

# St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Iglesia Católica Romana

天主教華人傳教中心



1501 South Atlantic Boulevard  
Monterey Park, California 91754



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 24, 2019

*STA Invites You To Our...*

## *“Celebration with Friends” Tea Party*

*Sunday, March 3rd, 2019*

*1 PM to 4 PM in the Parish Hall*

*80% of Tickets SOLD*

*Get Yours Today!*



*Dear Friends:*

*We would like to thank you for your overwhelming support for our Tea Party. We have sold 80% of our tickets. We have a limited amount of tickets; for \$35 you will receive delicious soup, salad, tea sandwiches and delectable desserts. The last day to purchase your ticket is Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> in the parish office. You will not want to miss this afternoon “Celebration with Friends”.*

*For those lucky individuals who purchased a ticket, come prepared to “bid” for Fr. John’s services as a waiter for your table. He is looking forward to “serving” you!*

*A prize will be presented for best “Tea Party Attire”. We ask that each attendee bring their favorite/most treasured tea cup for your use at our tea party. A prize will be presented for the most beautiful/unique tea cup.*

*Following is the tentative day’s program:*

*Registration in outside patio*

*1 PM – Doors open for vendor shopping, socializing, raffles and photo opportunity*

*1:30 PM- Introduction of wait staff and bidding for Fr. John’s services*

*1:45 PM – Tea Party Luncheon is served*

*2:45 PM – Best Tea Party Attire Parade*

*3:00 PM – Best Tea Cup Parade*

*3:15 PM Award for “Best Tea Party Attire” & Most Beautiful/Unique Tea Cup presented*

*3:30 PM – Raffle drawings*

*We look forward to seeing you as we “Celebrate with Friends”.*

*Stay blessed,*

*Tea Party Committee*

*From the Desk of Our Pastor***A Cantonese Sunday Mass at 3:00pm**

Dear parishioners,

Over time our community continues to grow and our needs change as well. With that we need to respond so we can be of service to all in any way we possibly can.

It came to my awareness that there is a growing number of Cantonese speaking people in the San Gabriel area. Many of these Cantonese-speaking Catholics do not go to church due to language barrier. Some do not go due to distance. After months of exploring a few options and talking to different people from the Cantonese speaking population, we decided to offer a Mass in the Cantonese language every Sunday at 3:00 pm here at St. Thomas Aquinas.

This new Mass started last Sunday Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Let us continue to pray for each other that we may always be instruments of hospitality, love and care for one another.

*Fr. John Kyebasuuta*

**Ash Wednesday Schedule****March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Ashes will be distributed at all of the Masses and liturgy of the word below:

- 8:00 AM Mass (English)
- Noon: Liturgy of the Word (English)
- 5:30 PM Mass (English/Spanish)
- 7:00 PM Mass (English/Chinese)

**Parish School  
Second Collection  
March 2nd/3rd**

Next 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.

**2019 Together In Mission  
"Our Story is Hope"**

Thank you to all who made a pledge for Together In Mission. Our 2019 goal is \$34,800. Your generous and thoughtful response is very much appreciated. Pledge cards can be found at our church entrances for those of you who have not completed a pledge. Please place your completed card in our regular collection. May the Lord continue to bless all of you who reach out to help those less fortunate, within our own Archdiocese.

**STA Staff Retreat****Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>****9 AM – 1:30 PM**

Our office will be closed Monday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 1:30 PM. Our parish office staff will be attending a retreat. Please keep them in your prayers.

**New Parish Staff Email Addresses**

Our parish office staff members will begin using new email addresses effective immediately. If you need to get in contact with one of our staff members please use their new email address below:

- Fr. John Kyebasuuta– [FrJohn@stampk.org](mailto:FrJohn@stampk.org)
- Fr. Justin Liu—[FrJustin@stampk.org](mailto:FrJustin@stampk.org)
- Lorraine Melendez– [LMelendez@stampk.org](mailto:LMelendez@stampk.org)
- Linda Almaguer– [LAlmaguer@stampk.org](mailto:LAlmaguer@stampk.org)
- Sherry Hsu– [stachinese@stampk.org](mailto:stachinese@stampk.org)
- Jessie Wang– [JWang@stampk.org](mailto:JWang@stampk.org)



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*

**First Friday****March 1, 2019**

- 9:00 AM—Eucharistic Adoration
- 6:00 PM—Rosary
- 6:45 PM—Benediction
- 7:00 PM—Mass

### 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 Maryknoll 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)

### **STA Girl Scout Troop 5631 Cookie Sale**

Our Girl Scout Troop 5631 will be selling cookies after masses this Sunday, Feb. 24th. The proceeds from the cookie sale help finance their activities. Please stop by and support this very worthy organization. This is the last weekend of their cookie sale, so be ready to stock up.

### **Invitation to Join our STA Senior Group 3 Day Retreat Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino March 18th—March 20th**

**Cost: 1 person per room- \$120.00  
2 per room: \$100.00 (per person)**

Price per person includes room, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Carpool options will be available.

Anyone interested in joining in a 3 day retreat at Holy Spirit Retreat center in Encino, CA is asked to fill out a registration form, located at church entrances and return to the parish office no later than Tuesday, March 5th. We will contact you to make final arrangements.

## **School News**

### **Welcome to STA**

We would like to welcome our new students, Madelyn and Matthew Terrazas, and the Terrazas family, to STA school and parish community! We are so happy to have you with us here at STA school.

### **Enrollment Taking Place Now!**

STA School is now beginning enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year! We are enrolling students from TK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade (ages 4 and up). If you are interested in receiving information from our school, please fill out an interest form, which can be found at all church entrances, parish office or school office or call (323) 261-6583 during the hours of 8 AM-3:30 PM (Mon-Fri). We are also available to arrange in-person tours during the week. We hope to meet many new interested families.

### **Visit Our Student Store**

We have an STA School Student Store! Visit the link below to see all the great STA School gear we have available for purchase! Orders can be delivered to your home. Sport that Eagle gear with Pride! [www.fspdesigns.com/stacatholicschool/shop/home](http://www.fspdesigns.com/stacatholicschool/shop/home)

### **主內的弟兄姐妹：**

如果您想知道更多有關華人教友團體的活動訊息，請於教堂門口索取華人主日通訊詳細參閱。

華人司鐸：劉振田神父(通國、粵、英語)

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**READ & REFLECT ON THE SCRIPTURES**  
**FEBRUARY 24— MARCH 3**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8,10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38  
**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40  
**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16  
**Sunday:** Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

***MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK***

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

**5:30 PM** In memory of Haiboh Wang by Agnes Yu  
 In memory of Mary Ann Reed by Leroy Cisneros  
 For the healing of Tess Dee by Rose Chin Chiu

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

**8:00 AM** For the health and well-being of Edward P. Vasquez by Dolores Chaulsett  
**11:30 AM** In memory of Steve Quijada by Quijada family  
 In thanksgiving for Kirk Romasanta’s ordination  
**1:30 PM** In memory of Lidia Barajaz by Minnie Aviles  
 In memory of Maria Del Socorro Perez

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

**8:00 AM** For all STA Parishioners

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

**8:00 AM** For all STA Parishioners

**FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019**

**7:00 PM** For all STA Parishioners

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019**

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

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

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

***WEEKLY SCHEDULE***

**Sunday, February 24th**

9 AM– Confirmation– Hall  
 9 AM– Religious Ed– Clrms  
 10 AM– RCIA– Dining rm  
 11 AM–Chinese Choir–Dining rm  
 11 AM–Chinese Rel. Ed–Clrms  
 11 AM– RCIA– Hall Mtg rm.  
 11 AM– Chinese Bible– CL3  
 4 PM– Fantasy Folk Dance– Hall

**Monday, February 25th**

6:30 PM– Pastoral Cnc.– Hall  
 7:30 PM– Chinese Reading Club– Hall Mtg. rm

**Tuesday, February 26th**

10 AM– Funeral– Church  
 7 PM– Ping Pong– Hall

**Wednesday, February 27th**

7 PM–Youth Legion of Mary– Hall Mtg Rm.  
 7 PM– Folk Dance–Hall

7 PM– Bible Study–Church  
 7:30 PM– RCIA– Dining rm

**Thursday, February 28th**

7 PM– Spanish Bible Study– Church  
 7 PM– Ping Pong– Hall

**Friday, March 1st**

7:30 PM– St. Therese De Lisieux– Dining rm  
 7:30 PM– Cantonese Fellowship–Hall Mtg. rm

**Saturday, March 2nd**

9 AM– Tea Party Set Up– 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**

To establish confidence with your children start with questions about their daily activities

Sometimes children will behave in a manner quite unusual for them – stress, misunderstanding, or some form of abuse can be related to such behaviors. If you see your child exhibiting unusual behavior, talk with your child about their day or recent experiences in an open-ended conversation. Do ask factual questions, such as, "What did you do today? Did you do anything unusual today? Who did you see today? Did anyone say or do anything that was unusual or even upsetting? Then, ask feeling questions as a follow-up, and remember that sometimes it's easier for a child to talk about someone else's feelings first. For more tips in the VIRTUS® article "Conversation Guidelines for Parents: Be Aware," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

2/16-2/17 Offertory & Online: \$6,802.00

Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00

Over/(Under) -(\$698.00)

For your convenience, online giving at

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 (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)
Friday	8:00 AM (English)
<b>**1st Friday ONLY 7:00 PM**</b>	
Saturday	8:00 AM (English)
Reconciliation	Saturday at 4:00 PM

**Parish Information**

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