QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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Office Hours

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

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

Sacraments

Baptism, Holy Matrimony, & Funerals Contact Fr. David

Clergy

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Parish Office Staff

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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

July 16, 2023

Envelopes Used

Envelope Collections \$ 4,006.00 Plate Collections 802.00

TOTAL \$ 4,808.00



Queen of Angels 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal "Living our Faith", has begun

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. If you cannot donate at this time, we ask you to pray for a successful 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal for our par-

GOAL: \$26,004.00 PLEDGE: \$ 11,924.01 BALANCE: \$14,079.99

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS JULY 22-30, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/

Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42 **Tuesday**: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/

Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24,

25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,

56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23 **Saturday**: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27

or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

or 13:44-46

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Saturday,	Jul 22	5:30 pm	†Esther Villa
Sunday,	Jul 23	8:00 am	Celeste Woestman
Sunday,	Jul 23	10:30 am	†Al Florance
Monday,	Jul 24	7:30 am	Rosary
Tuesday,	Jul 25	8:00 am	David Meyer & Family
Wednesday,	Jul 26	8:00 am	†Viola Lillian Agbisit
Thursday,	Jul 27	8:00 am	†Jason Zdunich
Friday,	Jul 28	8:00 am	The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday,	Jul 29	5:30 pm	Our Parish Family
Sunday,	Jul 30	8:00 am	Fr. David Exner
Sunday,	Jul 30	10:30 am	Celeste Woestman



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



Kelly Barker Mike Gust Jim Hill Carmen Holt Jason Laccone Becky Rangel Steve Rodkey Joan Smith Kailyn & Charis Whaley Celéste Woestman



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 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 bulletin@queenofangels.org.

Faith Formation Registration for the 2023-2024 Year is officially OPEN! You can find the link to the registration form on the parish website queenofangels.org. And remember, registration is FREE from now until the end of July, so sign up early and sign up now!

RCIA RCIA will begin in September for those adults RCIA interested in entering the Catholic Church or receiving their sacraments. Please check the parish website and click on the link for the RCIA inquiry form if you are interested in finding out more.



Women's Auxiliary Our July meeting will be on Wednesday, **July 26** at 5:30 PM in the parish hall. All woman of the parish are welcome to join. Mark your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there.

BIRLE Save the Date, Coming Bible Studies Starting September 12 Queen of Angels will be offering two Bible Studies study ies; Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life in the morning, and Holy Is His Name in the evening. Look for more information in the coming weeks regarding time and purchasing your study guides and costs.

Stewardship

We've all heard that the different dimensions of stewardship involve time, talent, and treasure. We are asked to give back to the Lord a portion of what God has given to us. And often the concrete suggestion is a tithe, that is, ten percent. To move toward that commitment is good, as far as it goes. Another view of stewardship invites us to see that all we have is pure gift from God. This view helps us to not only have the commitment of faith that tithing requires, but also shows us that nothing is truly ours-it all belongs to God. When we approach our possessions-indeed, our very lives-from this perspective, we can be more detached from what we have. We are more willing to let things be used for others, because we are only stewards of what has been given to us.

Here at Queen of Angels we are very fortunate for the many gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure that you our parishioners continually give back to our church and the Lord. We are truly blessed.



Holy Hearts Homeschool Co-Op



There are still openings for enrollment in Middle and High School for the 2023-2024 school year. High School courses include World History, Biology, British Literature, and Government/Economics. To register or for more information please visit homeschoollife.com/CA/holyhearts.

Also, if you'd like to teach a class or assist in any other way to support our ministry, please reach out by emailing: HolyHeartsCoOp@gmail.com. Gift cards to Amazon and Walmart are always welcomed and appreciated, and monetary gifts can be made through the online giving portal of our church website.

(Look for Holy Hearts in the drop down): https://queenofangels.breezechms.com/give/online

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARISH

All Catholic adults living in the parish and regularly participating in the Liturgy here are asked to register in the parish. Church attendance alone does not make you and your household registered members of our parish family. Registration is required for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and enrollment in our Religious Education programs.

To register, please contact Father David at 619-445-2145 during regular business.

Welcome to

QUEEN OF ANGELS

our hidden jewel in the Diocese of San Diego!



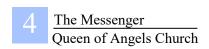
Do You Hear the Call to Serve?



Queen of Angels is always in need of 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 hear the call to serve,

and want to consider helping with any of these positions please contact the parish office at 619.445.2145. We will work with vour availability to serve at the Mass which you now attend.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Friends,

About a year ago we had a town hall meeting on whether or not the eventual sanctuary renovation would be minimal (i.e., only upgrading the floorboards) or if we wanted to, as a parish, "flex" a little, so to speak, in order to make the sanctuary feel a little bit more like a sanctuary and unify the overall feel of the church's interior. That parish town hall meeting was one of the best attended ones we've had here since my arrival, and overwhelmingly those present were in favor of putting more effort into the sanctuary renovation and improvement. I did my best to be objective when presenting the different options and recused myself from the vote, as I wanted to make sure that whatever was decided came from you, the parishioners, rather than from me. After the votes were tallied, 75% in favor of a more expansive project versus 25% opposed, we decided to form a committee to help with the planning and to figure out what we needed to do next. The committee — because acronyms are fun and silly and can make meetings slightly less painful, we styled ourselves the SIP Committee ("Sanctuary Improvement Project") — has met several times over the past year, and has made especially good progress and gained a lot of traction in the past few months in particular. In fact, we made so much traction that it looked briefly like we might be able to start renovating the floor and the façade towards the beginning of the summer! We missed that window, which ended up being a blessing in disguise, because I realized that in all that time, with all of the planning and behind-the-scenes work

done by the members of SIP, we had completely forgotten to keep the rest of the parish in the loop! So here is a brief and very overdue update. In coming weeks you can expect a smaller notice in each bulletin with other specifics regarding the future plans as we finetune everything in preparation of what we will, I hope, soon be able to begin.

As I said, the overwhelming response from the parish when the subject of the sanctuary was brought up was to put in the extra effort to make the church feel more like a church, and the sanctuary feel more like a sanctuary. If you are wondering why I just used that particular wording, it's because when the building we currently worship in was built, it was intended to eventually become the new parish hall. That obviously did not happen, for a number of reasons that are not any one person's fault. What is interesting, however, is that the consensus at the meeting and since, whenever I have talked to anyone about this, is that given the rising cost of... well, basically everything, we should accept that the building we are in now – which serves the purpose very well, it should be noted – will be where we worship for the foreseeable future, and treat it accordingly. I met with the parish Finance Council, who also greenlighted the project and approved using some of the money from our building account to help with it.

SIP came up with a list of "needs," "wants," and "nice-to-haves," towards the beginning of the process, and those were whittled down and finetuned as we met. For example, one of my "needs" was to move the handicap ramp so the tabernacle could be moved back to the wall, allowing an extra 4' of space so I don't risk kicking it every time I genuflect at the altar. Although straightforward, that one was actually a little trickier than you might imagine, since according to Canon Law I have to get the bishop's permission to move the tabernacle, but Cardinal McElroy very graciously permitted us to include that in the plans. Another example, one of my "wants," since the contractors would be here anyway, was to create a designated confessional so I don't have to worry about people cutting through the cry room in the middle of confessions. And so on it went. After compiling this and getting an architect to draw up the actual plans, I had a visit with the Diocesan Art & Architecture committee. Most of their input ended up being very useful, and even the parts that weren't still helped us narrow our focus considerably and finetune everything even more. We took all of that back to the drawing board, and kept meeting and working. More recently SIP has started looking at specific material types for the new sanctuary flooring.

In the coming weeks I will include diagrams of what SIP came up with in the bulletin (very early drafts, drawn up before my arrival here, were made available for people to look at after the vote at the initial town hall meeting, and our plans are based on those early sketches), as well as a rough estimate of the cost of the project. Because I recognize its importance, I can say right now that the budget of the project is quite reasonable and that even as things have been tweaked, none of the proposed changes have threatened to put us over budget.

All of this is what SIP has loosely started calling "Phase I," which is the renovation and construction phase. "Phase II," which is still a ways down the road, will involve trying to find a unified "theme," specifically as regards the sacred art and the church's interior in order to help everyone pray better and be less distracted as we worship. But that is for another time. In case you're wondering, Phase II will involve a great deal more interaction with the people of the parish than most of Phase I has to this point, mostly because a lot of the planning parts of Phase I would have been impossible if we paused for a town hall meeting every time we had to make a decision.

In terms of providing means for feedback, SIP, the Finance Council, and I are committed at this point to completing what we perceive to be "the will of the people," namely: to renovate the sanctuary. We intend to do so to the best of our ability, using our best judgment, with approval from the Diocese, and in keeping with all applicable codes and regulations. And I'm happy to report: so far, so good. Some of the proposed plans will be difficult to change at this point, so I want to be clear about that, but that doesn't mean that input is unwelcome, or that ideas will be rejected out of hand and not fairly considered on their own merits, even this late in the game. I would ask that, as you have recommendations, requests, ideas, or concerns, you please route them to me (Phase I only for now). I cannot promise that everything will get approved, but I do promise that it will be given its due attention.

I thank all of you for your patience through this process, and with me. I look forward to completing this, and please God, many other things for His glory and His kingdom, alongside you. Grace and peace to you.

Verso l'alto,

Fr. David



Revival's in the Air "

EucharisticRevival.com (website)
Eucharist.Formed.org (platform)

Dear Friends,

A couple of Sundays ago, I had the chance to make my first official "at-home" Eucharistic pilgrimage. It was a torrentially rainy day in Chicago—as a matter of fact, if you had a basement, there was a high chance you experienced significant flooding. Despite the intense rain, however, I felt deeply drawn to take a drive out to Des Plaines, Illinois, to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

As I approached the parking lot, I recognized that hundreds of people were there for one of the five Sunday Masses celebrated at the shrine. A little while later, I found myself at the outdoor grotto standing before the replica of St. Juan Diego's Tilma, which is enshrined in Mexico City and which bears the miraculous image of our Lady. I stood in the pouring rain (protected by my umbrella!) and meditated on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary as I offered my intentions to Jesus through Mary. I noticed so many individuals, couples, and families coming and going—most without protection from the rain—to pray there. One man even knelt in the pouring rain before the Tilma replica with bowed head for ten minutes.

After that, I went to the large, recently erected chapel. As I knelt at the back of the chapel silently uniting myself to Jesus, hidden yet present in the Tabernacle, I experienced a deep confidence that my intentions were of great importance to him. I felt united to Jesus in a new way, and rested in the inner silence of my heart, grateful for this time of pilgrimage.

Now, my mind is drawn to the words of Will Peterson, director of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which we shared on June 15: "My favorite pilgrimage is the one I make each time I attend Mass." At every Mass, we journey, surrounded by the Blessed Trinity and all the angels and saints, through the Paschal Mystery, encountering Jesus fully alive in the Eucharist. If our hearts are rightly disposed, every Mass takes us *one step closer to heaven*.

In my own pilgrimage adventure this month, I was especially grateful to have Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as my special companion. Her words to St. Juan Diego still echo in my heart, "Am I not your Mother?" And, what a good Mother she is! May Mary always lead you and me to her beloved Son, Jesus!

I hope you'll join me and make your own "at-home" Eucharistic pilgrimage—if not this summer, then as soon as you are able. It is a simple, concrete way to experience the reality that our whole life is truly a Eucharistic pilgrimage toward our heavenly home, if only we desire it and remain open to the grace to live it well. Don't worry, we are never alone: Jesus is with us every step of the way!

In Jesus!

Sister Flicia Torres, F. E.



COME ONE!! COME ALL!!

TO our PATRONAL FEAST CELEBRATION

honoring

THE QUEENSHIP OF OUR MOST BLESSED MOTHER



Immediately Following the 5:30 PM MASS SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th in the Parish Hall

Celebrate Mass then spend the evening with fellow Queen of Angels Parishioners while enjoying each others company and a delicious grilled BBQ Dinner.

Hosted by the Knight of Columbus













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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALSO	ANOTHER	APPEARED
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COMPARED	DONE	ENEMY
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GRAIN	HARVEST	HEAVEN
HOUSEHOLDER	KINGDOM	PARABLE
PLANTS	SAID	SAYING
SEED	SERVANTS	SLEEPING
THEN	WANT	WEEDS
WENT	WHEAT	WHEN

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

July 23–29 has been designated as *National Natural Family Planning Awareness* week. This week highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

NFP has often been called the "Church's best kept secret." There is a lot of misunderstanding about what NFP actually is, so this is a great time of year to learn more! There are some incredible resources out there that have been developed to 1) teach NFP to couples all stages of their relationship, 2) provide on-going to support to couples practicing NFP, and 3) assist parishes in building NFP ministries. For further information, contact nfp@usccb.org.



