

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Alpine, CA 91901
Office: 619-445-2145
www.queenofangels.org

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

<p style="text-align: center;">April 13-14, 2024</p> <p>Envelopes Used 82</p> <p>Envelope Collections \$ 5,139.00</p> <p>Plate Collections \$ 839.00</p> <p>TOTAL \$ 5,978.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 20-21, 2024</p> <p>Envelopes Used 64</p> <p>Envelope Collections \$ 4,177.00</p> <p>Plate Collections \$ 806.00</p> <p>TOTAL \$ 4,923.00</p> <p>March Online \$ 5,106.67</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Our Response as Stewards</u></p> <p>REFLECT-On the many gifts you have received from God. Including your financial blessings.</p> <p>PRAY-About how God wants you to use the gifts he has given you.</p> <p>RESPOND-By supporting the mission.</p> 
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READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 27-MAY 5, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday, Apr 27	5:30 pm	†Tyler Gray
Sunday, Apr 28	8:00 am	Denise Mills
Sunday, Apr 28	10:30 am	†Al Florance
Monday, Apr 29	7:30 am	Rosary
Tuesday, Apr 30	8:00 am	The Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, May 1	8:00 am	Ryan Andreoli
Thursday, May 2	8:00 am	Vivian Brealey
Friday, May 3	11:30 am	
Saturday, May 4	9:00 am	Michelle Blakeley
Saturday, May 4	5:30 pm	
Sunday, May 5	8:00 am	Maria Wissinger
Sunday, May 5	10:30 am	†Wesley Bigboy

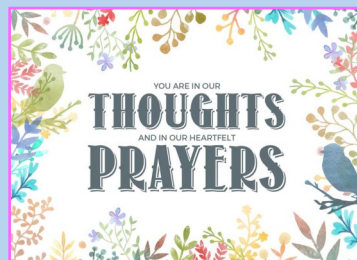
PRAYER REQUEST

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



*Kelly Barker
Milan Casteneda
Jim Hill
June Hill
Chik Hylton
Carmen Holt
Deacon Fred Thornton
Jason Laccone
Steven McMeeken
Bernadette Mills
Suzie Pfingsten
Jack Welch
Kailyn & Charis Whaley*

*...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, 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.

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WELCOME TO QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

We warmly welcome all visitors to our parish, the heart of our catholic Faith-life in Alpine since 1951. Thank you for joining us for Divine Worship. We hope you will find ways to participate in and support our parish life and mission by sharing your time, talent and treasure.

If you have been coming here but are not registered or if you just moved into the area, we invite you to join us a member of our parish family, using the registration form below or stopping by the Parish office. Your registration makes it possible for us to communicate with you and to plan and provide for your needs more effectively. Registration is required for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and enrollment in our religious education programs.

Register, Participate, and Share your Gifts and Talents.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR "NEW" PARISHIONERS

Information: (Please cut and drop in the offering basket)

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Street Address _____ Cell Phone _____

City, State & Zip _____ Email _____

(this registration form will be followed by a telephone call to obtain more information)



Mother's Day Novena Cards Remember Mothers, living or deceased, in our Novena of Masses for Mother's Day **May 12**. Please pick up a card at the front entrance of the church and return it to the office or drop it into the collection box.

Youth Group All middle and high school youths are invited to our next meeting on Wednesday, **May 1** at 7:00 PM in the parish hall. We'd love to have you join us—It's always a great time of music, fellowship, bonding and fun!



Monthly ECPC Collection Please leave your donations after all the Masses next weekend, **May 4-5**, in the "ECPC TREASURE CHEST" directly behind the church. You can access the chest any day of the week. Please remember to close the lid when you are finished, and **PLEASE** only leave maternity and baby clothing. Thank you for your continued support.



"Spiritual Rosary" Books Queen of Angels has the "Spiritual Rosary" book available for purchase. This 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 for \$15.00. Limited supply, purchase yours now.



First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus-May 3

9:30 AM—Rosary
10:00 AM—Adoration/Reconciliation
11:30 AM—Mass



First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary-May 4

8:30 AM—Rosary
9:00 AM—Mass
9:30 AM—Devotions

We at Queen of Angels are always in need of 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 can assist 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.

Note: We need volunteers for all Masses. If you can assist just only once a month it would be greatly appreciated.

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."

Matthew 5:42

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— *Father John Muir*

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Love in Deed

By *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

It's a Wonderful Life is one of my favorite Christmas movies. It only occurred to me recently, though, that this film, for all its yuletide aesthetic, is actually more of an Easter story.

I love this movie because it's a very Catholic film — not overtly, although we do see the main character, George Bailey, going to Mass. No, it's the themes that are Catholic, not the set dressing. It's a story about the choices we make — to love, or not to love? To sacrifice, or not to sacrifice? To put oneself first, or to put oneself last? It's a story about what the consequences of those choices look like here in the world, and what they look like in heaven.

In the film, we meet a young George Bailey who dreams of growing up to do amazing, impressive things. Over the years, he makes a choice here and he makes a choice there ... and when all is said and done, the adult George Bailey is a tired, overworked husband and father with no worldly attributes that anyone would envy.

But he's a man who has loved in deed, not just in word, and who has reaped the spiritual rewards of those choices.

The season of Easter is about rejoicing in true redemption, not in worldly triumph. The Word of God is not a bedtime story. It's a pruning shear. To hear it is to be changed, to be shaped. To live it is to lose some things, so that you might bloom in unexpected ways. To welcome the Word is to be willing to look different, to feel different.

Anyone can say, "I love you, I accept you, I want to help you." But what does it actually look like, to love in deed and not just in word? It looks like giving something up: free time, wealth, comfort, worldly approval. It looks, to the casual observer, like pain.

To someone who has no concept of how plants grow and thrive, a gardener's pruning shears look like an executioner's sword. To someone who has no concept of how souls grow and thrive, a tomb barred by a stone looks like the end of a story, when in fact it's just the beginning.

"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18

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Are you looking to unlock the truth behind the most influential people of the Catholic Church?

IF SO JOIN IN OUR LATEST BIBLE STUDY

Catholicism The Pivotal Players, Volume 2

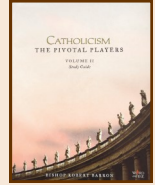
You'll explore St. Augustine's captivating narrative of personal transformation in Christ; learn how St. Benedict contributed more to saving Western culture than anyone else in history; experience Fulton Sheen's pioneering of Catholic evangelization through the media; enter into Flannery O'Connor shocking, convoluted, funny, violent, and profoundly influential stories; uncover the roots of St. Ignatius' world-changing Jesuit order and Spiritual Exercises; and discover Bartolomé de las Casas' passionate advocacy for human dignity and justice.

DATES, TIMES, LOCATION

Beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2024 thru Tuesday, June 4, 2024 for six weeks in the parish hall.

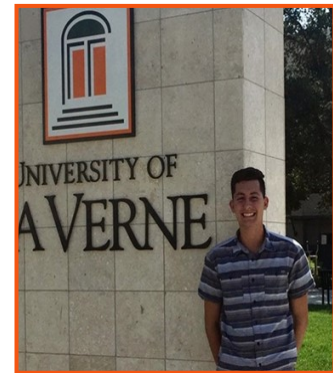
COST/REGISTRATION

Registration is free. \$29.95 for the Study Guide plus shipping.



Queen of Angels Council #10118

Andrew Tompkins Memorial College Scholarship Award



Andrew Joseph Tompkins was born to Diana and Paul Tompkins on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1998. He is survived by two sisters, Marion and Julia. He received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation at our family parish, Queen of Angels Church in Alpine, California. He was very active in our parish as a member of the children's choir, a long-time altar server, a member of the 412 Church Youth Ministry Group, and he attended the Steubenville Youth Conferences throughout his high school years.

Andrew graduated from Granite Hills High School in 2016 and attended the University of La Verne (ULV) on an academic scholarship to study business marketing. He received the Knights of Columbus scholarship award for the two years he attended ULV and was grateful to the Knights Council for the financial support. Andrew had a passion for learning. He was an Honor Student and an accomplished swimmer and diver in high school and college.

Unfortunately, Andrew was diagnosed with cancer in his second year of college and was forced to suspend his studies while he had surgery and went through chemotherapy for several months. After a very tough battle, the Lord called him home on September 22, 2019 at the age of 21. While Andrew's time at ULV was short, he completed enough units to receive his Associate of Arts degree (posthumous). He was a natural born student and loved school and university life. He would be honored to know that this scholarship fund is now named after him. Indeed, his family is honored that Andrew's memory will live on through all students who go off to college with big hopes and dreams and remain strong in the Catholic faith.

The Knight of Columbus will once again be awarding scholarships to practicing Catholics and members of Queen of Angels Parish. Applicants must be a senior in a Catholic, Public, Charter or accredited Home High School or a full-time student at an accredited College or Trade School. Applications are available online at queenofangels.org.

Applications must be completed and **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 30TH, 2024 to be considered.**

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Dear Friends,

She stood by the steps of our outreach center in Chicago, looking at the doors. The woman was swollen and disheveled, and I hesitated as I drew close to the entranceway. For just a few seconds I wondered whether I wanted to get involved in the situation at that moment. It might demand something of me, after all.

Can you relate? Every day, there are people we instinctively would like to avoid for a plethora of reasons: discomfort, busyness, fear of rejection, and, at times, even selfishness. However, Jesus teaches us by the testimony of his life the power of *real presence*.

Real presence—not virtual presence, not writing a check to a charity, not even allowing our intercessory prayer to excuse us from encountering people who may repel us.

I find this challenging. Living a Eucharistic life is beautiful, but not easy, because it asks us to take the next step out of ourselves and toward the other person. That is why at the end of every Mass we hear the word, “Go...” We are sent on mission to love and to serve.

In my heart, I knew I had to approach her. Her name was Michelle. In the end, all she wanted was a rosary. She'd been praying the Rosary, and it had been helping her, despite the suffering she had been enduring from addiction and epilepsy. One of the other sisters was already inside getting the rosary for her, but I stayed for a while and listened to her. Reflecting on it now, I realize that I was actually more blessed to encounter Michelle than she may have been blessed to encounter me!

As we draw closer to the month of May, let's ask Mary to especially intercede for us to follow her example and willingly encounter those whom God places in our lives.

In Jesus,

Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.

Managing Editor



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the **true vine**, and my **Father** is the **vinedresser**. **Every branch** of mine that **bears** no **fruit**, he **takes away**, and **every branch** that does **bear fruit** he **prunes**, that it may **bear more fruit**. You are **already made clean** by the **word** which I have **spoken** to you. **Abide** in me, and I in you. As the **branch cannot bear fruit** by itself, **unless** it **abides** in the **vine**, **neither** can you, **unless** you **abide** in me. I am the **vine**, you are the **branches**. He who **abides** in me, and I in him, he it is that **bears much fruit**, for **apart** from me you can do **nothing**. If a man does not **abide** in me, he is **cast forth** as a **branch** and **withers**; and the **branches** are **gathered**, **thrown** into the **fire** and **burned**. If you **abide** in me, and my **words abide** in you, ask whatever



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**LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD**
2 SAMUEL 22:29-31
THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

**NATIONAL
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PRAYER** 

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2024 National Prayer

Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media.

We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us.

Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word.

God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to **Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World!** In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!