

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Iglesia Católica Romana

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 4, 2018

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Greetings and Gratitude from Uganda

My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from Uganda. I had a very good vacation visiting my family and friends. We celebrated my mom's 90th birthday. She is healthy and still working hard in her gardens and visiting friends everywhere. She and the family in Uganda send their love and greetings to my STA family here in Monterey Park. They thanked you all for taking good care of me.

As I returned to STA I found everything going well. Our renovation of the restrooms has been completed. Like any other projects we have had in the past, we were able to complete this one with everything paid off. Thanks for all your support in everything we do. Your spirit of ownership of our parish is what keeps us moving in the right direction as a parish family.

Now we are coming to the conclusion of the Year 2018. November is the month we specifically remember our loved ones who have gone back to the Lord. Please bring a picture of your loved ones who have passed away and put it on the altar of remembrance by the baptismal font, so we may pray for them during this month.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, we take a moment in our busy lives to stop and give thanks to God for the blessings we have received this year. We are thankful especially for the blessing of good health and friendship.

Let us continue to celebrate the blessings we have received from God.

Fr. John

Fundraising Banquet
Sunday, November 11th
5:00 PM

NBC Seafood Restaurant

Our banquet is next Sunday at NBC Seafood restaurant at 5 PM. This is the last Sunday you can purchase your ticket for the banquet. Tickets are \$60 a person and will be sold at the holiday boutique. All proceeds will be used to support the operating expenses of the parish. We hope to see you there.



Gingerbread House
Holiday Boutique
Sunday, November 4th
9 AM – 3 PM
Parish Hall
Free Admission

Door prize raffle each half hour
starting at 10 AM.

A relaxing place to sit and eat delicious food, drinks and desserts with friends.

Bountiful Breakfast: 9 AM – 11 AM

Luscious Lunch: 11 AM – 2:30 PM

Boutique items to be sold are: Harvest and Christmas décor, Christmas gifts for all ages, angels, nativity sets, quilts, bags, and gift boxes. Unique ornaments for your tree, wreaths, bling jewelry, homemade jams, unique hand crafted gifts.



Disneyland/California Adventure One Day 4 Pack Park Hopper Special Raffle

We will be selling special raffle tickets for a one day four-pack Park Hopper Disneyland package at our upcoming events (Holiday Boutique and Chinese Dinner Banquet) and our parish office (during normal office hours). This package is worth over \$600.

Tickets will be sold for \$10 each and the winning ticket will be drawn at our 11/11/18 Chinese Banquet. The tickets must be used by 3/16/2019 and cannot be used from December 25th –December 31st.

We are happy to be able to offer this memorable and valuable raffle item, good luck to all of you.

Parish School Second Collection

This weekend we will have our monthly second collection for our parish school. Please consider the impact your donation makes on providing a Catholic based education to our students.

Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive

Last year our joint outreach program with St. Stephen Church fed 82 local families during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Again this year we will be handling donations of turkeys by collecting \$15 gift cards to any local market. **Anyone interested in donating funds to purchase a turkey should place their donation in a "turkey" envelope** which can be found at all entrances. In addition, the following items are needed: Canned vegetables and cranberry sauce, boxed mashed potatoes and stuffing, packets of instant gravy mix. **Deadline to turn in donations is Weds., Nov. 14th.**

If you are a family or individual in need, please contact the parish office by Tuesday, November 13th.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in feeding those less fortunate.

Senior Gathering Wednesday, Nov. 14th @ 10:30 AM Parish Hall

Join us for a great thanksgiving feast with turkey, ham and lots of vegetables to get in the Thanksgiving spirit. And don't forget to bring some canned food for the needy. We also want them to have a great Thanksgiving. Hope to see you all there. Cost for luncheon is \$5.00.



Sign-up Now

Our annual thanksgiving dinner is just around the corner, November 22nd at 2 PM. Last year we had a good attendance and as a result of your donations, there was plenty of delicious food. This special meal is offered to anyone who would like to enjoy their Thanksgiving dinner with good fellowship and a wonderful meal.

We are asking that anyone who would like to join us on that day to sign up so we know how many people and how much food to prepare. The registration list is by the baptismal font.

If you are unable to attend our dinner and would prefer to have your dinner delivered to your home, we will provide that service as well. Please annotate that on the registration list.

If you would like to assist in food donations or in preparing/serving this special meal, please see the sign-up form provided by the baptismal font. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

- Wednesday, Nov. 21st
Set-up - 3 PM – 5 PM
- Thursday, Nov. 22nd
Set-up – 8 AM – 10 AM
Doors Open @ 1:30 PM
Meal Served @ 2:00 PM
Clean up @ 4 PM – 5 PM

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to STA

STA school welcomes our newest student, Amaya Martinez, to our TK Classroom. We are so happy to have her and her mother, Denise, as a part of our wonderful school community!

STA Cheerleaders Say "Thank You"

Many thanks for those who supported our STA cheerleader's breakfast sale last Sunday. The profit of \$296 will go towards purchasing uniforms and competition fees.

PharmSC Thanksgiving Health Fair: Sunday, November 18th Time: 9:30 AM-2 PM

STA has partnered with PharmSC (USC pharmacy students) in coordinating a Health Fair in our parish hall. Invite your family and friends to join us.

Screenings provided:

- Hypertension screening
- Cholesterol screening
- Diabetes screening
- Body Fat Analysis
- Free Flu Immunizations

Education Booths:

- Asthma Awareness
- Pain Management
- Healthy Living
- Monterey Park Hospital
- Walgreens

Fall/Winter Church Hours

The church will be closed at 5 PM during winter season. The Our Lady of Guadalupe and Divine Mercy are available for those who wish to pray after hours.

Implementation of the Parish Pastoral Plan

The purpose of pastoral planning is to reflect on the mission of the parish, create pastoral plans for the future of the parish based on our Christian mission and to implement those pastoral plans.

Now, as our energy moves from discernment to action, your voices of consultation must become the hands and hearts of action and transformation. Individuals that are called to serve as implementers will be asked to steward their time and gifts in service to the parish, as they help make our proposed plan a lived plan:

- Develop a school marketing committee to increase funding and enrollment at STA
- Establish a Parish ministries leadership team to help facilitate opportunities for parishioners to deepen stewardship of their gifts and grow participation in the parish
- Expand on our continued Parish renovation projects for beautification and maintenance of STA facilities
- Institute a hospitality and social events committee to foster community and evangelization for all parishioners throughout the year
- Create a technology and innovations committee to leverage existing resources that will help bring our parish mission to a broader community while simplifying access to existing resources here at STA

As baptized Catholics we are called to usher in the Reign of God, here and now. Through sincere discernment and faithful action, we move ever closer to God who first called us.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rhiley M. Gomez
STA Pastoral Council President

**READ & REFLECT ON THE
SCRIPTURES
NOVEMBER 4— NOVEMBER 11**

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps22:26b- 30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

KEEP IN PRAYER

- Bertha Acuna
- Rafael Aguirre
- Anthony Arroyo
- Adara Ballesteros
- Anita Berumen
- Fred Bracco
- Flor Cantara
- Elvira Chaidez
- Leroy Chavez
- Robert Chua
- Cynthia Espinosa
- Taylor Gallardo
- Guadalupe Galvez
- David Garcia
- Jean Genera
- Eric Giambalvo
- Elizabeth Gonzalez
- Emma Gonzalez
- Ed Griffin
- Aurora Guillen
- Esther Aguilar
- Oscar Alberto
- Jacob Balcazar
- Gabrielle Benson
- Soledad Berumen
- Jose Calderon
- Rita Cardenas
- George Chale
- Soya Chavez
- Rosario Delas
- Debby Ferguson
- Crescencio Galvez
- Aurora Garcia
- Tristan Garcia
- Jaime Germain
- Eliseo Gonzalez
- Sal Gonzalez Jr.
- Ellie Govea
- Henry Guerrero
- Carmen Gutierrez

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

5:30 PM For the health and peace of Haiboh Wang by Agnes Yu

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

8:00 AM For the deceased members of John & Emma Arroyo's family

In memory of Rosa V. Gallardo and for the birthday blessings of Edward Vasquez and Joseph Bautista by Dolores Chaulsett

11:30 AM In memory of Ray Gutierrez by Espy Gutierrez

In memory of Camilo Caballero by Sara Caballero
 In memory of Elden, Raymond, and Elden Macatangay by Fe Macatangay

1:30 PM In memory of Nicolas and Felipe Ornelas by Nancy Ornelas

In memory of Gilberto Gallegos by Doris Gallegos

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

8:00 AM For the peace and well-being of Ai Min Lau

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018

8:00 AM For the peace and well-being of Ai Min Lau

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018

8:00 AM For the peace and well-being of Ai Min Lau
 For Robert Melendez's birthday by Melendez family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018

8:00 AM For the peace and well-being of Ai Min Lau

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 4th

8 AM- Holiday Boutique-Hall

9 AM- Rel. Ed- School Clrms

11 AM-Ch. Choir-Dining Rm.

11 AM- Ch. Rel. Ed-School

11 AM- RCIA-CL3

3:30 PM- Wedding- Church

7 PM- Spn. Bible-Church

7:30 PM- Ping Pong- Hall

Friday, November 9th

5:30 PM-Girl Scouts- Hall

7 PM- Chn. Live Fountain-

Copy rm

7:30 PM-Cantonese Fellow-

ship-Hall mtg rm

8 PM- Agape- Dining rm

Tuesday, November 6th

6 PM- Girl Scouts Leaders

mtg- Dining rm.

7:30 PM- Ping Pong- Hall

Saturday, November 10th

9 AM-Liturgy Mtg- Hall

9 AM- Cantonese Legion of

Mary-Copy rm

9:30 AM- Tutoring- CL kinder

9:45 AM-Mandarin Legion of

Mary- Dining Rm.

10 AM- Baptisms- Church

2 PM- Wedding- Church

Wednesday, November 7th

7 PM-Youth Legion of Mary-

Hall Mtg Rm.

7 PM-Eng. Bible Study-Church

7 PM- Folk Dance- Hall

7:30 PM- RCIA- Dining rm.

Thursday, November 8th

7 PM-Curia mtg- Hall mtg rm.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN
Boundaries are really important.

Boundaries are critical, for you and for the children in your care. Establishing and maintaining boundaries helps teach children their importance, gives them the tools to establish their own, and to form appropriate and healthy relationships with other adults. You can avoid even a misconception of inappropriate behavior by upholding the boundaries you have established for yourself, allowing you more freedom to care for the children in your life. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Are Boundaries Really that Important?" visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00
 10/27-10/28 Offertory: \$5,560.00
 Online: \$ 500.00
 Variance (+/-): - (\$1,440.00)
Faith Direct: membership.faithdirect.net/CA779

Upcoming Second Collection:
 11/17-11/18
 Campaign for Human Development

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM (English)
Sunday	8:00 AM (English)
	9:30 AM (Chinese)
	11:30 AM (English)
	1:30 PM (Spanish)
Monday	7:00 PM (Chinese)
Tuesday	8:00 AM (English)
Wednesday	8:00 AM (Chinese)
Thursday	8:00 AM (English)
Friday	8:00 AM (English)
1st Friday ONLY 7:00 PM	
Saturday	8:00 AM (English)
Reconciliation	Saturday at 4:00 PM

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