

# THE MESSENGER

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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

<u>Confession</u>

Tuesday-Friday: 7:15-7:45 am, Saturday: 4:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment

> Baptism Contact Fr. David

Clergy

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<u>The Mission of Queen of Angels Church is to:</u> 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 13, 2022

Envelopes Used	68
Envelope Collections	\$ 3,927.02
Plate Collections	\$ 411.30
TOTAL	\$ 4,338.32

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: \$ 5,130.00 BALANCE: \$ 24,870.00

# READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 19-27, 2022

<b>Sunday</b> : 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	DATI	<u>E</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/	Saturday,	Mar 19	5:30 pm	Veronica Burke
Lk 4:24-30	Sunday,	Mar 20	8:00 pm	Veronica Burke
<b>Tuesday</b> : Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5, 6 and 7, 8-9/	Sunday,	Mar 20	10:30 am	For the People
Mt 18:21-35 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16,	Monday,	Mar 21	7:30 am	Rosary
19-20/Mt 5:17-19	Tuesday,	Mar 22	8:00 am	Anne-Marie Sommese
<b>Thursday</b> : Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/	Wednesday	Mar 23	8:00 am	Veronica Burke
Lk 11:14-23	Thursday,	Mar 24	8:00 am	LouAnn Yelvington
Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8-9, 10, 11/	Friday,	Mar 25	8:00 am	+Wayne Comfort
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38	Saturday,	Mar 26	5:30 pm	For the People
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21/	Sunday,	Mar 27	8:00 pm	Rachel & David Poe
Lk 18:9-14	Sunday,	Mar 27	10:30 am	
<b>Next Sunday</b> : Jos 5:9, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 9/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32				



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



Deployed Military Meagan Abad, LT

Matthew D. Fuller, PV2

William W. Fuller II, PFC

Rebekah Meyer, BM3 (sw)

Jacob Tweed, HM3

Mattison Underhill, USN

### Prayer Requests

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

Love and Prayers

Pray For Our Troops Please keep all our Men and Women serving in the military

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

in your prayers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Staff for all you do and for hosting a delicious and yummy Soup Supper on March 11.

Electrician Needed 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.

### **Communal Penance Services in** neighboring Parishes:

Parish	Date	Time
		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

Thank You THANK YOU Queen of Angels Office Please Keep in Your Prayers Queen of Angels wishes to inform you of the passing of Madelyn Bell Tompkin, father of parishioners Paul Tompkin and Diana. May the Lord bring Madelyn to everlasting peace and rest. Please keep Madelyn, her family and friends in your prayers.



### Queen of Angels Knights of Columbus Cordially invite you to a Special

# **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** CELEBRATION MEAL

March 25, 2022 At 7 PM in the Parish Hall after Stations of the Cross

Enjoy a lip smacking meal of Pulled Pork Sandwiches with all the Fixins, Dessert and Drinks all lovingly prepared by our Knights.

(donations accepted)

### Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday in Lent** 

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

Followed by a Soup Supper Meal 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 Devotions-Friday, 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 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 Solemnity of the Annunciation Celebration Meal at 7:00 PM in the hall hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

> 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

#### Friends,

One of the things to consider as we continue on through Lent are the many positive side effects of fasting – and no, I don't mean the physical benefits that you hear about in health magazines, although I don't doubt that those are pretty amazing too. No, I am referring to what we receive spiritually when we are willing to sacrifice for the Lord.

The most basic and obvious thing we gain is the blessing we receive every time we obey God. As every parent knows well, there are few things that bring them more joy than when their children are obedient, because obedience is the truest mark that their children are listening to them and understand that they are loved. So we gain tremendous blessing simply by obeying God when His Church instructs us to fast.

We also are allowed to share in the sufferings of Christ by being in solidarity with these, the least of His brothers. We forget sometimes just how blessed we are, and when we willingly say 'no' and forgo bodily pleasures that others don't have the option to say 'yes' to, we are not merely suffering alongside our brothers and sisters (albeit, from a distance), we are giving consolation to the heart of Jesus, which is always suffering with those who are themselves suffering.

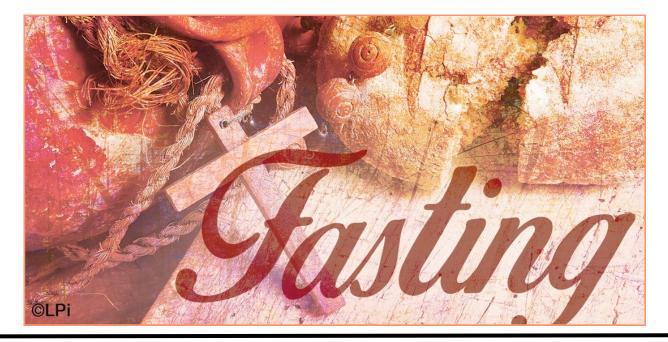
And speaking of 'yes' and 'no,' another incredible benefit of fasting is that we get to exercise our spiritual 'no' muscles. The analogy of a gym can be helpful here. A running joke among many gym rats is to "never skip leg day." In other words, don't forget to work out all of your muscle groups, so they don't atrophy. And when we fast, we are practicing saying 'no' to ourselves, which means when we face temptation, our ability to say 'no' is stronger. And we could all do with less sin in our lives.

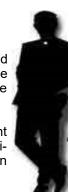
But there's another beautiful blessing we receive when we fast, that is linked to the first blessing, but is different. We learn that we can trust God more and deeper than we were before. This is the other side of the obedience coin from earlier: on one side, we bring joy to the heart of the Father because of our obedience and he blesses us as a result; on the other side, we learn how to trust in His love for us even more. Do I truly believe that God is enough for me? Fasting can remind me – or perhaps teach me – that He is.

The last one for today is that fasting strengthens our prayer. It has been said that praying without fasting is like fighting with one hand tied behind your back. But we can talk more about that next week, when we consider the Lenten observance of prayer in greater detail.

With you in the Wilderness,

Fr. David





The Messenger

Queen of Angels Church

# ANNOUNCEMENTS If you would like to donate a "Spring Floral Bouquet" for Easter in memory of a family member or a friend, please complete the following form and return it to the parish office or put it in the collection basket. All donations will be used for an assortment of Spring flowers and decorations for the church during Easter and the Easter Season. (Please use one form per donation.) *The suggested donation for each intention is \$15.00.* In memory of: Donated by: If you would like to donate a "Spring Floral Bouquet" for Easter in memory of a family member or a friend, please complete the following form and return it to the parish office or put it in the collection basket. All donations will be used for an assortment of Spring flowers and decorations for the church during Easter and the Easter Season. (Please use one form per donation.) *The suggested donation for each intention is \$15.00.* In memory of: Donated by: If you would like to donate a "Spring Floral Bouquet" for Easter in memory of a family member or a friend, please complete the following form and return it to the parish office or put it in the collection basket. All donations will be used for an assortment of Spring flowers and decorations for the church during Easter and the Easter Season. (Please use one form per donation.) The suggested donation for each intention is \$15.00. In memory of: Donated by: **MINISTRIES MINISTRIES** 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 the parish office at 619.445.2145. We will work with your availability to serve at the Mass which you now attend.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



~Please Consider Helping~ March 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup> Covering prayer shifts <u>from 7:00am – 7:00pm every day for 40 Days</u>

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

## Lenten Soup Supper

If you haven't had the opportunity to join in on one of our Soup Suppers there still is plenty of time to do so. Come enjoy a variety of delicious homemade soups, bread and dessert hosted by various Parish Ministries with fellow Queen of Angels parishioners. Soup Supper is served on Fridays during Lent at 7PM.

Why not make it an evening and attend Stations of the Cross at the 6:30 PM. There's nothing better than a full heart and full tummy! Hope to see you this Friday. (Donations accepted)



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# STOKING THE LENTEN FIRE

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit

low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible? —*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* 

### WHY DO PRIESTS WEAR VESTMENTS? DO THEY HAVE A SPECIAL MEANING?

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the sa me, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

