

# QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## THE MESSENGER

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### Website

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### Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

**Saturday:** 5:30 pm

**Sunday:** 8:00 am  
& 10:30 am

### Daily Mass

**Tuesday-Friday:** 8:00 am

### Rosary

**Monday-Friday:** 7:30 am



Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

*Church is Handicapped Accessible*

### First Saturday to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mass 9:00 am

### First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition/Adoration

10:30-11:15 am

(Benediction follows)

Confessions

10:35-11:15 am,

Mass 11:30 am

### Confession

**Tuesday-Friday:** 7:15-7:45 am,

**Saturday:** 4:00-5:00 pm,

or by appointment

### Baptism

Contact Fr. David

### Clergy

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The Mission of Queen of Angels Church is to:

*Grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

*Strengthen our faith by living and teaching the Gospel.*

*Serve God's People in our parish, our community, and our world.*

If you're worried about an unplanned pregnancy, you may be experiencing a personal crisis full of concerns about your future. Pregnancy Care Clinic can assist you. [www.unplannedparenthood.org](http://www.unplannedparenthood.org), 619.442.4357

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by calling Mary Acosta at the Child and Youth Protection Office, Victims Assistance Coordinator, at 858.490.8353.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

*Returning Our*  
**GIFTS OF**  
 TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

**READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 11-19, 2021**

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b/Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17  
**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25  
**Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Saturday, Dec 11	5:30 pm	Connie Maguire
Saturday, Dec 12	8:00 am	†Julie Schreck
Sunday, Dec 12	10:30 am	For the People
Monday, Dec 13	7:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
Tuesday, Dec 14	8:00 am	Father David Exner
Wednesday, Dec 15	8:00 am	Ray Swanson
Thursday, Dec 16	8:00 am	†Steven Glick
Friday, Dec 17	8:00 am	†Al Florence
Saturday, Dec 18	5:30 pm	Sheila Wing
Saturday, Dec 19	8:00 am	†Pat Callahan
Sunday, Dec 19	10:30 am	For the People

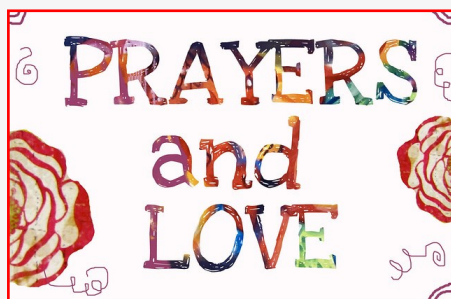


*Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.*

**Prayer Requests**

*Vita Cano  
 Don Fall  
 Michael Figueroa  
 Chik Hylton  
 Carmen Holt  
 Connie Maguire  
 Jacqueline Meyer  
 Marion Montgomery  
 Ray Rachner  
 Sharon Rachner  
 Jeffery Silva  
 Joan Smith*

*Kathy Spacone  
 Robert Craig Wiederkehr  
 Kailyn & Charis Whaley*

**Deployed Military**

**Meagan Abad, LT  
 Matthew D. Fuller, PV2  
 William W. Fuller II, PFC  
 Rebekah Meyer, BMSN(sw)  
 Jacob Tweed, HM3  
 Mattison Underhill, USN**



If you have a friend or relative who is serving in our military and is deployed or will be deployed, please contact Darlene at [bulletin@queenofangels.org](mailto:bulletin@queenofangels.org).

Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Darlene Ames at [bulletin@queenofangels.org](mailto:bulletin@queenofangels.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Knights of Columbus** Attention fellow Knights: Our monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, **December 14**, at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.



**Mark Your Calendars** The parish office will be closed **Tuesday, December 21, 2021-Monday, December 27, 2021**. We will reopen on **Tuesday, December 28, 2021**. We would like to wish all of our parishioners a Blessed and Joyous Christmas!



**Faith Formation Schedule** Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas holiday:

**1st-8th Grade & Confirmation Formation:**  
**December 19: Regular class**  
**December 26: No class**  
**January 2: No class**  
**January 9: Class resumes**



**Please Note:** There will be no 8 AM morning Mass on **December 24**. Please join us for the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM



**Commemoration of All Souls Photos** If you have submitted a photo of a deceased loved one for remembrance during All Souls' Month either this year or in previous years, you may pick up your photo from the parish office any time during normal business hours; M-F, 9 AM-2 PM. Unfortunately we no longer have the capacity to store the photos and would like to return them to you.

### Queen of Angels Christmas 2021 Mass Schedule



#### Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24  
5:30 PM & 7:00 PM

#### Solemnity of Christmas

Saturday, December 25  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

#### Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1  
9:00 AM  
(obligation dispensed)



### Queen of Angels Giving Tree, November 27 - December 26



This year we continue our Giving Tree practice with its home in the entrance of the church. Below is a brief description of the groups to help you decide which charity (or charities) you want to choose.

- The orphanages of **Tecate** and the Sisters of **Villa Anahuac**, of the Order of St. Brigida are part of the Giving Tree for Advent. Your donation will help these wonderful ministries which represent the Love of God in our world, continue in their ministry to orphan children and ministry to the poor. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Love of neighbor is grounded in the Love of God."
- **Villa Anahuac:** A monastery of 10 nuns south of Tecate. The Sisters of Villa Anahuac, who are of the order of St. Brigida, are desperately in need of more cells for their expanding convent. The Sisters are semi-cloistered, similar to the Poor Clares and Carmelites. They do work in the community and stay close to the people. These very poor families work locally and earn only a few dollars a day.
- **Children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary:** The mission of Children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is to serve survivors of human trafficking and open the door to their restoration in Jesus Christ.
- **East County Pregnancy Care Clinic** exists to serve women and their unborn children. They provide accurate information about the developing life in the mother's womb and life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

We can only accept CASH donations for the Tecate Orphanages and Villa Anahuac.



**PASTOR'S PAGE**

Friends,

This year the Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday – falls on the same day as the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. But rather than recount the entire story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I would like to share some of the amazing and beautiful insights into the image of her that appeared on St. Juan Diego's tilma when he brought the sign to Bishop Zumarraga as he had been instructed. This is just a cursory overview of part of the codex that the image was to the Aztec people at that time, but I hope that you enjoy reading these as much as I did. Special thanks to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

- ◆ Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego on December 9, 10 and 12, 1531.
- ◆ The image on Juan Diego's tilma has remained intact with all its original vibrancy for 475 years. The natural life span of a cloak made with fiber from the agave or maguey plant is about 30 years at most.
- ◆ The image itself is a pictograph or codex which could be read and understood by the Aztec Indians.
- ◆ Our Lady appears as a beautiful young mestiza maiden – that is, part Aztec and part Spanish, a group of people who were commonly treated as outcasts by both sides during that time – but also a Queen.
- ◆ Her eyes are looking down with humility and compassion. She is human, not God.
- ◆ She is wearing a blue-green mantle (the color worn by Aztec royalty) covered with stars.
- ◆ The stars on her mantle signify she comes from heaven and is the Queen of Heaven. The constellations are in the exact position as they appeared before dawn on the morning of December 12, 1531.
- ◆ Her robe is colored rose or pale red and covered with Aztec flowers, symbolic of an Aztec princess.
- ◆ She wears a black maternity band around her waist, signifying she is with Child.
- ◆ In the center of her robe, overlying her womb, is a four petal quincunx flower in the shape of a cross which is the sign of the Divine and the center of the cosmic order to the Aztec. The Virgin's Baby, Jesus, is Divine and the center of the universe.
- ◆ The eight petal flowers on her robe symbolize the day of new creation, with the blossom in the form of a hill and the stem presented as a river. "Hill-water" represented the concept of civilization, and the hill in particular represented the highest point of encounter between God and man.
- ◆ Her hands are joined in prayer – which the Spaniards would recognize – and if you look closely, her knee is also raised, indicating that she is dancing – which the Aztecs understood to mean that she is praying – so since she is in prayer herself, she is not God, but she points her finger to the cross on her brooch.
- ◆ That black cross on her brooch signifies that she is a follower of the God of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for all humanity.
- ◆ She stands in front of the sun. The sun symbolizes the greatest Aztec god – Huitzilopochtli. She announces the God who is greater than the Aztec sun god.
- ◆ She stands on the moon. The crescent moon symbolized the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent. She has crushed and defeated him.
- ◆ An angel with eagle's wings supports the Mother of God. The eagle was the "bird of the sun." Here the eagle is the servant of the Virgin. She holds her mantle in one hand and robe with the other, signifying the Son she bears is from both heaven and earth.
- ◆ The image on the tilma was able to do what, up to that time, the missionaries were not able to do significantly, namely, to clearly explain Christianity to the indigenous people. After the apparitions, however, eight million Native Americans in Mexico converted to Catholicism from 1531 to 1538 – roughly the equivalent of a Pentecost every single day for seven years.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

To Jesus through His Mother and Ours,

*Fr. David*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION SURVEY

Please take the time to look over and fill out the survey below and return it as soon as possible. You may drop it off at the parish office M-F, 9AM-2PM or in the offertory basket at Mass.

#### **CURRENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

Tuesday-Friday – 7:30-7:45 AM  
Saturday – 4:00-5:00 PM

#### **SURVEY**

Select all that apply, but if you choose more than one option, please number them according to preference.

##### ***What day(s) of the week work best for you and your family to go to confession?***

- ☐ Sunday
- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday
- ☐ Friday
- ☐ Saturday
- ☐ No change necessary, Father, everything is awesome!

##### ***What time block(s) work best for you and your family to go to confession?***

- ☐ Morning (before 9 AM)
- ☐ Mid-Morning (9 AM-12 PM)
- ☐ Early Afternoon (12-3 PM)
- ☐ Late Afternoon (3-6 PM)
- ☐ Evening (6-9 PM)
- ☐ It's not about the times, Father, just BEFORE or AFTER the daily liturgy! (please circle one)
- ☐ No change necessary, Father, everything is awesome!

##### ***How flexible are the dates/time you have chosen?***

- ☐ Super flexible
- ☐ Moderately flexible
- ☐ Absolutely and completely inflexible
- ☐ No change necessary, Father, everything is awesome!

***What other considerations for your family should I be aware of as we figure out best confession times for the parish? Please include any other additional concerns, comments, or recommendations.***

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Thank You and God Bless!  
Father David



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## *Prepare the Way of the Lord by Preparing Your Heart*

*Experience God's loving forgiveness in this sacrament. There will be a Service of the Word followed by the opportunity for individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

In addition to the regularly scheduled confession times (Tues-Fri 7:15-7:45 AM, Sat 4 PM) here at Queen of Angels, there will also be several Advent penance services throughout the El Cajon deanery in the coming weeks:

**St Martin of Tours**, La Mesa – Monday, December 13 at 7 PM

**St Pius X**, Jamul – Thursday, December 16 at 7 PM

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**, Lakeside – Tuesday, December 14 at 9 AM and 7 PM

**St John of the Cross**, Lemon Grove – Friday, December 17 at 7 PM

**Santa Sophia**, Spring Valley – Wednesday, December 15 at 7 PM  
**Holy Trinity**, El Cajon – Thursday, December 16 at 7 PM

**Our Lady of Grace**, El Cajon – Tuesday, December 21 at 7 PM

## ♪♪ Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling ♪♪

In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child even in midst of difficult circumstances. Please join us as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it is needed most...the abortion facility right here in our community. As you know there can never be peace in the world, until there is peace in the womb!

**When:** Saturday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**Where:** Planned Parenthood - 1685 E. Main El Cajon

**More Information:** Contact [hansenpat@msn.com](mailto:hansenpat@msn.com)

Save the date, tell you friends, and please plan on joining us!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you would like to have a poinsettia placed at the altar for Christmas in memory of a family member or friend, please complete the following form. You may return this form to the parish office or place it in the weekend collection basket.*

*(Please use one form per donation.) The suggested donation for each intention is \$15.00.*

*In memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Donated by:* \_\_\_\_\_



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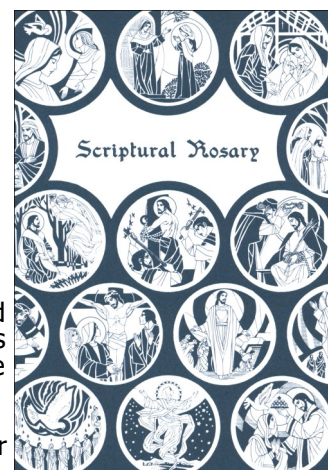


Looking for a unique, inexpensive and useful Christmas gift for family and friends?  
Well look no further!

Queen of Angels has the  
**"Spiritual Rosary"**  
book available for purchase.

The Scriptural Rosary book is the modern version of the way the rosary was once prayed throughout Western Europe in the late Middle Ages. This book is for everyone as it helps one to keep thinking about the Mysteries of each decade of the Rosary, while reciting the rosary.

The books are available in the office during normal business hours; M-F, 9AM-2PM for \$15.00 each.



Don't be afraid to ask dumb questions.  
They're easier to handle than dumb mistakes.