

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Iglesia Católica Romana

天主教華人傳教中心



1501 South Atlantic Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 3, 2019

From the Desk of Our Pastor

Ash Wednesday begins Our Lenten Journey 2019

Our Lenten journey begins this week, March 6th. We shall have Ashes distributed at 8AM Mass (English), Noon liturgy of the Word (English), 5:30 PM Mass (English/Spanish) and 7:00 PM Mass (English/Chinese).



During lent we shall have weekly **Stations of the Cross at 7 PM**, **except** on First Friday when the stations will start after the 7 PM Mass.

I encourage and invite you to spend this Lent praying for peace in our families, community and country.

We shall have parish retreats in English, Spanish and Chinese. Dates and times for these retreats will be announced soon.

Fr. John

Rice Bowls Encounter Lent

Join our community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from **our church entrances next weekend, March 9th and 10th**. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Lenten Schedule

We invite you to join our Stations of the Cross, which will be held every Friday evening at 7:00 PM, except April 5th which is First Friday. April 5th Stations of the Cross will start after 7 PM mass.

Following is the schedule with the hosting ministry and our other Lenten events:

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| 3/8 | 5:30 Mass Team |
| 3/15 | Spanish Mass Team |
| 3/22 | Chinese Mass-Mandarin |
| 3/28 | Spanish Healing Mass in Church @ 7 PM |
| 3/29 | Chinese Mass-Cantonese |
| 4/5 | Stations of the Cross will begin after the 7 PM First Friday mass
11:30 Mass Team |
| 4/8-4/9 | English Retreat in Church @ 7 PM |
| 4/10 | Penance Service |
| 4/12 | Passion Play - Religious Ed. Shadow performance |
| 4/13 | Chinese Retreat—hall—9AM |
| 4/19 | Passion Play—Following
3 PM Good Friday Services |

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

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.



*Daylight Savings
Begins
March 10th*

Turn your clocks **FORWARD** one hour. Please remember to make this adjustment on Saturday night so that you are on time for Mass on Sunday.

Lenten Reminders

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

What does it mean to fast?

According to Canon Law, the law of fasting allows only one full meal or two small meals a day.

What does it mean to abstain from meat?

According to Canon Law, the law of abstinence forbids the use of meat. Roman Catholics who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from meat. Disabled or feeble, pregnant women and nursing mothers are exempt.

Why should we fast?

The earliest and most often cited purpose of fasting is penance, that is, atonement for sin. Through fasting we humble ourselves before God – setting aside that which sustains us and gives us pleasure – and turn ourselves toward our merciful Lord.

**STA Pastoral Plan Update:
The Resurrection**

We have a lot to share and have made great progress on our 2019 Pastoral Plan.

Key accomplishments to date:

- Pastoral Plan Finalized - October 2018
- Pastoral Plan Published and Goal Sign-up Sunday Implemented - November 2018
- Reflection Sessions Established - December 2018
- Goal Objectives Defined and Implementer Selection Process Started - January 2019
- Implementer Selections Finalized - February 2019.

At this time, I am excited to share our lead implementers tasked with ensuring all objectives are “alive” and established by 4/21, Easter Sunday:

Parish Renovations Committee:

Email: Renovation@stampk.org
Mr. Leo Ledon

Parish Technology and Innovations Committee:

Email: Technology@stampk.org
Mr. George Rico

School Marketing and Enrollment Committee:

Email: SchoolMarketing@stampk.org
Mrs. Stefanie Lutero

Parish Ministries Leadership Team:

Email: Leadership@stampk.org
Mr. Warren Kunkle and Mr. Henry Ayala

Parish Hospitality Committee:

Email: Hospitality@stampk.org
Ms. Vicki Tang

We will continue to rely on the Spirit of Christ as we move forward now with the implementation of our pastoral initiatives, priorities and strategies.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Rhiley M. Gomez, Pastoral Council President

**STA Senior Group
3 Day Retreat
Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino
CANCELLED**

Due to the lack of interest shown in our 3 day retreat, it had been cancelled. We invite you to attend our parish Lenten retreats, which will be held in the church; please see the Lenten schedule for upcoming dates.

**STA 2019 Holy Land Pilgrimage
10 Spaces Left !**

Thank you for your enthusiasm. We now have 30 registered pilgrims. As requested by several interested people, we are extending the registration deadline to **3/31/2019**. Please sign up soon, as there are only 10 spaces left. Please call/text **Camilla Lim** at **(626) 378-7162** or email at camillalim@sbcglobal.net if you are interested to join (Agnes Yu will be on vacation soon).

**STA Senior Meeting
March 13th @ 10:30 AM**



Please plan on joining our St. Patrick's celebration by wearing green. A variety of games will be played and a delicious lunch will be served. A \$5.00 donation is appreciated.

**Girl Scout Troop 5631
In Appreciation...**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Girl Scout Troop 5631 during their cookie sales in the month of February. Funds raised will be used to for their upcoming activities.

School News

Enrollment Taking Place Now!

STA School is now beginning enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year! We are enrolling students from TK through 8th 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.

TK/Kinder Shadow Days

Send your little one for a TK or Kinder Shadow Day! Choose from either Friday, March 29 or Friday, April 12 from 9 AM-12 PM. Prospective students will participate in mini lessons in Language Arts, Math, Science, Spanish, Art, and PE. Parents can join the Principal, Mrs. Lutero, for coffee and chat time from 9 AM-10 AM in the Parish Hall. To sign your child up, email: info@stampkschool.org.

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

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
MARCH 3— MARCH 10**

Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

5:30 PM In memory of Haiboh Wang by Agnes Yu
 In memory of Apolonia Sanchez by Leroy Cisneros

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

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

In memory of Rosa V. Gallardo by Dolores Chaulsett

11:30 AM In memory of Andres Barraza by Sabrina Garcia

In celebration of Camila Ledon’s birthday by mom & dad

1:30 PM For the health of Maria Romero

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

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

KEEP IN PRAYER

- Dolores Morales
- Irma Moreno
- Margarita Ordonez
- Susan Orozco
- Ann Peccino
- Emma Pham
- Felicitas Pimentel
- Daniel Ramirez
- Desiree Ramos
- Raygan Reid
- Mia Rios
- Armendo Rivera
- Edgar Robles
- Lydia Robles
- Mary Rodriguez
- Urista Roque
- Betty Sanchez
- Elizabeth Sanchez
- Celia Sells
- Victor Morales
- Donnie Nava
- Phillip Orozco
- Paul Ortega
- Susana Perez
- Ruben Piedra
- Michael Preciado
- Esther Ramirez
- Jean Rashoff
- Jessie Marie Reyes
- Andrew Rivera
- Jose Rivera
- Rose Marie Robles
- Gerry Rodriguez
- Gabriel Roque
- Joey Salgado
- Eduardo Sanchez
- Elpidia Santillan
- Mariann Scott

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 3rd

8 AM– Tea Party Set Up–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– Chinese Bible– CL3
 1 PM– Tea Party– Hall

Tuesday, March 5th

7 PM– Ping Pong– Hall

Wednesday, March 6th

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, March 7th

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

Friday, March 8th

5:30 PM– Girl Scouts– Hall
 7 PM– Chinese Live Bible Study– Copy rm
 7 PM– Ignite– Choir Loft
 7:30 PM– Cantonese Fellowship–Hall Mtg. rm
 8 PM– Agape– Dining rm

Saturday, March 9th

9 AM– Baby Shower Set Up–Hall
 9:30 AM– Cantonese Legion of Mary–Dining Rm.
 9:30 AM– Tutoring Program–Clrm Kinder
 10 AM–Mandarin Legion of Mary– Copy Rm.
 1 PM– Chinese Religious Education– First Reconciliation–Church

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

The "Battered Child Syndrome" may indicate abuse

"Battered Child Syndrome" is a clinical term professionals use to refer to children experiencing recurrent physical abuse from a caretaker over an extended period of time. Signs of a battered child can include repeated bruising or bruising in unusual places, broken bones, scratches, and other injuries. Even if you do not see physical abuse happening, such injuries may be signs that a child is in danger in his or her own home. You should report any suspicious injuries or symptoms to a local child protective services agency — that report could save a child's life. To learn more from the VIRTUS® article "Battered Child Syndrome," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

2/23-2/24 Offertory & Online: \$7,335.00
 Weekly Expenses: \$7,500.00
 Over/(Under): -(\$165.00)

For your convenience, online giving at
Faith Direct:
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)
1st Friday ONLY 7:00 PM	
Saturday 8:00 AM	(English)
Reconciliation	Saturday at 4:00 PM

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