# 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

# Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 am

#### Rosary

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am



Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

# 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

Church is Handicapped Accessible

#### 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.

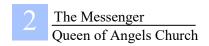
If you're worried about an unplanned pregnancy, you may be experiencing a personal crisis full of concerns about your future. Pregnancy Care Clinic can assist you. www.unplannedparenthood.org, 619.442.4357

#### 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

### March 6, 2022

Envelopes Used 108 Envelope Collections \$4,751.00 Plate Collections \$ 843.00 \$ 2,719.00 Ash Wednesday **TOTAL** \$8,313.00

#### **ONLINE GIVING:**

February \$ 6,050.00 The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal "Living Our Mission", has begun.

Queen of Angels assessment for 2022 is \$30,000.

This is your opportunity to make possible the work that affects so many in our diocese: assistance to the poor, education of those who attend Catholic school, formation of new priests and care for our retired priests, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults, and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned.

We ask you to prayerfully consider how much you can give to this year's appeal. Your continued generosity in support of our local Church is vital to the mission of the Universal Catholic Church.

GOAL: \$ 30,000.00 PLEDGED: \$ 3,630.00 BALANCE: \$ 26,370.00

# READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 12-20, 2022

**Sunday**: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-

**Tuesday**: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday**: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday**: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk

16:19-31

**Friday**: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 **Saturday**: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Next Sunday**: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

DATE		<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Saturday,	Mar 12	5:30 pm	Giannah Thrower
Sunday,	Mar 13	8:00 pm	†Wayne Comfort
Sunday,	Mar 13	10:30 am	†Jim Archer
Monday,	Mar 14	7:30 am	Rosary
Tuesday,	Mar 15	8:00 am	Darlene Cooper
Wednesday	Mar 16	8:00 am	Charles Brealey
Thursday, <sup>'</sup>	Mar 17	8:00 am	Bill Clague
Friday,	Mar 18	8:00 am	Bill Gray
Saturday,	Mar 19	5:30 pm	Veronica Burke
Sunday,	Mar 20	8:00 pm	Veronica Burke
Sunday,	Mar 20	10:30 am	For the People

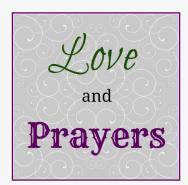


Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.



# **Prayer Requests**

Vita Cano Yvonne Harris Carmen Holt Jerry Price Gil Sanchez Joan Smith Anne-Marie Sommese Robert Craig Wiederkehr Kailyn & Charis Whaley Jestin Zacharias



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 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.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



<u>Thank You</u> A big THANK YOU to the Tuesday Night Bible Study for hosting and suppling the delicious soups at our Soup Supper on March 4. We are truly blessed!



**SPRING FORWARD** Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour this weekend, **March 12-13**.

Soup Supper Please join fellow Queen of Angels parishioners on Friday, March 18 after 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross for our Lenten Soup Supper sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary.



<u>Friendly Reminder</u> On Saturday, March 25 in observance of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Adoration will be held at 8AM followed by a special Mass at 9:00 AM. Please consider attending.

We Need Your Help Any knowledgeable electric minded parishioners out there? If so, Queen of Angels could use your assistance. There are a few minor electrical issues here on the church property that need expertise beyond swapping out an old light bulb. If you can assist in this matter please contact Pamela in the office during normal business hours.



<u>Baptisms</u> We congratulate the newest member of our parish. *Alexander Puhl*, son of Charles Puhl & Cassandra Gianos was baptized on Thursday, March 3, 2022. We lovingly welcome him into our Queen of Angels Faith Community!



# <u>Communal Penance Services in neighboring Parishes:</u>

Parish	Date	Time
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,		9:00
Lakeside	15-Mar	AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help,		7:00
Lakeside	15-Mar	PM
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,		7:00
Lakeside/Barona	15-Mar	PM
St. John of the Cross,		7:00
Lemon Grove	16-Mar	PM
		7:00
St. Luke, El Cajon	17-Mar	PM
		7:00
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	21-Mar	PM
		7:00
Guardian Angels, Santee	29-Mar	PM
		7:00
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	30-Mar	PM
		7:00
St. Pius X, Jamul	31-Mar	PM
		7:00
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	4-Apr	PM
		7:00
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon	5-Apr	PM

# Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent

at 6:30 PM in the Church (MARCH 18. APRIL 1 & 8)

Followed by a <u>Soup Supper Meal</u> at **7:00 PM** in the parish hall Hosted by various parish ministries

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday in Lent
following the
8:00 AM morning Mass until 9:30 AM
First Friday DevotionsFriday, APRIL 1 AT 10:30 AM

#### First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, APRIL 2 Rosary at 8:30 AM, Mass at 9:00 AM



# Solemnity of St. Joseph

Saturday, MARCH 19

Adoration~8:00 AM, Mass~9:00 AM

## Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Friday, MARCH 25

Mass~8:00 AM & 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross-6:30 PM

Followed by a <u>Solemnity Celebration Meal</u> at **7:00 PM** in the hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

More information to follow.

#### Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday: 7:15-7:45 AM Saturday: 4:00-5:00 PM, or by appointment

Lenten Prayer materials will be available in the church multi-purpose room. Friday are Days of Abstinence. (Fasting is not obligatory)

# **PASTOR'S PAGE**

Brothers and Sisters,

Recently I had a wonderful conversation with a friend about the saints. She shared that she had started reading from a book that shared a little information on the life of the saint for that day, and provided extra resources if you wanted to learn more. And it made me think about the friendship that we are invited to have with the saints. And I think the word *friendship* here is essential, because if someone writes a book I can learn a lot about their thoughts or worldview by reading it, but I can only really get to know the person when I spend time with *them*. As we read in Scripture, "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1a) who have all gone before us and are cheering us on as we race towards heaven! And it's good for us to remember that these witnesses are our older brothers and sisters in the faith, and that they want to be our friends as well.

A personal example, if I may. I have read very little of Saint Catherine of Siena's writings, even though she is a Doctor of the Church and one of the most important and influential saints in the Church's history, and even though she wrote a great deal on mystical theology, a favorite subject of mine! But when I was began studying theology in Rome, every weekday for 18 months I walked past the church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva where her body is buried (her head is in Siena, and her foot and three fingers are in Venice, because relics). And every weekday for 18 months I would stop inside and pray by the tabernacle for 15 minutes or so before continuing on to the university where my classes were held. It was an extremely challenging time in my life for a variety of reasons, and almost from day one I reached out to Saint Catherine of Siena and asked her to pray for me when I would visit our Lord. And a funny thing happened: without any sort of wild, mystical experience in prayer, and without any momentous change in me that I noticed, we started becoming friends. It's the only way I can describe it. Every day we would pray together, me usually feeling sorry for myself, and her simply being a good friend when I needed one, reminding me to just persevere and stay focused on Jesus. It wasn't long before I found myself referring to her on a first name basis, "Cat," and dropping the formalities, since those don't exist between friends. She helped me, encouraged me, and most of all prayed for me and with me during a difficult time in my life, and was a true friend and sister in Christ when I desperately needed one. I'll never forget that, or her. Even after I transferred to a different university, I would take the long way to school a couple times each month so I could stop by and say hello before class. Cat and I are still good friends, even though I keep putting off reading most of her stuff. Perhaps that can be one of my Lenten observances next year; after all, I'm well past overdue at this point. But she's been very patient with me when it comes to that, probably because our friendship has never been based on what she wrote, but rather the time we spend together in prayer.

Now, what I am *not* saying is that we should never read the works or writings of the saints – far from it! We will grow tremendously in our knowledge of and devotion to Christ the more we learn how to see him through the eyes of those who have been his friends longer than ourselves. But I encourage you to not limit your interaction with the saints to merely reading about them, or even reading what they wrote. Get to know *them*, pray with *them*, and let them pray for you and with you. Think of it this way... when we are young, we go over to our friend's house and ask to play. We do not first ask them to tell us their life story or to explain their outlook on life. We simply jump into the messy but incredibly fun business of getting to know them the very best way possible: by spending time with them. The rest follows naturally, in God's good time. So my encouragement to you is to spend time getting to know the saints as *friends*, because that is what they are, and it is how we will know them for all eternity. We may as well get started now.



In Friendship with You and All the Saints,

Fr. David

# Queen of Angels Church

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Queen of Angels is having a TOWN HALL MEETING/SYNOD today March 13, 2022. This is how we will be participating in the Diocesan Synod, which is itself an extension of the synod for the Universal Church. Anyone high school age and up is welcome to attend and give their input: good, bad, or ugly. Whether focused on the Parochial, Diocesan, or Universal Church level, we want every voice to be heard.

As Bishop McElroy explained to the priests back in October, the ultimate purpose of this synod is to listen to the people of God so that the Church can better fulfill her mission of evangelization and healing, in the small ways and the big.

Please take the time to join us on in the Parish Hall. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.



# Do You Hear the Call?

Attendance at Masses are growing as we return back to some normalcy.

And with that comes the need for more

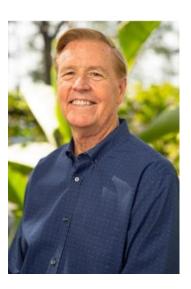
Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Lectors and Ushers.

These volunteer positions are a vital and integral part of celebrating Mass and are not only necessary but rewarding as well.

If you feel the call, and want to consider helping with any of these positions please contact Enriqueta in the parish office at 619.445.2145. We will work with your availability to serve at the Mass which you now attend.



Father of mercies and God
of all consolation,
you pursue us with untiring
love and dispel the shadow
of death with the bright
dawn of life.
We pray for Wayne
in baptism where you called
him to eternal life to
praise you forever.
May you bring him to everlasting
peace and rest.



We wish to inform you of the death of Wayne Michael Comfort on February 24, 2022. Wayne was born on June 12, 1951. Wayne loved the Lord with all his heart. He spent a lot of time with God, going to Mass, hosting Mass in his home, reading the bible and praying for all those he knew and loved. He was a good and faithful servant through and through.

The Funeral Mass for Wayne will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19 at 10 AM at St. Vincent Catholic Church. Celebration of Life will follow at 4 PM at Venue 808, San Diego.

Please keep Wayne, his family and friends in your prayers.

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~Please Consider Helping~ March 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>

Covering prayer shifts from 7:00am – 7:00pm every day for 40 Days

Please join us for <u>at least one hour</u> in peaceful pray to end abortion in the public right-of-way outside
Planned Parenthood at 1685 E Main St., El Cajon
(near Greenfield and East Main Street next to McDonalds)

Please contact Pat Hansen at 619-445-3822 ASAP to schedule your prayer time.

elcajon40days@hotmail.com www.40daysforlife.com/elcajon

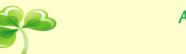
Dear St. Patrick.

In your humility you called yourself a sinner, but you became a most successful missionary and prompted countless pagans to follow the Savior.

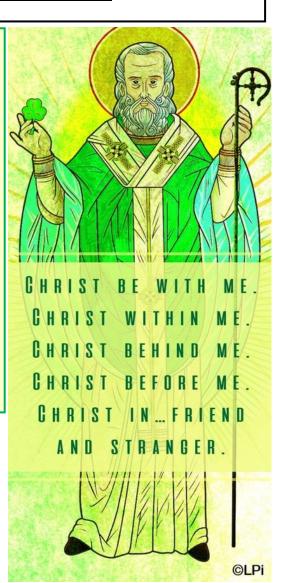
Many of their descendants in turn spread the Good News in numerous foreign lands.

Through your powerful intercession with God, obtain the missionaries we need to continue the work you began.









# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Gospel Meditation 2nd Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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