# QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

# THE MESSENGER

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Office: 619.445.2145

#### Website

www.queenofangels.org

#### **Holy Sacrifice of The Mass**

**Saturday**: 5:30 pm **Sunday**: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

#### <u>Daily Mass</u>

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

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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



#### 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

## READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 17-25, 2022

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

Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-

17/Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday**: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday**: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/

Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/

Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday**: Christmas Eve Vigil: Is 9:1-6/ Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Next Sunday**: Christmas: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-

4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

<u>DATE</u>		<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
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.
Monday,	Dec 19	7:30 am	Rosary
Tuesday,	Dec 20	8:00 am	Connor Zdunich
Wednesday,	Dec 21	8:00 am	†Peggy Rusch
Thursday,	Dec 22	8:00 am	†Peggy Rusch
Friday,	Dec 23	8:00 am	Rob Osorio
Saturday,	Dec 24	4:00 pm	†Andrew Tompkins
Saturday,	Dec 24	7:00 pm	For Our Parish Family
Sunday,	Dec 25	8:00 am	The Blankenship Family
Sunday,	Dec 25	10:30 am	†Al Florance



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



Mary Avalos Kelly Barker Jan Barranco Sharon Toovey Cox Joyce Drexler Jim Easterling Bob Ferrier Austin Foyle Carmen Garcia-Viramontes Jim Hill June Hill Carmen Holt Jason Laccone Jacqueline Meyer Marcia Samuels Joan Smith Kailyn & Charis Whaley



Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting

Darlene Ames at bulletin@queenofangels.org.

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.



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!

CHRISTmas Vacation

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

Mass Times for Travelers Traveling this Christmas Season? As Rev. Patrick Keyes, CSSR, writes "We're never on vacation from our faith. If you plan where you'll at-

tend Mass just as you do the rest of your trip, you may discover a historic church, a widely recognized choir, or an award-winning homilist. But no matter where you go to Mass, you'll find Jesus, waiting to nourish you with his Word and feed you with his Body and Blood." MassTimes.org has listings for Catholic churches in the United States and around the world. To find Mass in the area where you are traveling, go to their website at MassTimes.org or call 858.207.6277.

#### Spiritual Rosary Books

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, 9 am-2 pm for \$15.00 each.

Plan ahead; these make unique, inexpensive and useful Christmas gift for family and friends.



# Queen of Angels Giving Tree November 26 – December 28

Remember to take an envelope off the Giving Tree and donate for Rancho Nazareth.

Villa Anahuac, 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.



# 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



The Woman's Auxiliary has good news to report: "We are happy to announce that this year's Bake Sale profited a whopping \$889.55!!

This way exceeds all of our expectations! THANK YOU once again for your generosity, we couldn't have done it without all of the support from you, our fabulous parishioners.



#### **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 perhaps 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 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 lesse (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 since we will be celebrating Christ's birth that same night. 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





# 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:

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

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

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent 2022**

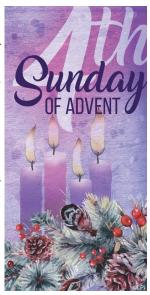
A seminary professor of mine once said, "Don't confuse enthusiasm for a virtue with the virtue itself." How easy it's been in my life as a priest to talk about the greatest of virtues — love — and totally fail to live up to its concrete demands!

Fortunately, our religion is not mainly about ideas or virtues but about persons. The angel of the Lord says to Joseph, "**Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit**" (Mt.1:20). We don't know exactly why Joseph was scared to receive Mary and therefore Jesus. We do know the solution: take Mary home. It's so concrete. Look at her. Listen to her. Talk to her. Protect her. Help her. Laugh with her. Eat with her. Rest with her. Christianity begins here for Joseph, so it must with us, too.

**New Year Challenge**: This week I challenge you to choose a concrete way to "take Mary into your home." Praying a weekly or daily Rosary is a proven way. Perhaps for you it's making a little shrine with a statue or image. Maybe it's praying a weekly Litany of Our Lady on Saturday night. Whatever it is, make sure it is a concrete action and do it. She will be there. Soon her virtues will follow, especially love.

— Father John Muir

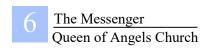
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#### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT







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

#### In Memory of:

Joan Hoffman

Zeke & Peggy Easterling

Al Florance

Edmund & Carmen Cordova

Cleofas (Grandma) & Pearl (Nina)

Auntie Cella & Auntie Lily

Bob & Peggy Ames

Diane Ames

### Donated by:

Jim& Peggy Easterling

Jim& Peggy Easterling

Connie & Loving Family

Connie & Loving Family

Darlene Ames

Darlene Ames

Terry & Darlene Ames

Terry & Darlene Ames

