

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Iglesia Católica Romana

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 18, 2018

From the Desk of Our Pastor

STA Thanksgiving
November 22, 2018



no home this Thanksgiving. Let us keep all in our prayers.

If you are visiting us, we also give thanks to God for your presence among us at this time. With gratitude from my heart, God bless you in all you do.

Kudos to the Chinese Banquet November 2018

Sunday, November 11th we had a wonderful banquet at NBC restaurant. It was so much fun and really enjoyable. In addition to raising funds for the parish, it also raised the spirits of the parish community. At this time of so much sad news in our country, it was so nice to have such an uplifting event.

I am aware that so much goes on behind the scene to prepare for such an event. The team that put this event together worked silently hard. Setting up and finding people to sponsor and support the event is hard work. I thank everyone who participated and made it a success. I am heartily pleased and humbled.

Several people who attended have also shared with me their appreciation. The teen play and the visiting Cantonese Elvis made an added joy to the event. Please know I really appreciated your efforts and look forward to more events such as this one. **The profit of \$17,909 will go toward our operating budget.**

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving I am also very thankful to all parishioners for all you do to make our parish a joyful place for all.

Fr. John

In the past few weeks we have been signing up people to attend our parish Thanksgiving dinner on November 22nd. We shall gather here in the Church for a Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 AM. At 2 PM we shall share our Thanksgiving dinner with parishioners and friends who have signed up to join in the parish hall.

At some of the tables in our parish family there will be some new chairs for a new family member. We give thanks to God for their presence. At some dinner tables there will also be someone missing, someone who is no longer with us, either through death or other circumstances. Let us take a moment to reflect on that empty chair and also give thanks for the times that chair was occupied by someone we love.

I am very thankful to all of you for your support that enables us at STA parish to give thanks to God in so many different ways.

My appreciation goes to the different ministries and parish groups and parish staff who keep us updated on the life of the parish.

As you gather with your families, please take a moment to say a prayer for the victims of the shooting in our country especially close to home here in Thousand Oaks. Pray also for the victims of the Fires in our state. Many will have

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

PharmSC Thanksgiving Health Fair:

This Sunday, November 18th

Time: 9:30 AM-2 PM

Parish Hall

Invite your family and friends to join us

Screenings provided:

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

Education Booths:

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

Parish Office Closure

In celebration of the Thanksgiving Day season, our parish office will be closed Thurs., November 22nd and Fri., November 23rd. May you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.



Our annual Thanksgiving dinner is this Thursday, November 22nd at 2 PM in the parish hall.

We ask anyone who would like to join us on that day to **sign up after Mass today** so we can know how many people and how much food to prepare. The 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.

We also accept monetary donations for those other items such as foil pans/lids, and table fixings. Last year we served over 75 people so we need your help.

We need volunteers to cook, setup, serve and clean up.

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.

Congratulations to Disneyland/California Adventure Raffle Winner

Sandra Hidalgo, one of our 11:30 am mass ministers will be going to Disneyland and California Adventure with the four park hopper tickets she won. The winning ticket was drawn at our 11/11 Chinese Banquet fund raiser. Congratulations Sandra! **Profit from this fund raiser was \$520.00**

**Chinese Ministry
11/25 Gift Sale
Proceeds for STA School**

Please stop by our Chinese Ministry gift sale next Sunday. They will have a wide assortment of items for sale including jewelry, bath & body products and household goods. Proceeds from this sale will go to our parish school. Help support Catholic education while buying gift items at a value price!

**Advent English Bible Study
Wednesdays @ 7 PM**

Due to scheduled holiday breaks, our English bible study group has begun the Advent weekly readings. You are invited to join them as you prepare yourself for celebrating the first coming of Jesus at Christmas.

**Detention Ministry
Christmas Celebration for
Youth in Prison**

**Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018
2 PM – 5 PM
Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake**

Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth, ages 8 - 18, at Central Juvenile Hall Christmas Celebration! Pre-registration required by 11/27/18, space limited, volunteers must be over 21 years and over. For additional information please contact Sonia Macias at sonia_macias@hotmail.com or 323-724-6443.

**Implementation of the
Parish Pastoral Plan**

The most critical and often overlooked moment in any planning endeavor is the transition from planning to implementation. Without implementation, pastoral planning does not achieve its end goal – action on behalf of our Christian mission.

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.

Our hope is to get commitments from parishioners in contributing to the development of objectives for our parish plan; without this type of investment, implementation will be difficult.

If any of the 5 listed goals can be served by your gifts, please pray to the Holy Spirit for the courage to step forward and sign up:

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

This is your calling; your opportunity to put your faith in action, to lead by example and to empower our faith community by bringing our parish plan to life.

Sign up sheets can be found at our church entrances.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rhiley M. Gomez, STA Pastoral Council President

**READ & REFLECT ON THE
SCRIPTURES
NOVEMBER 18— NOVEMBER 25**

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44 Thanks giving Day-Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

5:30 PM For Gabriel Luna’s birthday by Tim Gust
In memory of Frank Sanchez and Socorro Castaneda by Leroy Cisneros
In memory of Steven Penaflor by Celia Dominguez
For all souls of the Nguyen, Huynh, and Tran families
For the peace and health of Haiboh Wang by Agnes Yu

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

8:00 AM In memory of Alice Gust by Tim Gust
In memory of Joseph Nghi Nguyen and Joseph Vi Huynh
For Sheila Zucman and Dolores Chaulsett in celebration of their birthdays
11:30 AM In memory of David Garcia by Lupe Garcia
In memory of Virginia Medel by Anne Dennis
In memory of Frank & Esther Rodriguez
1:30 PM For all STA Parishioners

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

8:00 AM In memory of David Garcia by Garcia family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018

9:00 AM In memory of Laura S. Berumen

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2018

8:00 AM For all STA parishioners

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018

8:00 AM For all STA Parishioners

KEEP IN PRAYER

- Jessie Marie Reyes • Andrew Rivera
- Armendo Rivera • Jose Rivera
- Edgar Robles • Rose Marie Robles
- Lydia Robles • Gerry Rodriguez
- Mary Rodriguez • Gabriel Roque
- Urista Roque • Joey Salgado
- Betty Sanchez • Eduardo Sanchez
- Elizabeth Sanchez • Elpidia Santillan
- Celia Sells • Mariann Scott
- Lisa Sesti • Michael Shaw
- Mary Tafaya • Gary Tahara
- Scotty Tamkin • Manuel Tapia
- Irene Taylor • Beatriz Terminal
- George Tommy • Beatriz Torres
- Juanita Trejo • Antonio Ureno
- Frankie Uribe • Al Valdez
- Lorenzo Valdez • Emily Vallarta
- Miguel Vallarta • Norma Vanegas
- Irene Veloz • Eric Walters

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 18th

8 AM– Health Fair– Hall
11 AM–Ch. Choir-Dining Rm.
11 AM– Ch. Rel. Ed-School
11 AM– RCIA-CL4

Thursday, November 22nd

8 AM– Thanksgiving Dinner
Set Up– Hall
2 PM– Thanksgiving Dinner–
Hall

Tuesday, November 20th

7:30 PM– Ping Pong– Hall

Friday, November 23rd

7 PM– Chinese Live Fountain
Bible Study– Copy rm.

Wednesday, November 21st

3 PM– Thanksgiving Set Up–
Hall
7 PM–Youth Legion of Mary-
Hall Mtg Rm.
7 PM–Eng. Bible Study-Church
7:30 PM– RCIA– Dining rm.

Saturday, November 24th

9 AM– Cantonese Legion of
Mary-Copy rm
9:30 AM– Tutoring– CL kinder
9:45 AM–Mandarin Legion of
Mary– Dining Rm.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

**Get your family on the same page
about social media**

Social media is one of the leading forms of communication and connection in our world today, but it has dangerous side effects if used carelessly or improperly. Social media platforms can be used to solicit minors, distribute drugs, share pornography and more. If your family does not have a social media safety policy in place, work to establish one immediately. Rules such as no direct messages from anyone you don't know in person and no private or hidden contact with anyone are important. Establish regular check-ins to make sure that the rules are being followed to see what your children are viewing. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Raising the Bar," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00
 11/10-11/11 Offertory: \$6,379.00
 Online: \$ 500.00
 Variance (+/-): -(\$ 621.00)

Faith Direct:
membership.faithdirect.net/CA779

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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