

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to Noon

Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

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

Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 am

Rosary

Monday-Friday: 7:30 am



Mary, Queen of Angels, pray for us!

Confession

Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 am,
Saturday: 4:00 pm,
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

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

First Friday Devotions

Adoration/Confession: 10:00 am
Mass: 11:30 am

First Saturday Devotions

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

Baptism, Holy Matrimony & Funerals

Contact Fr. David

Clergy

Rev. David Exner: **Pastor**, frdexnerqofa@gmail.com

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Glenn D'Abreo : **Music Coordinator**, glennqofa@gmail.com

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Parish Email: parishqofa@gmail.com

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 858-0490-8353.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



**STEWARDS OF
GOD'S INFLUENCE**



Time, Talents, Treasure and Testimony

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 9-17, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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

Tuesday: 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

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

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

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 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,
53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
	Saturday, Dec 9	5:30 pm	†Jacqueline Meyer
	Sunday, Dec 10	8:00 am	Phil Avvampato
	Sunday, Dec 10	10:30 am	†Brian Clark
	Monday, Dec 11	7:30 am	Rosary
	Tuesday, Dec 12	8:00 am	The Souls in Purgatory
	Wednesday, Dec 13	8:00 am	†Carmen Rubio
	Thursday, Dec 14	8:00 am	Father David Exner
	Friday, Dec 15	8:00 am	Dana Stoop
	Saturday, Dec 16	5:30 pm	†Neda Jany
	Sunday, Dec 17	8:00 am	†Brian Padilla
	Sunday, Dec 17	10:30 am	†David Pinal, Sr.

Prayer Requests

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



*Kelly Barker
Bill Brundage
Katie Clark
James Figueroa
Bernadette Gross
Mike Gust
Jim Hill
Carmen Holt
Jason Laccone
Steven McMeeken
Jamie Perrin
Becky Rangel
Steve Rodkey*

*Joan Smith
Kailyn & Charis Whaley
Celeste Woestman*

*...may they find joy in
the healing love of Christ.*

Deployed Military


**Meagan Abad, LT
Matthew D. Fuller, PV2
William W. Fuller II, PFC
Edward R.M. Lopez, SSgt
David J. McIntyre, PV2
Rebekah Meyer, BM2(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 bulletinqofa@gmail.com.


*Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting
Darlene Ames at bulletinqofa@gmail.com.*


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OFFICE CLOSED **Please Take Note** Because of scheduling conflicts the parish office will be **CLOSED** on Mondays for the month of December. Please make note of this change and schedule any office visits Tuesdays-Fridays of the week. Thank You.

 **Knights of Columbus** Attention fellow Knights: Our monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, **December 12**, at **6:00 PM** in the parish hall. Please notice the time change. All Knights are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

 **Mark Your Calendars** The parish office will be closed **Monday, December 25, 2023—January 1, 2024**. We will reopen on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**. 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 **Tuesday, December 26 & Wednesday, December 27**. 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:
Faith Formation & Confirmation:
December 17: Regular class
December 24: No class
December 31: No class
January 7: Class resumes

 **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. Books are \$15.00 each. (Plan ahead, these make perfect Christmas gifts).

THANK YOU!!

The Woman's Auxiliary would like to thank all parishioners who participated in this year's Bake Sale whether through supplying the delicious goodies or purchasing them. We couldn't have done it without your support so THANKS again.

Also, please watch for more information regarding the Parish Women's Retreat coming this January.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
2023 MASS SCHEDULE



Christmas Eve Vigil
Saturday, December 24
4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 25
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM
10:00 PM—Adoration
11:30 PM—Vigil Mass





Youth Group Christmas Party


Wednesday, December 13
7 PM in the Parish Hall

All middle school and high school youths are invited. Bring a friend; bring two friends and come spread some holiday cheer with drinks, goodies, fun, music and fellowship.

Any questions or for more information contact
Father David at 619-445-2145.

Prepare the Way of the Lord by Preparing Your Heart
Queen of Angels Advent Confession — *Friday, December 15, 2023* at 7:00 PM

Please note: This is in addition to the regular confession times;
Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 AM, Saturday: 4:00 PM, or by appointment.



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On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, at Juan Diego's request, Mary provided a sign so the local bishop would believe that she actually had appeared. Roses grew out of the cold winter soil, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak to show the bishop what he had found, an image of Our Lady appeared on the fabric. These occurrences led to the conversion of most of Mexico and remain today a strong sign of Our Lady's concern and love for us.

Church-approved Marian apparitions always point to her Son, Jesus. For many of us with a strong Marian devotion, Mary is a pathway into a stronger relationship with our Lord. Her generosity shown to Juan Diego is the same generosity shown to each of us that choose to ask her intercession. Families pray for one another and she is a very prominent member of our family. May the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a sign of warmth for you in the cold of winter and of Advent hope for a Christ Child that has redeemed the world.

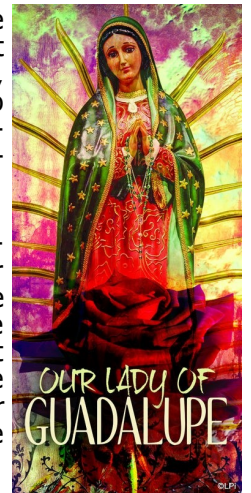
Question:

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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GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

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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 7:30 AM, Sat 4 PM) here at Queen of Angels,

Guardian Angels, Santee – Monday, December 11 at 7 PM

Holy Trinity, El Cajon – Friday, December 15 at 7 PM

St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa – Monday, December 11 at 7 PM

Queen of Angel, Alpine – Friday, December 15 at 7 PM

St. Kateri Tekawitha, Lakeside/Barona – Tuesday, December 12 at 7 PM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside – Monday, December 18 at 10 AM and 7 PM

St. Therese, San Diego – Wednesday, December 14 at 7 PM

Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon – Tuesday, December 19 at 7 PM

St Luke, El Cajon – Thursday, December 14 at 7 PM

Jubilation to Share

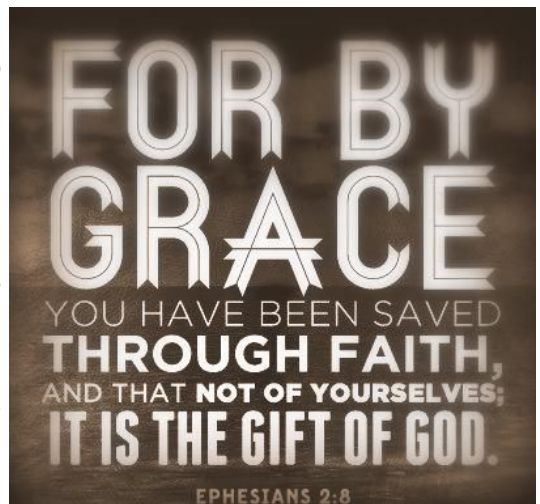
Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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Queen of Angels Giving Tree

December 2-29

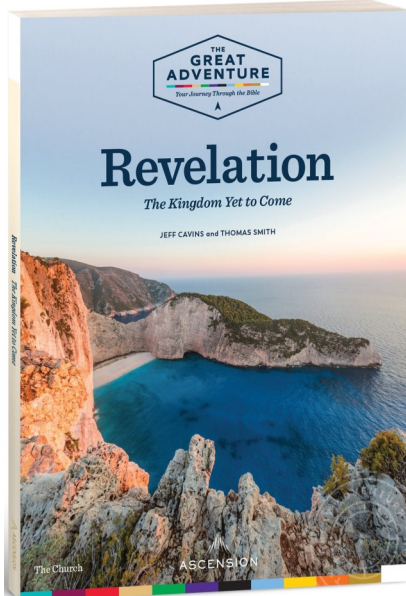


This year we continue our Giving Tree practice with its home in the back of the church. Take an envelope off the Giving Tree and donate cash for the Rancho Nazareth and Villa Anahuac, or monetary donations; cash or checks for Children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and East County Pregnancy Care Center.

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.

**Upcoming Bible Study**

REVELATION, THE KINGDOM YET TO COME

A 10 week course beginning **January 16** from 9am-11am in the Parish Hall

An intriguing eleven-session study program that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Explore the Church's teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.

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Note: (We will be using a video that the Church purchased about 10 years ago so if you buy a new study guide there may be some slight variations)

Advent



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Poinsettia Memoriam



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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