

# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Iglesia Católica Romana

天主教華人傳教中心



1501 South Atlantic Boulevard  
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 3, 2019

*STA Invites You To Our...*

## *“Celebration with Friends” Tea Party*

*Sunday, March 3rd, 2019*

*1 PM to 4 PM in the Parish Hall*



*Dear Friends:*

*You are all invited to come and enjoy a fun afternoon of pampering, friendship, and tea on Sunday, March 3rd from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. For \$35 you will receive scrumptious soup, salad, finger sandwiches, delicious teas and fantastic desserts. A prize will be presented for best “Tea Party Attire”.*

*We ask that each attendee bring their favorite/most treasured teacup for your use at our tea party. A prize will be presented for the most beautiful/unique teacup.*

*We are looking to “hire” some good-looking waiters to help us “pamper” our guests. We will not work you too hard, but we would like one “gentleman” per table and we only have 18 tables to sell. That means we need 18 volunteers!! So ladies, if your “gents” would like to help, please let us know! It will be a fun occasion!*

*In addition, we are soliciting monetary donations and gift cards to defer cost of our Tea Party. Please contact Mary Ann Tretter at (626) 627-1273 or [matret2@att.net](mailto:matret2@att.net). We appreciate all donations.*

*Volunteers, if you are looking for fun and fellowship, join our committee’s next meeting on Wednesday, February 6th at 6 PM in the rectory.*

*Tickets sales will start February 10th. We have a limited amount of tickets, buy early, you will not want to miss this afternoon “Celebration with Friends”; our last Tea Parties have been sell-outs!*

### *Following is the tentative day’s program:*

*1:00 PM – Doors open for socializing, photo “opportunity” and gift basket raffle*

*1:30 PM – Bidding for Fr. John’s services*

*1:45 PM - Introduction of waiters*

*2:00 PM - Tea Party Luncheon is served*

*3:00 PM – “Tea Cup” and “Tea Party Attire” Parade*

*3:15 PM – Award for best Tea Cup & Best Tea Party Attire Presented*

*3:30 PM – Raffle drawings*

## Chinese New Year Celebration Mass with Cardinal Roger Mahony Sunday, February 10th



**2019** STA Chinese community will be celebrating Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig, on Sunday, Feb. 10th during our 9:30 AM Mass. The Ancestral celebration will also be held during this Mass.

Immediately following mass, a luncheon will be held; presale cost is \$7.00 per adult (\$8.00, day of the event) and \$3.00 per child (7 and under).

All are invited to join this cultural celebration. Entertainment will be held during the gathering.

### Together in Mission 2019 Goal: \$34,800

Next weekend is Together in Mission "Commitment Sunday." Archbishop Gomez invites us to make our annual commitment to help those parishes and schools that need our help. If you have made a gift in the past, a letter should arrive in your home this week asking you to renew your support. You can return that pledge card via mail or make your pledge at [ourmissionla.org/give](http://ourmissionla.org/give).

### Parish School Second Collection 2/2-2/3

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.

### *In Appreciation*

*My family extends our deep appreciation for the many expressions of support, kindness and love shown to us during our time of loss of my mother, Aurora Garcia. Your prayers and thoughtfulness brought comfort to our family.*

*May God bless you!  
Lorraine Melendez (STA General Manager)  
and Family*



### World Marriage Day

We will be celebrating World Marriage Day at all our masses the weekend of Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. A special blessing will be given to all married couples. We invite all married couples to join us for this celebration.

### STA 2019 Holy Land Pilgrimage

We are grateful for your enthusiasm and interest. To provide better service, we have invited Sr. Molly Mertens, a retired Mary Knoll sister, to join our Holy Land Pilgrimage. Group size has been modified to 40. Registration is open through 3/3/19. You can find registration form and itinerary information in the Pilgrimage brochure in the Parish Office and Church vestibule area. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage group, please call/text Agnes Yu at (562) 761-3055 or email [agnes.yu@verizon.net](mailto:agnes.yu@verizon.net)

### LA Religious Education Congress 2019 "Thirsting for Justice"

**Mar. 21st, Youth Day &  
Mar. 22nd – 24th, Adult Sessions**

For information and registration, visit [www.RECongress.org](http://www.RECongress.org) or call the Congress information line at (213) 637-7346. All are welcome!

## School News

### Congratulations!

This week our Speech and Debate Students competed at the Speech and Debate Tournament at La Salle H.S. in Pasadena. Congratulations to Jaiden De La Torre (8th gr) and Miranda Garcia (7th gr) for placing Second in Duo Interpretation, and to Jade Sandoval (6th gr) for placing Second in Storytelling. All of STA Community is so proud of you!

### In Appreciation...

Thank you to all our Parishioners and STA families who came out for our Community Open House on Sunday, 1/27/19. We had a great turnout and loved meeting new people.

### Casino Night

STA School would like to invite all our Parishioners to our annual Casino Night, on Friday, February 15, 6PM to 9 PM in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$50 each and include a drink, food, and play money for the tables. Dress code is "cocktail attire". Tickets are on sale in the school office.

### Open House

Please join STA School for our second Open House, Friday, February 22, beginning at 6p. This is also the History Night. Come see all the amazing student work and student history projects!

### STA Girl Scout Troop 5631 Cookie Sale Next Sunday, 2/10

It's that time of year again, time for that delicious Girl Scout cookie sale. Our Girl Scout Troop 5631 will be selling cookies after masses on Sunday, Feb. 10th. The proceeds from the cookie sale help finance their activities. Please stop by and support this very worthy organization.

### World Youth Day 2019 - Panama

*Theme: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word"*

Youth from around the world gathered in Panama to celebrate the World Youth Day from January 22-27. It was a celebration of joy and hope for the whole Church, and for the world a witness of faith. A lot of effort and sacrifice was required to participate.

It was like a new Pentecost. Young people from nearly 140 countries that counted more than a half million, with different cultures and languages.

We had a journey of reflection and prayer and these made the journey itself our own reward. Panama is a country that joins two Oceans the Atlantic and the Pacific, moreover in this great event became a channel that enabled the culture of encounter.

My experience at the WYD was very interesting and exciting. It's awesome how young people can teach us that encountering one another does not mean having to look alike or think the same way, but a call inviting us to keep alive a shared dream. I would like to share with all of you STA families the blessing from our Holy Father Pope Francis and his wish that the Virgin Mary ever accompany us, so we can respond to God without fear, as she does: I am here. Let it be done.

Sr. Rocio Nieto

### Senior Gathering Wednesday, 2/13 @ 10:30 AM

Our next gathering will take place on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the parish hall. We will celebrate Valentine's Day; each woman who joins us will receive a beautiful flower. We will also play bingo and traditional trivia questions. Join us for a wonderful meal; a \$5 donation is appreciated.

Senior Gathering Committee

**READ & REFLECT ON THE SCRIPTURES**  
**FEBRUARY 3— FEBRUARY 10**

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

***MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK***

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019**

**5:30 PM** In memory of Haiboh Wang by Agnes Yu

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

**8:00 AM** For John and Emma Arroyos family members that have passed away

In memory of Vinh Ana Maria Nguyen by Myle Nguyen  
 In memory of Monica Chan by Helen Yeung

**11:30 AM** In memory of Consuelo Rodriguez by Lupe Garcia

**1:30 PM** For all STA parishioners

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

**8:00 AM** For the peace and health of Ai Min Lau  
 In memory of Vinh Ana Maria Nguyen by Myle Nguyen

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

**8:00 AM** For the peace and health of Ai Min Lau  
 In memory of Vinh Ana Maria Nguyen by Myle Nguyen

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019**

**8:00 AM** For the peace and health of Ai Min Lau  
 In memory of Vinh Ana Maria Nguyen by Myle Nguyen

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019**

**8:00 AM** For the peace and health of Ai Min Lau  
 In memory of Vinh Ana Maria Nguyen by Myle Nguyen

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

- Tristan Garcia
- Jaime Germain
- Eliseo Gonzalez
- Sal Gonzalez Jr.
- Ellie Govea
- Henry Guerrero
- Carmen Gutierrez
- Maria Ibarra
- Enrique Juarez
- Yvonne Lau
- Alfonso Luna
- Chris Maestas
- Alice Maldonado
- Tiffany Marquez
- Charles Melendez
- Jesse Mendoza
- Leonor Montanez
- Dolores Morales
- Irma Moreno
- Jean Genera
- Eric Giambalvo
- Elizabeth Gonzalez
- Emma Gonzalez
- Ed Griffin
- Aurora Guillen
- Vivian Hamilton
- Richard Jerome
- Rudy La Ferla
- Celia Lopez
- Geneva Luna
- Richard Mann
- Diana Marquez
- Candelaria Martinez
- Julie Melendez
- Isabel Mesa
- Cole Moviz
- Victor Morales
- Donnie Nava

***WEEKLY SCHEDULE***

**Sunday, February 3rd**

9 AM— Confirmation— Hall  
 9 AM— Religious Ed— Clrms  
 10 AM— RCIA-Dining rm.  
 11 AM—Ch. Choir-Dining rm.  
 11 AM—Chinese Rel. Ed-Clrms  
 11 AM— RCIA— Hall Mtg rm.  
 11 AM— Chinese Bible— CL3  
 3 PM— Ch. NY practice-church  
 4 PM— Fantasy Folk Dance— Hall

**Tuesday, February 5th**

6 PM— Girl Scouts Leaders mtg— Copy rm.  
 7 PM— Ping Pong— Hall

**Wednesday, February 6th**

5:30 PM— Safeguard the children mtg-Dining rm.  
 6 PM— Fundraising Committee — Copy rm.  
 7 PM—Youth Legion of Mary— Hall Mtg Rm.

7 PM— Folk Dance—Hall  
 7 PM— Bible Study—Church

**Thursday, February 7th**

7 PM— Sp. Bible Study—Church  
 7 PM— Ping Pong— Hall

**Friday, February 8th**

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

**Saturday, February 9th**

9:30 AM— Tutoring Program— Clrm Kinder  
 9:30 AM— Cantonese Legion of Mary-Dining Rm.  
 10 AM—Mandarin Legion of Mary— Copy Rm.  
 10 AM— Baptism— Church

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN****Protect your child's financial future**

As parents, we want to keep our children safe from any harm. That includes harm from identity theft, which can lead to compromised credit scores and financial ruin, before your child even gets his/her first job! Take steps to minimize the risk of identity theft by setting up credit freezes on your child's social security number, or getting an IRS identity protection PIN that will prevent fraudulent use of your child's identity. To learn more from the VIRTUS® article "Minors and Identity Theft," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00  
 Avg. Weekly Online Donation: \$500.00  
 1/19-1/20 Offertory: \$5,922.00  
 Variance: -(\$1,078.00)

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 Avg. Weekly Online Donation: \$500.00  
 1/26-1/27 Offertory: \$6,499.00  
 Variance: -(\$501.00)

Faith Direct: [membership.faithdirect.net/CA779](http://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)
<b>**1st Friday ONLY 7:00 PM**</b>	
Saturday	8:00 AM (English)
Reconciliation	Saturday at 4:00 PM

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