

# 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****November 21, 2021**

Envelopes Used 62  
Envelope Collections \$ 3,086.00  
Plate Collections \$ 320.00  
**TOTAL** \$ 3,406.00

**November 28, 2021**

Envelopes Used 71  
Envelope Collections \$ 4,070.00  
Plate Collections \$ 437.00  
**TOTAL** \$ 4,507.00

November Online \$ 5,620.00  
Giving

**READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 4-12, 2021**

		<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6	Saturday, Dec 4	9:00 am	
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26	Saturday, Dec 4	5:30 pm	For the People
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14	Sunday, Dec 5	8:00 am	†Lyle Thompson Rumsey
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38	Sunday, Dec 5	10:30 am	
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15	Monday, Dec 6	7:30 am	Rosary
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Mt 11:16-19	Tuesday, Dec 7	8:00 am	Lupita Vecchitto
<b>Saturday:</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Wednesday, Dec 8	9:00 am	
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18	Wednesday, Dec 8	7:00 pm	
		Thursday, Dec 9	8:00 am	†Audray Brown
		Friday, Dec 10	8:00 am	†Bud McNeece
		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

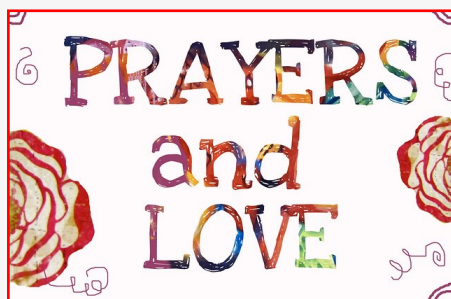


*Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on  
our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.*

**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



**Monthly Tecate & ECPCC Collection** Please leave your donations after all the Masses this weekend, **December 4-5**, in the "TECATE TREASURE CHEST" directly behind the church, near the back door of the multi-purpose room. Drive your car around to the back and it will be just a few steps away. You will be able to access the chest any day of the week. Please remember to close the lid when you are finished, and **PLEASE** only leave maternity and baby clothing for the ECPCC. As always, thank you for your support!



**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** Wednesday, **December 8**, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin and **IS** a Holy Day of Obligation. Join us as we celebrate Mass at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

**Thank You** A very special thank you to Bernadette, LouAnn, Marilyn, Janet, Arlene, Jack, Kitty, David and Rufus for going over and beyond this year in decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas Season. It looks breathtakingly beautiful! You all are angels.



**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, 9AM-2PM. Unfortunately we no longer have the capacity to store these photos and would like to return them to you.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

Since Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, we need to pay extra attention to the observance of the liturgical days and the prescribed holy days of obligation.

In order to fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas, we must either attend Mass on Friday, December 24 after 4 PM, or at any point on Saturday, December 25. This 32 hour period counts as the liturgical day of Christmas.

In order to fulfill the Sunday obligation for the Feast of the Holy Family, which this year falls on December 26, we must go to Mass at some point on Sunday. Attending Mass the prior Saturday cannot be counted towards the Sunday obligation in this case because it is a different feast day.

### Christmas Octave Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24: 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM

Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, December 26: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – Saturday, January 1: 9:00 AM (obligation dispensed)

(Please feel free to clip, save and post.)



## *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. Take an ornament or envelope off the Giving Tree and donate cash for the Tecate Orphanages and Villa Anahuac, or monetary donations; cash or checks for Children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and East County Pregnancy Care Center.

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

**PASTOR'S PAGE**

Friends,

As we talked about last week, one of the things I would like to do in the coming year is adjust the weekly confession times so that it is easier to avail ourselves to the mercy and healing that God wants to give us through the sacrament of reconciliation. To that end, I am asking that everyone please take the time to fill out the confession survey / questionnaire in the bulletin this week, so that I can have a better idea of what days and times work best not just for me, but for our entire parish family. I feel very strongly that confession is an important and integral part to our personal walks with Christ, and one of the surest and easiest ways to encounter Jesus the Divine Physician.

This is why I am hoping that all of you take the time (and the bulletins!) to tear out and fill out the forms and return them, either in the Sunday collection basket (folded, please) or directly to the office during the normal weekly business hours. Depending on how this goes, this may not be the last time we have a parish-wide questionnaire to figure out the optimal approach for something, but it is certainly, in my estimation anyway, the most important, at least in this season of the parish's life.

Thank you for helping me figure out the best way to serve all of you. Grace and Peace.

In His Grip,

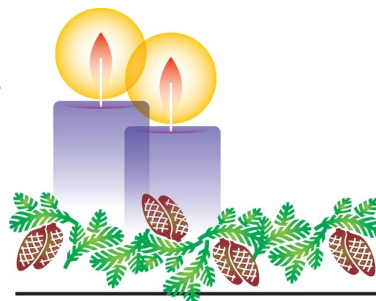
*Fr. David*

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *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 to donate to.

- 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 Carmelities. 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.



### *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 Kateri Tekawitha**, Lakeside/Barona – Monday, December 6 at 7 PM

**St Luke**, El Cajon – Thursday, December 9 at 7 PM

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

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

**Santa Sophia**, Spring Valley – Wednesday, December 15 at 7 PM

**Holy Trinity**, El Cajon – Thursday, December 16 at 7 PM

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

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

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

## 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



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_*



*The names will be listed in memoriam at Christmas time.*

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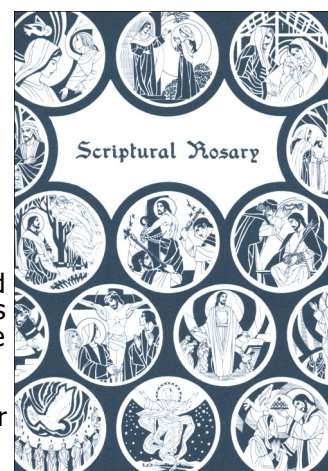


Looking for a unique, inexpensive and useful Christmas gift for family and friends?  
Well look no further!

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.



Second Sunday in  
**Advent**

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