are available at church entrances. Deadline is Thursday, October 27th. The Novena will be held from Nov. 2nd – Nov. 10th.

October 2022 Month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Objective:

- To promote October 2022 as the month of the Holy Rosary,
- To promote prayer in our daily life,
- Encourage praying the rosary each day as an individual, or as a family. Friends and neighbors may be invited to join in praying the rosary either in person or via zoom,
- To ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for world peace, healing, strength, and other petitions.

Rosary Program (A Rosary Each Day)

St. Thomas Aquinas Church (STA) solicited a total of 17 statues of the Blessed Virgin Mother for the program. Each weekend mass will have 2 or 3 statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of October.

One family will be able to take 1 of the statutes home for a week; but they need to return the statute on the following weekend so that another family may take the statute home for the next week. The family who takes a statute home prays the rosary everyday while the statute of the Blessed Mother is in their home. **Sign-up sheets for each weekend are available inside the church by the baptismal font.**

After each week, the statute(s) are returned to STA. The family (families) are to carry the statute(s) as they process in with the altar servers, lector, and Presiding Priest. The statute(s) are placed on the designated table. At the end of this mass, the next family (families) are invited, who will then process out with the ministers. **(NOTE: No blessing of the statutes on succeeding weeks.)**

Respect Life Month

Every October the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month! This month let's deepen our understanding of why, as Catholics we must cherish and defend every human life from conception till natural death. You can find resources for Respect Life Month by visiting the Office of Life, Justice and Peace's website.

This October let's celebrate Respect Life Month by asking our Blessed Mother for her intercession! As Missionary Disciples we can look to our Blessed Mother's Life as example of love and service. Let's ask for Mary's courage and strength as we work to build a culture that protects and cherishes every human life.

VOTE “NO” ON PROPOSITION 1

Proposition 1 is a worst-case scenario for abortion in California. It is an expensive and misleading ballot measure that allows unlimited late-term abortions — for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid for by tax dollars.

Prop 1 isn't needed. Sadly, California already has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the nation that would remain in effect without the amendment, including our current limit on late-term abortions that are permitted only for the life and health of the mother. Prop 1 destroys this common-sense limit.

California does not limit state spending on abortion, and with thousands more traveling from other states, the cost will be in the hundreds of millions. Don't hand lawmakers a blank check to pay for abortions, and don't let them make California an “abortion sanctuary.” To learn more, visit

www.Catholic.org/Prop1



Guadalupe Pregnancy Services Annual Respect Life Month Outreach

Our trained Client Advocates provide life-affirming support, counseling, education, and resources to moms and babies from pregnancy to preschool. We are so thankful to Saint Thomas Aquinas parish for joining us in this mission.

October is Respect Life Month, and we are requesting your support. Special donation envelopes are available at all church entrances. Please pick-one up and support our mission.

- **Envelopes can be dropped in the collection, placed in the rectory mailbox, or mailed during the entire month of October. You can also submit credit card information.**
- **Please make checks payable to GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES (NOT GPS)**
- **We always need volunteers! We encourage you to contact us at (626) 872-2483.**

**Safeguard The Children
DID YOU KNOW?**

The benefits and risks of social media challenges

Social media has the obvious benefit of allowing us to connect with friends and family no matter where we are. But TikTok and Instagram “challenges” can become risks — some are fun opportunities for bonding, fundraising, or just being silly, while others are far more dangerous. Be aware of what your child is watching and imitating on social media. Challenges or “games” like the Sunburn Art or Ice and Salt are intended to cause physical harm, and could put your child at risk. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article “The Benefits and Risks of Social Media Challenges” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

10/8 – 10/9 Offertory/Online: **\$5,961.00**
 Over/(Under): **(\$1,539.00)**
 First Friday: **\$ 173.00**

Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 15th

5:30 PM Carolyn Tao & family
 (Health & Love)
 Elizabeth Sanchez (D)

Sunday, October 16th

8 AM Francisca Duran (D)
 Rudy Mojarro (D)
 Steve Quijada (D)
 James Salazar (Health)
 Dora Quijada (Health)
 Natalie Ramos (Health)
 Elizabeth Saragueta (Health)

11:30 AM Antonio Villarreal (D)
 Natalie Ramos (Health)
 Sulit Sisters (Health)
 Leia Gomez (Birthday)

1:30 PM Almari Fletes (D)

Tuesday, October 18th

8 AM Anibal Lucero (D)

Thursday, October 20th

8 AM Anibal Lucero (D)

7 PM All STA Parishioners

Friday, October 21st

8 AM Anibal Lucero (D)

Saturday, October 22nd

8 AM Anibal Lucero (D)

*Please contact Linda Almaguer,
 Parish Secretary via phone
 (323) 264-4447 ext. 102 or by email:
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 to schedule Mass intentions.*

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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) *First Friday of each month Mass time changes from 8 AM To 7 PM.*
Saturday	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