

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!

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

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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**November 19/20, 2022**

Envelopes Used 70

Envelope Collections \$ 4,106.00

Plate Collections \$ 406.00

TOTAL \$ 4,512.00

November 26/27, 2022

Envelopes Used 67

Envelope Collections \$ 3,070.00

Plate Collections \$ 400.25

TOTAL \$ 3,470.25

**READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 3-11, 2022**

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12,
13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday, Dec 3	9:00 am	Melissa Yelvington
Saturday, Dec 3	5:30 pm	For the People
Sunday, Dec 4	8:00 am	Nancy & Jenni Clark
Sunday, Dec 4	10:30 am	†Jim Archer
Monday, Dec 5	7:30 am	Rosary
Tuesday, Dec 6	8:00 am	Melissa Yelvington
Wednesday, Dec 7	8:00 am	
Thursday, Dec 8	8:00 am	Carmen Garcia-Viramontes
Thursday, Dec 8	6:00 pm	
Friday, Dec 9	8:00 am	
Saturday, Dec 10	5:30 pm	†Olga Kennon
Sunday, Dec 11	8:00 am	For the People
Sunday, Dec 11	10:30 am	†Edwin Piontek, Jr.

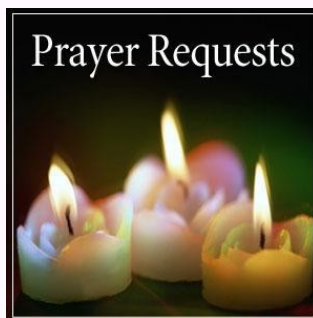


*Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on
our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.*



Mary Avalos
Kelly Barker
Jan Barranco
Sharon Toovey Cox
Joyce Drexler
Jim Easterling
Bobb Ferrier
Austin Foyle
Carmen Garcia-Viramontes
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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monthly Tecate & ECPCC Collection—Please leave your donations after all the Masses this weekend, **December 3-4**, 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 Thursday, **December 8**, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin and **IS** a Holy Day of Obligation. Join us as we celebrate Mass at 8:00 AM and 6:00 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, 9AM-2PM. Unfortunately we no longer have the capacity to store these photos and would like to return them to you.

Holy Hearts Homeschool Co-Op

PRESENTS

"THE LITTLEST ANGEL"

(Runtime approximately 30 minutes)

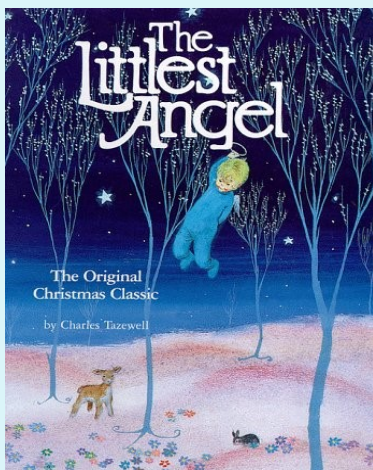
Friday, December 9th & Saturday, December 10th

At 7PM in the Parish Hall

Admission is **FREE!**

"His halo is always crooked, his voice is off key, and he isn't able to fly! Heaven's newest angel is having a hard time learning the ropes."

Come support our Homeschool with family and fellow parishioners while enjoying this lighthearted and beautiful production. This will be the first production for our new homeschool Co-Op here at Queen of Angels



(There will be a Snack Bar to purchase treats to enjoy during and after the performance)

Queen of Angels Women's Auxiliary



THIS WEEKEND, December 3-4, 2022
after all Masses

*All proceeds will support and benefit our diocese's
Seminarians and other Auxiliary projects.*

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 the 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 the
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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Friends,

As we get into the swing of Advent, and especially as we hear the words of St. John the Baptist – “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” – we are reminded that the mission of Jesus is **mercy**. The reason the Son came to earth was to die for our sins and reconcile us to God, and to show us the love of the Father as all of creation is recapitulated under the headship of Christ. But it would not be a terrible stretch to say that you can sum up all of that in one beautiful and sublime word: **MERCY**.

So I would like to take the time to remind everyone of our upcoming **Advent Penance Service this Tuesday (06 December) at 7 PM**. The full list of the local penance services this Advent can be found in the bulletin as well, but in case you need an extra friendly nudge to go to confession, consider this my gentle reminder to you that confession is a place of freedom, and that we should never fear availing ourselves to the mercy of Jesus Christ.

If I may be permitted, I would like to briefly share about my experience on the other side of the confessional as I try to convince all of you to make time for reconciliation this Advent. I think I have said this before, but I can no more remember what people say in confession than I can remember what was in the trash when I took it out last week. That's all sin is at the end of the day: so much trash. It's trash, and boring trash at that. In fact, something that I realized by about the 3rd or 4th confession that I ever heard is that all sin is *really* boring. But you know what is exciting and amazing? God's grace! I almost never remember any of the specific sins that people bring to the confessional, but I frequently remember the times I get to witness Christ's mercy break through in someone's heart and bring healing to someone who thought that they were beyond saving. *That* is beautiful and memorable.

I'm sure at least a couple of you noticed that in the previous paragraph I wrote that I *almost* never remember specific sins, and perhaps that made you pause or even double down on your intention to never darken the inside of a confessional. But here's why even that little qualifier should prove helpful... I said that I almost never remember specific sins because there are only about 4 or 5 *individual sins* that I can remember people saying in reconciliation – from the probably over 10,000 confessions that I have heard. And in at least one case I remember the sin because it was something that I realized that I had done many times but had never thought to confess myself. In the other cases, if I happened to remember it if/when I ran into the person again (which is even more rare), it just made me love the person more, because it was a reminder to me of how much God loves us, and how freely he forgives us.

By the way, in answer to the great unspoken question, no, Padre does not think less of you because of the sins you confess, nor does he hold it against you, nor can you scandalize him with your sin, even if you try. Before I hit six months ordained, I had already heard every single one of the 10 Commandments at least once, so there was nothing that anyone could say that I hadn't already heard or that would scandalize me at that point. And that was after less than six months! Here's a great way to wrap this up: what was the biggest difference between Simon Peter and Judas after the Last Supper? Both of them, after all, committed the grave sin of apostasy, either by denying Christ or betraying him outright. But while Judas despaired of God's mercy and hung himself, Peter knew that God would forgive him, so he went back, and as a result Jesus found him again, first on Easter Sunday, and then again by the Sea of Galilee. It should go without saying which apostle we ought to imitate in our own lives. So as we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus this Christmas, I invite you to also make time this Advent to cooperate with Christ's mission of mercy by going to confession to encounter his love face to face.

Always in Need of Mercy,

*Fr. David**Prepare the Way of the Lord by Preparing Your Heart*

Queen of Angels Advent Confession:
*Tuesday, **December 6, 2022** at 7:00 PM*

Please note: This is in addition to the regular confession times;

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

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♪♪ 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...Planned Parenthood. As you know there can never be peace in the world, until there is peace in the womb!

When: Saturday December 17th, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: Planned Parenthood - 1685 E. Main El Cajon

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

Be a part of bringing hope, joy, and light, to one of the darkest places on earth, in the hopes of saving lives and changing hearts!

More Information: Contact hansenpat@msn.com



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: _____

The names will be listed in memoriam at Christmas time.

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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:

Holy Trinity, El Cajon – Monday, December 5 at 7 PM

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

Queen of Angels, Alpine – Tuesday, December 6 at 7 PM

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

Santa Sophia, Spring Valley – Tuesday, December 6 at 7 PM

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

St Kateri Tekawitha, Lakeside/Barona – Tuesday, December 6 at 7 PM

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

St John of the Cross, Lemon Grove – Friday, December 9 at 7 PM

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

St Martin of Tours, La Mesa – Monday, December 12 at 7 PM

Second Sunday of Advent 2022

For six years I lived with a priest from Iraq. His hospitality was amazing. Every single morning, he would greet me with gracious words and a friendly tone. "Father, good morning! It's good to see you, my friend!" He never stopped doing it, even though we lived in the same house for years. It was remarkable, and I never forgot it.

It's not easy to welcome those we live with, is it? Familiarity, grudges, resentments, fatigue, and distractions gunk up our daily interactions. Saint Paul says in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." How has Christ welcomed us? With mercy, tenderness, joy, and above all, love ... not because we deserve it, but "for the glory of God."

New year challenge: This morning, how did you greet the first three persons you encountered? If you're like me, it was a bit routine, token, and love-less. I invite you this week to increase the love with which you greet people — especially if you see them every day. Instead of saying, "Hey" try "Good morning, beautiful." Instead of "Hi" try "It's really good to see you, how are you?" and so on. Above all, greet them with love. That's how the Lord welcomes us.

— Father John Muir

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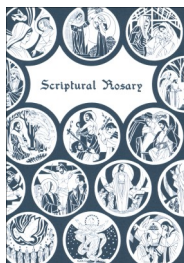
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Spiritual Rosary Books

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.



Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations

A gift of your securities, including stocks, mutual funds and IRA Charitable Rollover Distributions are an easy way to make a gift to the church! By making a gift of your appreciated securities or retirement account, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that may otherwise be due if you sold these assets. Contributions are deductible for tax purposes. There are no transaction fees or other costs and the full value of the sold securities benefits the parish, school or other Catholic charities you select. For more info on making a gift, please visit www.sdcatholic.org and click on Giving – Stock Donations at the top of the screen. Or call Thomasina Sanchez at Merrill Lynch, the Diocese's broker, at (760) 930-3122.

HOW IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MEANINGFUL IN THE LIVES OF CATHOLICS TODAY?

THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PLACES OUR LADY BEFORE THE FAITHFUL AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT GOD CAN DO AND WHAT WE CAN DO, IF LIKE MARY, WE PUT OURSELVES IN GOD'S HANDS AND AT GOD'S SERVICE, ALWAYS OPEN TO WHAT GOD ASKS AND ALWAYS SEEKING TO FULFILL GOD'S WILL.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ALSO ENCOURAGES US TO DO OUR BEST TO REMAIN FREE FROM SIN. ALTHOUGH WE ARE ALL BORN WITH ORIGINAL SIN AND THROUGH THE GRACE OF BAPTISM ARE FREED FROM SIN, IN THE COURSE OF OUR LIFE, BECAUSE OF HUMAN WEAKNESS, WE FAIL AND COMMIT SIN. THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION REMINDS US THAT IF WE COOPERATE WITH GOD'S GRACE, AS DID THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, WE CAN LEAD A LIFE AS FREE FROM SIN AS IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE.



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT