

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

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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, 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**December 5, 2021**

Envelopes Used 87
Envelope Collections \$ 5,885.02
Plate Collections \$ 391.67
TOTAL \$ 6276.69

**READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 18-26, 2021**

		DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45	Saturday, Dec 18	5:30 pm	Sheila Wing
Monday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38	Saturday, Dec 19	8:00 am	†Pat Callahan
Tuesday:	Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45	Sunday, Dec 19	10:30 am	†David Pinal Sr.
Wednesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8/Lk 1:46-56	Monday, Dec 20	7:30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66	Tuesday, Dec 21	8:00 am	†Michael John Borunda
Friday:	Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14	Wednesday, Dec 22	8:00 am	Gene Kennon
Saturday, 8 AM:	Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20	Thursday, Dec 23	8:00 am	†Bob Strunz
Saturday, 10:30 AM:	Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18	Friday, Dec 24	5:30 pm	
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52	Friday, Dec 24	7:00 pm	Gene Kennon
		Saturday, Dec 25	8:00 am	
		Saturday, Dec 25	10:30 am	
		Sunday, Dec 26	8:00 am	†Peggy Welch
		Sunday, Dec 26	10:30 am	For The People

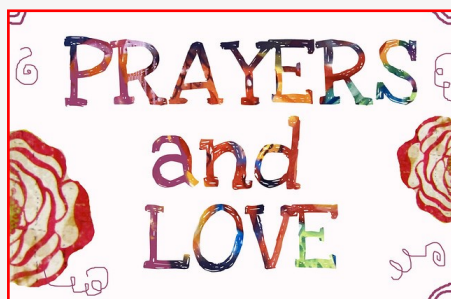


Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.

**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
John Hammerstrand
Bea Hammerstrand*

*Carol Ryznar
Dan Ryznar
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*



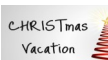
If you have a friend or relative who is serving in our military and is deployed or will be deployed, please contact Darlene at bulletin@queenofangels.org.

Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Darlene Ames at bulletin@queenofangels.org.

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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 Masses at 5:30 PM and 7:00 PM



Giving Tree This year we continue our Giving Tree practice with its home in the back 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. Final Deadline: **December 26**. **PLEASE NOTE: We can only accept CASH donations for the Tecate Orphanages and Villa Anahuac.**



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)

It is the Night of Our Dear Savior's Birth.

May your hearts be filled with wonder throughout the Christmas Season.

Merry Christmas from Queen of Angels.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Friends,

As we enter the final week of Advent before the arrival of the King, I would like to share with you one of the fun – if often overlooked – elements of the Advent season, and it revolves around what is probably the most recognizable Advent hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

While we are most familiar with the first verse, there are actually seven verses in total, and each of those verses corresponds to, and in fact, is a paraphrasing of, the antiphons sung at Evening Prayer (Vespers) the week before Christmas. Without getting too deep into the liturgical weeds, the antiphons are recited or sung before and after the canticle of Mary – her great hymn from Luke chapter 1 – and are meant to be reflective of the season. In this case, because all of them refer to a specific title of Jesus, whom we are addressing, they begin, “O Emmanuel,” “O King of the Nations,” “O... (etc.),” and are consequently called the “O Antiphons,” or even the “Great Advent Antiphons.” Each antiphon is sung in the days leading up to Christmas. So for example, December 21 (the winter solstice, not so coincidentally) the title we ascribe to Christ is Dayspring / Morning Star / Radiant Dawn, depending on how you translate Oriens, and the antiphon reads thus:

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of light eternal and sun of justice:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

The titles ascribed to Christ on each day are:

- 17 December – O Sapientia (O Wisdom)
- 18 December – O Adonai (O Lord)
- 19 December – O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)
- 20 December – O Clavis David (O Key of David)
- 21 December – O Oriens (O Dayspring / Morning Star / Radiant Dawn)
- 22 December – O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)
- 23 December – O Emmanuel (O God-with-us)

December 24th does not have a corresponding O Antiphon, because we will be celebrating His birth that same night, so we do not need any more anticipatory evening antiphons. But something funny happens if you make a reverse anagram with the first letter from the Latin titles of Christ given to us here. And while it probably happened accidentally, at least humanly speaking, the fact that it happened at all is still pretty amazing. Taking the first letter of each Latin title in reverse spells out ERO CRAS, which if we stick to the Latin means...

“I will be there tomorrow!”



With Great Anticipation for His Coming,
Fr. David

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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.

Thank You and God Bless!
Father David



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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:

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

Do You Feel the Calling?

If so, why not consider start serving your church. We are always in need of Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. Please help! We will work with your availability to serve at the Mass which you now attend.

Please contact Enriqueta in the parish office at 619.445.2145
if you feel the call.

**4th Sunday of Advent**

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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We are grateful to all those who made a donation and helped decorate our parish for the Christmas Season.

In Memory of:

Tom & Rita Ferrier

Cal & Levina Lewis

Ivan Samuels

Edmund Cordova

Al Florance

Barry McClarty

Alfred Stanley

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