

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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Alpine, CA 91901

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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!

First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition/Confession: 10:00 am,
Mass 11:30 am

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rosary: 8:30 am, Mass: 9:00 am

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

Wednesday: after 8:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday: after 8:00 am Mass
until 9:30 am

Confession

Tuesday-Friday: 7:15 am,
Saturday: 4:00 pm,
or by appointment

Sacraments

Baptism, Holy Matrimony, & Funerals
Contact Fr. David

Clergy

Rev. David Exner: **Pastor**, frdexner@queenofangels.org

Parish Office Staff

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Darlene Ames: **The Messenger**, bulletin@queenofangels.org

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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 3-4, 2022**

Envelopes Used	74
Envelope Collections	\$ 5,830.00
Plate Collections	\$ 331.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,161.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal 2022 Collection. It is encouraging to see your commitment to our Parish and the Diocese. If you haven't done so, pledges may be placed in the collection or dropped off at the Parish Office.

To date we've raised 51% of our goal! Thank You.

PLEDGED: \$ 15,355.00 BALANCE: \$ 14,645.00 GOAL: \$ 30,000.00

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL | DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 10-18, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19
and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-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: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c,
10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Saturday, Dec 10	5:30 pm	†Olga Kennon
Sunday, Dec 11	8:00 am	†Julie Abdallah
Sunday, Dec 11	10:30 am	†Edwin Piontek, Jr.
Monday, Dec 12	7:30 am	Rosary
Tuesday, Dec 13	8:00 am	Donald Clague
Wednesday, Dec 14	8:00 am	Father David Exner
Thursday, Dec 15	8:00 am	Rosary
Friday, Dec 16	8:00 am	Rosary
Saturday, Dec 17	5:30 pm	For the People
Sunday, Dec 18	8:00 am	†Vita Cano
Sunday, Dec 18	10:30 am	†David Pinal, Sr.

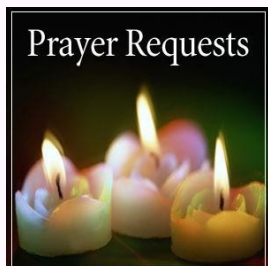


*Continue to Keep in Your Prayers
and Hearts those on our Healing*



Mary Avalos
Kelly Barker
Jan Barranco
Sharon Toovey Cox
Joyce Drexler
Jim Easterling
Bob Ferrier
Austin Foyle
Carmen Garcia-Viramontes
Gene Fisher
Jim Hill
June Hill
Carmen Holt

Jason Laccone
Jacqueline Meyer
Marcia Samuels
Joan Smith
Kailyn & Charis Whaley

**Deployed Military**

Meagan Abad, LT
Matthew D. Fuller, PV2
William W. Fuller II, PFC
Edward R.M. Lopez, SSgt
Rebekah Meyer, BM3(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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Please Take Note Please join us in a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, **December 12**. This is not a day of obligation but commemorates the appearance of Mary to the Mexican peasant Juan Diego in 1531.



Knights of Columbus Attention fellow Knights: Our monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, **December 13**, at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.



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



Morning Weekday Mass Schedule Please make note: There will be no morning Masses on Thursday, **December 15** and Friday, **December 16**. We will however be reciting the rosary and would love to see you there.



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

1st-8th Grade & 9th & 10th Confirmation Formation:

December 18: Regular class

December 25: No class

January 1: No class

January 8: Class resumes

Queen of Angels *Christmas 2022 Mass Schedule*



Christmas Eve Vigil

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

&

8:00 PM: Carols & Adoration

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 25

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



Queen of Angels Giving Tree November 26 – December 28

This year we continue our Giving Tree practice with its home in the back of the church. Take an envelope off the Giving Tree and donate cash for Rancho Nazareth 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
Rancho Nazareth and Villa Anahuac.**

- **Rancho Nazareth:** An orphanage for boys in the outskirts of Tecate that houses approximately 50 boys. The children range in age from 3 to 17 and all leave daily to go to school on buses. The grounds are near a prison and a dump. The buildings are over 35 years old and are very worn down and in need of repair or replacement. Four nuns and two workers run the orphanage.
- **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.

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Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling

Date: Saturday, December 17

Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Place: Planned Parenthood, 1685 East Main St., El Cajon, CA

Bring: Your favorite Christmas attire, images of Our Lady and/or the Baby Jesus, and your joy for the coming of our savior as a babe in the womb!

Background: In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Join us as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it is needed most to one of the darkest places on earth... the abortion facility...here in our own community! Our hope is that the familiar sounds of Christmas will save lives and change hearts!

Babies have been saved from abortion when their mothers were waiting for abortion appointments, and heard pro-lifers singing carols outside. A time also to praise and thank God for the overturning of Roe. v. Wade this year. It is also a sign to the community that Peace on Earth begins with Peace in the Womb!

More Info: Contact hansenpat@msn.com



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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.

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Donated by: _____



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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 12 at 7 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside – Monday, December 19 at 10 AM and 7 PM

St Therese, San Diego – Tuesday, December 13 at 7 PM

Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon – Tuesday, December 20 at 7 PM

Guardian Angels, Santee – Wednesday, December 14 at 7 PM

St Luke, El Cajon – Thursday, December 15 at 7 PM

Guadete Sunday-3rd Sunday of Advent

For about a month I was consistently feeling annoyed by the people around me. A friend challenged me to simply notice my internal judgments against others throughout the day. Quickly I "heard" my internal voice saying things like: "He's so lazy." "She's weak and self-centered." "He's arrogant." "They are so stupid." And so on. To have those thoughts was one thing. But I was choosing them and quietly agreeing with them. They perhaps protected my fragile ego, but it fueled my frustration. My friend invited me to commit to refuse to agree with those judgments, and I felt much more at peace.

The Bible says, "Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged." (James 5:9). That word — "grumble" — beautifully describes what I was doing: quietly judging the inner character of people in my life. Of course, we judge actions and ideas all the time. So we must. But the grumble-judgment is about persons. It is never loving and always isolates and attacks. Happily, we don't have to waste that precious spiritual energy because Jesus alone is the judge of each person.

New year challenge: This week, I challenge you to do what my friend asked me to do: notice your internal judgments about those around you (perhaps also those on tv, social media, etc.), and then to refuse to agree with the judgments. Ask Jesus to help you resist those unloving judgments. It's not easy, but you'll be amazed at the peace that comes when Jesus liberates you from grumble-judgments.

— Father John Muir



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GOSPEL MEDITATION **Guadete Sunday-3rd Sunday of Advent**

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

"Be strong, fear not!" Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life's roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life's unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God's merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God's child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist's message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

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Question:

Is Our Lady of Guadalupe only a cultural devotion?

Answer:

You may be familiar with Our Lady of Guadalupe from devotions in Hispanic communities. There is a rich heritage originating in Mexico, the site of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. But Mary is for all of us! Our Lady of Guadalupe is, in fact, named the patroness of all the Americas, from the Chilean Patagonian mountains to the Arctic islands of Canada. After Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego as a young, mestizo woman, conversions to Catholicism began to grow exponentially throughout Latin America. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been meaningful to the Mexican people, and her image and devotions have been incorporated as broader symbols of culture.

This apparition inspires across lines of nationality and culture. Juan Diego, recipient of the apparition, was a poor laborer. The famous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear on silk or stone, but on the simple, natural woven fibers of Juan Diego's tunic. The apparition affirms the dignity of the poor and shows striking solidarity. Mary appeared as the people appeared. In the apparition, Mary is indeed radiant, with the sun behind her and a cloak of stars around her. But her dress is simple, and she is pregnant. This apparition also reminds us of the sanctity of life and the need for life's protection at all stages. Mary's moving words to Juan Diego are words for us all: "Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?"

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