



*The Nativity of the Lord*

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE****Dec 2-3, 2023**

Envelopes Used 89

**TOTAL** \$11,217.02

**Dec 9-10, 2023**

Envelopes Used 62

**TOTAL** \$ 3,821.00

Immaculate Conception \$ 720.00

**READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 23-31, 2023**

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday, Christmas Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**Monday, Christmas Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/n 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/  
Mt 2:13-18

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**DATE****TIME****INTENTION**

Saturday,	Dec 23	5:30 pm	†James Figueroa
Sunday,	Dec 24	8:00 am	†Daniel Barker
Sunday,	Dec 24	10:30 am	†Brian Ford
Sunday,	Dec 24	4:00 pm	†Al Florance
Sunday,	Dec 24	7:00 pm	†Ramon Gonzales
Monday,	Dec 25	9:00 am	Our Parish Family
Monday,	Dec 25	10:30 am	The Holy Family
Tuesday,	Dec 26	7:30 am	Rosary
Wednesday,	Dec 27	7:30 am	Rosary
Thursday,	Dec 28	8:00 am	†Gwen Lee Williams
Friday,	Dec 29	8:00 am	†Austin Adams
Saturday,	Dec 30	5:30 pm	
Sunday,	Dec 31	8:00 am	†Bernadette Gross
Sunday,	Dec 31	10:30 am	Sandra Orsorio

*Prayer Requests*

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



Kelly Barker  
Bill Brundage  
Katie Clark  
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, PFC  
Rebekah Meyer, BM2(sw)  
Nicholas Palstorm, E8  
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](mailto:bulletinqofa@gmail.com).

*Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting Darlene Ames at [bulletinqofa@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinqofa@gmail.com).*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.



**Mark Your Calendars** The parish office will be closed **Monday, December 25, 2023—**

**Monday, 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 at 7:30 AM and would love to see you there.



### CHRISTMAS OCTAVE 2023 MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

**Sunday, December 24:**  
4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

#### Christmas Masses (Nativity of the Lord)

**Monday, December 25:**  
9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

#### Feast of the Holy Family

**Saturday, December 30:**  
Vigil Mass—5:30 PM

**Sunday, December 31:**  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

#### Mary, Mother of God

**Sunday, December 31:**  
10:00 PM—Adoration  
11:30 PM—Vigil Mass  
**Monday, January 1, 2024:**  
9:00 AM



### Faith Formation Schedule

Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas holiday:

#### Faith Formation & Confirmation:

**December 24: No class**  
**December 31: No class**  
**January 7: Class resumes**



**Giving Tree** Remember to take an ornament or envelope off the Giving Tree and donate cash for 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. Final Deadline: Friday, **December 29.** **PLEASE NOTE: We can only accept CASH donations for Rancho Nazareth and Villa Anahuac.**



### Queen of Angels Women's Auxiliary-

**ry** Ladies, our next auxiliary meeting will be **December 27**, at 5:30 PM in the parish hall. See you there!



### Tithes and Offerings

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation and your financial support of Queen of Angels Church. In order for any monies to be applied to the 2023 calendar year, they must be in the parish office no later than **December 31.** Please note the parish office will be closed December 25, 2023-January 1, 2024 so any contributions made during that time need to be mailed or dropped in the Mass donation baskets. Thank You.



**IT IS THE NIGHT OF OUR  
DEAR SAVIOR'S BIRTH.  
MAY YOUR HEARTS BE FILLED  
WITH WONDER THROUGHOUT  
THE CHRISTMAS SEASON  
AND ALL OF 2024.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM  
QUEEN OF ANGELS' STAFF  
& VOLUNTEERS.**



### QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Website: www.queenofangels.org

### 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

### 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 Devotions

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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Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord Jesus this year, I would like to simply say, Merry Christmas. I hope and pray that the love, joy, and peace of Christ the Lord fills your hearts and enlivens your families now and always.

"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Lk 2:11)

Merry Christmas!

With great joy,

*Fr. David*

### 4th Sunday in Advent

Lk 1:26-38

During this time of Advent our hearts are being enkindled with the desire to welcome the Lord who is coming to us. Just a few days are left before celebrating Christmas. We are contemplating now the events that preceded the birth of Jesus. And today specifically the Church's liturgy invites us to meditate on the Annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary about her role in God's plans for the history of salvation.

Saint Josemaria liked to enter into this scene, as with all the Gospel passages, as though he were another person taking part in it: "Don't forget, my friend, that we are children. The Lady of the sweet name, Mary, is withdrawn in prayer. You, in that house, are whatever you want to be: a friend, a servant, an onlooker, a neighbour... I, at this moment, don't dare to be anything. I hide behind you and, full of awe, I contemplate the scene..."

In the original Greek, the angel Gabriel addresses Mary with the words: *Jaire, kejaritoméne!* The term *jaire*, although often translated as "hail," is a greeting whose literal meaning is "rejoice." For whenever God is close, a serene joy fills the soul. "The word reappears during the Holy Night," Benedict XVI points out, "on the lips of the angel who says to the shepherds: 'I bring you good news of a great joy' (Lk 2:10). It appears again—in John's Gospel—at the encounter with the risen Lord: 'The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord' (Jn 20:20). Jesus' farewell discourses in Saint John's Gospel present a theology of joy, which as it were illuminates the depth of this word. 'I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you' (Jn 16:22)."

The word *jaire* is related in Greek to *jaris*, which means grace. The term *kejaritoméne*, often translated as "full of grace," means literally that Mary "has been abundantly the object of grace" (v. 28). God has chosen Mary to be the Mother of his Son made man, and therefore, in light of Christ's merits, she has been preserved from original sin from the moment of her own conception.

The angel announces to Mary that she will conceive and give birth to a Son, who will bear the name of Jesus (which is to say, Saviour). He will be the promised Messiah, who will receive the "throne of David," as the "Son of the Most High," of the true God.

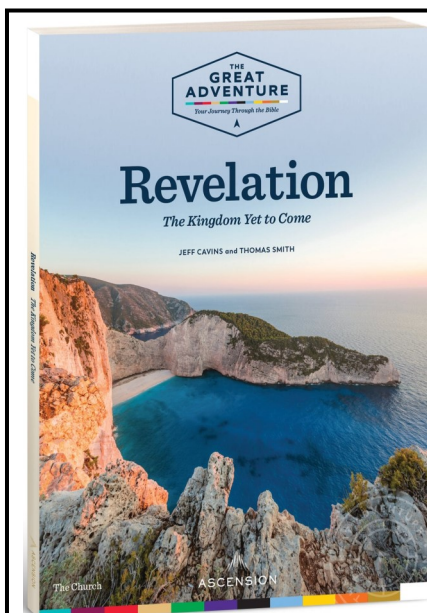
Mary will conceive her Son virginally, without the help of a man, by the work and grace of the Holy Spirit: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you" (v. 35). During the wandering of the people of God through the desert in search of the promised land, the presence of the Lord was revealed though a cloud covering the sanctuary; now it is the Holy Spirit who will cover with his shadow the Sanctuary of God's presence that is Mary's holy womb.

Mary, simply by saying "yes," becomes the Mother of the Son of God made man. Benedict XVI remarked: "the Church Fathers sometimes expressed this by saying that Mary conceived through her ear—that is to say, through her hearing. Through her obedience, the Word entered into her and became fruitful in her."

We too, by listening to God's word and our unconditional obedience to what He tells us, will be able to welcome in our hearts Jesus, sharing in the joy of Mary and Joseph at the birth of the long-awaited Messiah.



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### 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.

[ascensionpress.com/collections/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come/products/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come-study-set-1](http://ascensionpress.com/collections/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come/products/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come-study-set-1) \$29.95 with digital access

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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)

### O.C.I.A.

## "ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS"

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? O.C.I.A. IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH ADULTS ENTER THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, COMPLETING SACRAMENTS OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH, THIS IS THE PROCESS FOR YOU.

THIS IS A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHICH CAN LEAD TO FULL INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST. IT IS ALSO, A WAY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH/ ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO DEVELOP A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH PRAYER, SCRIPTURE AND WORSHIP.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US ON THURSDAYS AT 9AM IN THE HALL.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS FAITH JOURNEY TO BECOME CATHOLIC, OR TO HELP FACILITATE THE JOURNEY, PLEASE CONTACT FATHER DAVID.



4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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### The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**WITNESS FOR LIFE**

**SAN DIEGO WALK 4 LIFE 12TH ANNIVERSARY**

**JAN. 13, 2024**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**Waterfront Park**  
**1600 Pacific Hwy.**  
**San Diego, CA. 92101**

**PATRICIA SANDOVAL**  
 Keynote Speaker

For more information:  
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T-shirt pre-sale,  
 inspiring speakers, free drawings, exhibitors,  
 children activities, live entertainment and coffee trucks

### Why Attend

The San Diego Walk for Life strives to bring the community together to celebrate the gift of life. We recognize the fundamental worth of every person from conception to natural death, and we stand up for the unborn and their parents.

In several states, the Walk for Life occurs near the January 22 anniversary of the US Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v Wade* decision, which legalized abortion. Although this decision was overturned in June 2022, abortion remains legal in California. Therefore, we, as Christians, have the duty to continue praying and advocating for the unborn and supporting families and pregnant women in need.

### Who's Invited

Everyone—including Catholics and those who attend nondenominational churches, priests, deacons, parish leaders and volunteers, life-affirming organizations, families, children, and young adults—is welcome to walk with Cardinal Robert McElroy and the other bishops.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

*In Memory of:*

Al Florance  
Edmund & Carmen Cordova  
Cleofas (Grandma) & Pearl (Nina)  
Ramirez Family Members  
Bob & Peggy Ames  
Joaquin Luquin  
Alfonso & Carmen Luquin  
Barry R. McClarty  
Ramon Gonzales  
Andrew Tompkins  
Tompkins Family Members  
Tom & Rita Ferrier  
Cal & Lavina Lewis  
Ivan Samuels  
Manuel Vega, Jr.  
April Williams  
Juanita Guerrero  
Virginia Sorensen  
Shane Martin  
Therese Hensle  
Wesley Wehking  
Diane Wehking  
Mark Wehking  
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Thomas Heaney  
Jeff Ruhland  
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