

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Iglesia Católica Romana

天主教華人傳教中心



1501 South Atlantic Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754



The Epiphany of the Lord – January 6, 2019

Blessing of the Home On the Epiphany

*Bless, O Lord,
this household and family,
and allow all of us who live in this
home to find in it a shelter of peace
and health. Inspire each of us to
develop our individual talents
and to contribute wisdom and
good works for the benefit of the
whole family.*

*Make our house a haven for us all,
and a place of warmth and caring
for all our friends who come to
visit us. Enlighten us with the
brilliance of your Epiphany star,
so that, as we go into the world,
we might clearly see our way to
You and discover You in our work
and play. This we ask to your glory
and in the power of your kingship.*



*Magi
from
the
East
arrived*

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From the Desk of Our Pastor

**Welcome
Fr. Justin Liu Zhen Tian**

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Justin Liu Zhen Tian to St. Thomas Aquinas as Associate Pastor. Fr. Justin comes to us from the Archdiocese of Beijing, China. He was born on May 24, 1969. He studied Theology in Beijing Seminary and also at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Hong Kong. Fr. Justin was ordained to the priesthood on April 25, 1999. After his ordination, he served in the diocesan seminary as the formation director until 2002. In 2002 he came to the United States to study English and Spirituality in Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. He continued his studies at the Department of Religious Education in the University of Fordham in New York in Sep 2004, where he received a Master Degree in Pastoral Studies. He also studied Pastoral counseling and spiritual direction. He speaks English, Mandarin and Cantonese.

Since ordination, Fr. Justin has taken on several assignments as a pastor and also served as associate pastor in various parishes in the Archdiocese of Beijing. We welcome Fr. Justin as he begins his ministry with us.

Fr. John



First Sunday of the Year

Whether you are visiting or this is your home already, thank you for spending your Christmas season and First Sunday of the year with us here at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Please enjoy our Church environment that is a fruit of talent and time given by our parishioners who donated toward the cost of decorations, flowers and Christmas trees. Much thanks also go to the musicians, choirs, and liturgy teams whose preparation make our presence here spiritual and prayerful. May this year bring you happiness and peace.



Please contact our parish office or send an email if you have any questions, suggestions or ideas that will benefit our parish and make it more joyful and welcoming.

2018 Tax Donation Statements

You may obtain your 2018 tax donation statement by completing an application which can be found in the parish office and at our church entrances. Return your completed application to the parish office or collection baskets.

Statements will be processed after January 7th. Please allow 7-10 working days to have your statement completed. Thank you for your continued financial support, it is truly appreciated!

Senior Gathering Wednesday, January 9, 2019 10:30 AM– Parish Hall

Please join us for our next gathering on Wednesday, January 9th at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall. **Mr. John S. Morris**, Attorney at law, will talk about estate planning. It is very important to be up to date about the latest rules and regulations.

Lunch will be provided, a \$5.00 donation is appreciated.

We hope to see you there!

Senior Gathering committee

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We welcome all who celebrate with us at St. Thomas Aquinas, whether you are a visitor, longtime resident, or new arrival in our parish. If you are **not yet a REGISTERED member of our parish, or if you have a new address or telephone number**, please come to the Parish Office to fill out a Registration Form or submit the bottom portion of this form and drop it into the collection basket.

New Parishioner Update Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

English Bible Study Resumes Jan. 9th

Our English bible study group is on a short break during the Christmas season. Please join us on Wednesday, January 9th at 7 PM in our church. We will start the 2019 session with the Sunday readings.

Free 2019 Catholic Calendars

Each family is invited to pick up one free 2019 Catholic calendar which contains important liturgical information. They are located at all church entrances. These calendars were generously donated by Guerra Gutierrez Mortuary. Limited Supply on hand.

**Parish Pastoral Council
Implementation Meeting
Saturday, January 12th @ 9:15 AM**

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” --1 Peter 4: 10

I am incredibly excited and proud of the progress we have made thus far. We have moved from discernment to implementation, keeping our Parish Mission at the heart of everything we do.

Now is the time to have faith that the Holy Spirit has blessed you with the gifts needed to make our goals a reality:

- Develop and enhance our **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 the 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 to help bring our parish mission to a broader community while simplifying access to existing STA resources

Please join us Saturday, January 12th at 9:15 AM in the Church to solidify next steps and define strategies to meet each of the objectives for our Pastoral Goals.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rhiley M. Gomez
Pastoral Council President

School News

**Open House
Sunday, January 27th
After All Masses**

We invite all of our Parish community to join us at our first STA open house on Sunday, January 27th, after all the masses. Our students will be on hand to give tours and pass out information packets. Come and speak with our Principal, Mrs. Lutero, and meet our wonderful teachers and office staff. Let us show you what STA can offer to your family!

STA 2019 Pilgrimage Informational Meeting

Happy New Year! Have you decided if you will join Fr. John in a journey to follow the footsteps of Jesus? Please come to the official launch of the STA Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan **informational meeting on Sunday, January 13, 2019, 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall.**

Highlights of the pilgrimage, enthusiasm of Fr. John, excitement of parishioners, prizes and surprises, and even refreshments will help you make your decision. Bring your good spirit.

**Join LA’s Walk for Life!
Saturday, January 19 @ 12 PM**

Join Archbishop Gomez and tens of thousands in downtown Los Angeles for the fifth annual OneLife LA, an event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.

On Saturday, January 19 at 12 PM at La Placita/Olvera St., we will walk to LA Historic Park for a familyfriendly day of inspiring speakers, live music, entertainment, food trucks, and exhibits from community organizations serving those in need. The Requiem Mass for the Unborn at the Cathedral will follow at 5 PM. For more information visit OneLifeLA.org.

**READ & REFLECT ON THE
SCRIPTURES
JANUARY 6— JANUARY 13**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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
- 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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

5:30 PM For all STA Parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

8:00 AM For all STA Parishioners

11:30 AM For all STA Parishioners

1:30 PM For all STA Parishioners

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

8:00 AM For the peace and health of Ai Min Lau

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

8:00 AM For the peace and health of Ai Min Lau

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

8:00 AM For the peace and health of Ai Min Lau

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

8:00 AM For the peace and health of Ai Min Lau

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 6th

9 AM— Confirmation— Hall
 9 AM— Religious Ed— Clrms
 10 AM— RCIA-Dining rm.
 11 AM—Ch. Choir-Dining rm.
 11 AM— RCIA— Hall Mtg rm.
 11 AM— Chinese Bible— CL3
 11 AM— Evergreen Club-Hall
 4 PM— Fantasy Folk Dance-Hall

Tuesday, January 8th

6 PM— Girl Scout Leaders-Dining rm.
 7 PM— Ping Pong— Hall

Wednesday, January 9th

10 AM— Seniors Grp-Hall
 7 PM—Youth Legion of Mary-Hall Mtg Rm.
 7 PM— Folk Dance—Hall
 7 PM— Bible Study-Church
 7:30 PM— RCIA Weekday Class— Dining rm

Thursday, January 10th

7 PM— Ping Pong— Hall
 7 PM— Curia mtg-Hall mtg rm.
 7 PM—Spn. Bible Study-Church

Friday, January 11th

5:30 PM— Girl Scouts— Hall
 7 PM— Live Fountain-Copy rm.
 7 PM— Ignite— Church
 7:30 PM— Cantonese Fellowship-Hall mtg rm.
 8 PM— Agape— Dining rm.

Saturday, January 12th

9:15 AM— PPC Implementation mtg— Hall
 9:30 AM— Tutoring Program-Clrm Kinder
 9:30 AM— Cantonese Legion of Mary-Dining Rm.
 10 AM—Mandarin Legion of Mary— Copy Rm.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

**New Year's Resolution:
Become a mandatory reporter**

Even if the legal requirements for mandatory reporting may not cover your specific position, as Catholics, we are called to protect the vulnerable at all times, and that may mean reporting on inappropriate behavior that puts a child at risk. The only way we can prevent abuse is to learn the signs and take ownership for the safety of children in our communities. To read more from the VIRTUS® article "Make a New Year's Resolution to Become a Mandatory Reporter," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

12/29-12/30 Offertory:
See next bulletin

Avg. Weekly Online Donation: \$500.00
Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

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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