

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

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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

Oct 14-15, 2023

Envelopes Used	57
Envelope Collections	\$ 3,015.80
Plate Collections	\$ 568.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,582.80
September Online	\$ 4,443.86

Living Our Faith

Queen of Angels 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

"Living our Faith",

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 parish.

But someone will say, "You have faith and it does not work." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

GOAL: \$26,004.00

PLEDGE: \$ 18,161.04

BALANCE: \$ 7,842.96



READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 21-29, 2023

Next Sunday-World Mission Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/
Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/
Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/
Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday, Oct 21	5:30 pm	†Carmen Cordova
Sunday, Oct 22	8:00 am	Thomas & Darlene Keller
Sunday, Oct 22	10:30 am	All Expectant Mothers
Monday, Oct 23	7:30 am	Rosary
Tuesday, Oct 24	8:00 am	Delma Brealey
Wednesday, Oct 25	8:00 am	
Thursday, Oct 26	8:00 am	†John & Man Dao & Parents
Friday, Oct 27	8:00 am	
Saturday, Oct 28	5:30 pm	Pastor Rolland Slade (Rolly)
Sunday, Oct 29	8:00 am	Faith Formation Teachers & Volunteers
Sunday, Oct 29	10:30 am	†Al Florance

Prayer Requests

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



Kelly Barker
Bill Brundage
Bernadette Gross
Mike Gust
Jim Hill
Carmen Holt
Jason Laccone
Steven McMeeken
Becky Rangel
Steve Rodkey

Joan Smith
Kailyn & Charis Whaley
Celeste Woestman

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



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

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.

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Faith Formation As a reminder, Confirmation classes and First Communion preparation have already begun, but the other Faith Formation classes will only begin after we move back down to the main church later this month. Parents will be informed of the exact date by their child/children's teacher.



OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, has officially kicked off! For those adults interested in joining the Catholic Church or completing their sacraments, we will be meeting on Thursday mornings at 9 AM in the parish hall.



Women's Auxiliary Our October meeting will be on Wednesday, **October 25** 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.



All Saints' Day

Please remember that Wednesday, **November 1st**, All Saints' Day, is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 8 AM and 6 PM here at Queen of Angels. Please be sure to make time to go to Mass, here or elsewhere, for the Holy Day.



All Souls' Novena

If you wish to include your deceased loved ones in the All Souls' Day Novena, there are envelopes at the entrance to the church. Please write the names of your loved ones on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. **Deadline** to return your envelope is **October 27**. The novena will start on Wednesday, **November 1**.



Spiritual Rosary Books

ARE BACK IN STOCK! 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.



PLEASE Consider Assisting!

We here at Queen of Angels are 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 would like to assist with any of these positions please contact Father David in the parish office at 619-445-2145. We will work with your availability to serve at the Mass which you now attend. Note: We specifically need volunteers for the 8AM Mass. If you can assist just only once a month it would be greatly appreciated.



Annual Catholic Appeal

Don't forget about the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please check the bulletin for more information on where we currently stand on our parish goal. Thank you for your ongoing generosity towards the work of Christ in our diocese and our parish. If you cannot donate at this time, we ask you to pray for a successful 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal for our parish.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SO GRACIOUSLY GAVE UP NOT ONLY TIME IN THEIR DAY BUT ELBOW GREASE AS WELL TO CLEAN THE CHURCH SO WE MAY CELEBRATE MASS AND OTHER SERVICES AGAIN. YOUR LIGHT AND THE CHURCH TRULY SHINE!

Our next youth group meeting, open to middle school and high school, will be this Wednesday, **October 25** at 7 PM in the parish hall.
Come and bring a friend for an evening of fun and fellowship!
Music/Faith/Fun Activities
If you have any questions or for more information contact Father David at 619-445-2145.

One Sunday for the Whole World
World Mission Sunday
October 22, 2023


Pope Francis, in his message for **World Mission Sunday 2023**, reflects on the theme "**Hearts on fire, feet on the move,**" based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35). He invites all of us to "set out once more, illumined by our encounter with the risen Lord and prompted by his Spirit. Let us set out again with burning hearts, with our eyes open and our feet in motion. Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting his missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
Hearts on fire,
feet on the move



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:13

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 22, 2023
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— Father John Muir

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I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance."

2 Timothy 4:7-8

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of our beloved sister in Christ, Margaret "Ruth" Miller Jellison on October 4th, 2023, at the age of 94. Up until the end Ruth maintained her kindness, grace, compassion, appreciation of beauty, love of faith, family and friends. Ruth will dearly be missed by all.

A Rosary will be at 10:30 am on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Queen of Angels Catholic Church.
A Catholic Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 am following the Rosary. Burial will be at Alpine Cemetery at 12:00pm.

Please keep Ruth, her Family and Friends in your prayers.



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Revival's in the Air "

EucharisticRevival.com (website)

Eucharist.Formed.org (platform)

Do This in Remembrance of Me: The Prayer over the Offerings

By Fr. Luke Spannagel

The **Prayer over the Offerings**. Similar to what we saw with the Collect at the beginning of Mass, the Prayer over the Offerings gives us a summary of our offering and points our minds and hearts to the coming Eucharistic Prayer. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says, "Once the offerings have been placed on the altar and the accompanying rites completed, by means of the invitation to pray with the Priest and by means of The Prayer over the Offerings, the Preparation of the Gifts is concluded and preparation made for the Eucharistic Prayer. At Mass, a single Prayer over the Offerings is said, and it ends with the shorter conclusion, that is: *Through Christ our Lord*. If, however, the Son is mentioned at the end of this prayer, the conclusion is: *Who lives and reigns for ever and ever*. The people, joining in this petition, make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation *Amen!*" (*GIRM*, 77).

Offering Prayers, Receiving Graces

What are we praying about at this point in the Mass? Generally speaking, if we look through these prayers, we find the following familiar words: prayers, gifts, offerings, sacrifices, and oblations. We also ask God to sanctify, accept, and transform these gifts. Fleshing out the content of these Prayers over the Offerings, Charles Belmonte writes, "we usually acknowledge our incapacity to offer to God gifts adequate to his goodness and power. We ask God to accept what we offer with sincerity. We ask some grace in connection with the mystery celebrated on that particular day, in return for the material gifts. We notice an ascending or upward-striving rhythm in the progress of the liturgical action. If we contrast this prayer with the Collect, we can perceive an increase in fervor and assurance. We know that our gifts to God will be returned to us multiplied a hundredfold" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 116).

Hearing mention of sacrifice, we recall one of the great truths about the Mass: it truly is the one sacrifice of Christ. In the Mass, the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is re-presented to us. In the traditional understanding of a sacrifice, we need a priest, a victim/offering, and an altar. For Christ's perfect sacrifice, Jesus is both the priest and victim/offering; that is, he offers himself in sacrifice on the altar of the cross. The Mass is our access to that sacrifice and its many fruits. How amazing: the sacrifice of Jesus is right there before us. No wonder the Mass is such a powerful prayer!

Uniting Our Offerings with Christ's Sacrifice

Of course, we are not just spectators at the Mass; we don't just sit back and watch what Jesus does. We have been invited to take part and to unite with Christ in offering our own sacrifices. As we have been reflecting on this part of the Mass, we are able to join our prayers and offerings to the perfect offering of Jesus. As Charles Belmonte says, "St. Paul exhorted the first Christians to offer every action to God. 'Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God' (1 Cor. 10:31), and never say or do anything except 'in the name of the Lord Jesus' (Col 3:17). The Second Vatican Council [in the Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, 34] encourages ordinary Christians to make their daily offering united to the [E]ucharistic sacrifice: For all their works, prayers and apostolic endeavors, their ordinary married and family life, if patiently borne—all these become 'spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Pet. 2:5). Together with the offering of the Lord's body, they are most fittingly offered in the celebration of the Eucharist" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 116–117). Belmonte goes on to suggest that we make offerings to God each day as an anticipation of joining in this Prayer over the Offerings. If you are up for it, I invite you to consider his challenge. Resolve to make offerings each day this coming week, and then bring those offerings to be spiritually joined to the sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday. Hopefully, you will experience deeper union with Jesus, especially the next time you are at the Mass!

For Reflection:

1. Join Father Luke's challenge to make conscious, daily sacrifices or offerings and to bring those efforts to Mass. During the **Prayer over the Offerings**, unite your sacrifices of the past day(s) with Christ's sacrifice on the altar.
2. When you face an unexpected difficulty today or this week, call to mind the **Prayer over the Offerings** and ask for the grace to respond to this opportunity according to God's will. Take strength for perseverance by offering this experience "through Christ our Lord."



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Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Magnús Sannleikur - 10/22/21, Aleteia

In recent years, the Mexican celebration of the Día de los Muertos, All Souls' Day (November 2) has gained visibility in the USA and around the world, thanks in great part to Pixar's animated feature *Coco*. It's a colorful part of Latin American Catholic culture, and one we've described at Aleteia both before its cinematic success and after.

For Americans, and perhaps people from other countries where this celebration is not a longstanding tradition, this folkloric holiday could simply seem like a "Mexican Halloween," in the worst possible sense. It could appear as a pagan celebration that invites people to celebrate the darkness of death, or even worship it (associating it with the "Santa Muerte" or "Saint Death" cult), and to seek to communicate with the dead through pre-Colombian rites and rituals.

This is the danger of learning about other cultures from movies, on one hand, and on the other, of misunderstanding the process of inculturation which the Church has practiced since its founding.

A cult of death?

Let's start with what the Day of the Dead is *not*. To quote a 2019 article from Vatican News: "It must be made clear that in Mexico this celebration is not a 'satanic cult' or something related to a 'cult of death.'" Nor is it generally understood exactly as depicted by the film *Coco*, although it did incorporate many real elements of Mexican culture, to the delight of audiences in Mexico and abroad. Just as we would not look to Disney for an entirely accurate portrayal of the fairytales of Hans Christian Andersen or those recorded by the Brothers Grimm, its subsidiary Pixar is not a reliable source for information on the way Catholics in Mexico celebrate the Day of the Dead.

A tradition rooted in the missionaries' evangelization methods

What is it, then? First of all, returning to the Vatican News article, "it forms a part of a belief that has its roots in the Prehispanic world." Among the cultures that existed in what is now Mexico before the coming of Europeans, the article goes on to explain, there was a general belief in an afterlife, including something analogous to Purgatory. In order for the dead to reach their destination in the afterlife, they needed certain essential objects, and once a year they visited the earth. During this occasion, the living could offer them food and objects to help them along.

Up to here, one could still object, "See? It's a pagan celebration that Catholics should avoid." However, when Catholic missionaries arrived in the Americas, they realized that in these beliefs and celebrations there were elements of truth that were common ground which could help the indigenous peoples understand the Catholic faith. These partial truths are what the Church calls "semina verbi" or the "seeds of the Word"—a term coined by St. Justin Martyr in the 2nd century (originally in Greek, "logoi spermatikoi").

The missionaries engaged in what is called inculturation: they took the elements of truth they found and some of the cultural manifestations that accompanied them, and infused them with the Catholic faith, transforming the feast of the god of the underworld into a celebration of All Souls Day. In this way, the missionaries introduced Catholic teaching, and this helped transform the culture as a whole.

This technique of evangelization is nothing new. St. Paul himself, when speaking at the Areopagus in Athens, did not say, "Forget everything you know, because it's all wrong." Instead, he quoted a pagan poet and referred to a pagan altar "to the unknown god," saying, "What you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you." (Acts 17:22-31)

While anti-Catholic rhetoric from atheists and non-Catholic Christians often exaggerates how much the Church has adopted from these sources and claims it has had a negative impact on the faith, the fact of inculturation is undeniable and actually quite positive. Grace builds on and perfects nature. In His providence he has guided humanity towards the truth and prepared us to receive the Gospel. When human beings strive forward, even with some mistakes, God takes what is good and makes it better, while purging what is mistaken or evil.

The Day of the Dead today

Today, the Day of the Dead is celebrated by most Catholics throughout Mexico in an entirely orthodox way. There's nothing wrong with the skulls, the "bread of the dead," or the brightly colored orange "cempasúchil" (marigold) flowers, just as there's nothing wrong with Christmas trees or Advent wreaths, which also have roots in pagan traditions.

That's not to say there are never any syncretism, confusion or unhealthy practices on the occasion of the celebration. Indeed, to keep the celebrations on track, some dioceses in Mexico have published guides on their websites. They encourage prayer for the dead, remembering the communion of the saints, keeping Christ at the center as our Redeemer who won eternal life and resurrection for us, and obtaining the plenary indulgences associated with All Souls' Day.

They also recognize the feast as an important element of Mexican tradition and identity, and warn against the corrupting influence of ... none other than the United States, with its distortion of Mexican culture and its confusion of Day of the Dead with Halloween. They also warn against the cult of Santa Muerte, a relatively recent invention tied to the culture surrounding drug trafficking and not specifically related to the Day of the Dead.

Can Catholics celebrate the Day of the Dead? The answer is clearly "yes," if it is understood properly as the celebration of All Souls' Day with certain cultural, folkloric aspects of Mexican culture.

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FESTA/FIESTA ITALIANA/MEXICANA

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
2766 Navajo Road, El Cajon, CA 92020

6 PM Mass in the Church
7 PM Dinner in the Hall
8 PM Short Program

Family and friends, please join us for an evening to celebrate the Casa de los Pobres and the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady of Peace.

This is a celebration of 66 years of Casa de los Pobres, founded in Tijuana, Mexico on September 8, 1957 and 81 years of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady of Peace, founded in Ensenada, Mexico, by Mother Catarina de Jesus Rodriguez on June 20, 1941.

All are welcome, including children! Please forward this invitation to your family and friends who would enjoy attending! There is no charge to attend. Your monetary donation or pledge is welcome at the event.

MENU

Mexican aperitivos, Fr. Gil's "world famous" Italian meatballs and pasta, salad, bread, vegetarian spinach frittata, ice cream and cookies for dessert.

Please RSVP so Fr. Gil & friends know how many speecy-spicy meatballs to make. :-)

RSVP: CasadelosPobresUSA@gmail.com or
Call/Text: 619-755-7363 for more information.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

If you can't attend but would like to donate, go to casadelospobresusa.com & click "donate"

24th Annual Divine Mercy Conference Saturday, November 18th, 2023

Conference Hours:
8:30am - 5:30pm
Rosary 8:30am
Closing Mass 6:00pm

Celebrant for
closing Mass:
Auxiliary Bishop
Ramón Bejarano

Guest Speakers/Singers:



Fr. Chris Alar, MIC



Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC



Jesse Romero



Auxiliary Bishop
Ramón Bejarano



Donna Lee
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COME PRAY WITH US!



From **Now – November 5**
Prayer shifts run from 7:00am – 7:00pm every day for 40 Days
Queen of Angels' prayer day is Tuesday

Please join us for at least one hour 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)

Along with our neighboring parishes, we will be manning the sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood in El Cajon on Tuesdays. Please see the sign-up sheet by the main entrance of the church if you are interested in getting involved, and keep our state, our leaders, and especially the unborn and their mothers in prayer!

Please contact Vicki at 619-647-5793 ASAP to schedule your prayer time

For more information visit elcajon40days@hotmail.com or www.40daysforlife.com/elcajon