



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

<u>Nov 30-Dec 1, 2024</u>		<u>December 7-8, 2024</u>	
Envelopes Used	77	Envelopes Used	78
Envelope Collections	\$ 9,767.02	Envelope Collections	\$ 10,542.00
Plate Collections	\$ 769.00	Plate Collections	\$ 633.46
TOTAL	\$ 10,536.02	TOTAL	\$ 11,175.46

Advent is a busy season and will be over in a blink of an eye. Take a moment to pause and spend some time with the Lord. It is important to slow down and to "just be" in His Presence. His Presence in our lives is one of the greatest presents of the season.

As we begin the new liturgical year and look forward to the new calendar year, may we continue to be thankful to the Lord for all the blessings we have received and respond to these blessings with joyful hearts. May God continue to bless His beautiful Queen of Angels parish.

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 21-29, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79 *Vigil:*
Wednesday: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
(3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/
Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6,
9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday,	Dec 21 5:30 PM	†William Blankinship
Sunday,	Dec 22 8:00 AM	†Beverly Bohacek
Sunday,	Dec 22 10:30 AM	†David Pinal, Sr.
Monday,	Dec 23 7:30 AM	Rosary
Tuesday,	Dec 24 4:00 PM	†Al Florance
Tuesday,	Dec 24 6:00 PM	The Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday,	Dec 25 9:00 AM	Our Parish Family
Wednesday,	Dec 25 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family
Thursday,	Dec 26 7:30 AM	Rosary
Friday,	Dec 27 8:00 AM	†Estela Lopez
Saturday,	Dec 28 5:30 PM	The Souls in Purgatory
Sunday,	Dec 29 8:00 AM	Our Parish Family
Sunday,	Dec 29 10:30 AM	†Joaquin Luquin

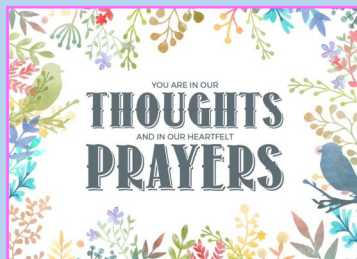
PRAYER REQUEST

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



*Kelly Barker
Mike Gust
June Hill
Eugene Isaacs
Jason Laccone
Katie Clark Larson
Dale Lee
Susan Lopez
Renee Schmiedeberg
Kailyn & Charis Whaley*

*...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
Nicholas Palstorm, E8
Jacob Tweed, HM3



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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Faith Formation Schedule Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas holiday:

Faith Formation & Confirmation:
December 22: No class
December 29: No class
January 5: Class resumes



Mark Your Calendars The parish office will be closed **Wednesday, December 25, 2024—Friday, January 3, 2025.**

We will reopen on **Monday, January 6, 2025.** 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 **Thursday, December 26.** We will however be reciting the rosary and would love to see you there.



CHRISTMAS OCTAVE 2024 MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

Tuesday, December 24:
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Christmas Masses (Nativity of the Lord)

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

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28:
Vigil Mass—5:30 PM
Sunday, December 29:
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025:
9:00 AM



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, Almsgiving for the Poor, 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.**



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 2024 calendar year, they must be in the parish office no later than **December 31.** Please note the parish office will be closed starting December 25 so any contributions made after that time need to be mailed or dropped in the Mass donation baskets. Thank You.



Bible Study Looking ahead, remember to save the date for the upcoming Bible Study; **Lectio: Philippians: Life in Christ.** Beginning Tuesday, **January 7, 2025** from 6 PM - 8 PM for 6 weeks in the parish hall. Registration is free. The study guide is \$24.95 and can be purchased at catholic.market/publishers/augustine-institute/lectio-philippians-study-guide.



**IT IS THE NIGHT OF OUR
DEAR SAVIOR'S BIRTH.
MAY YOUR HEARTS BE FILLED
WITH WONDER THROUGHOUT
THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND ALL OF 2025.
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
QUEEN OF ANGELS' STAFF
& VOLUNTEERS.**



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Office Hours

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

First Friday Devotions

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

First Saturday Devotions

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

Confession

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

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Mary, Queen of Angels,
Pray for Us!

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While Christmas is not for a few more days, this will be my last chance before then to write a Christmas message to you, so I ask your indulgence, please... A very blessed and joy-filled Christmas to all of you! As we enter the Christmas season, I invite you to rest with the Holy Family in the peace, love, and joy of the Christ-child. The incarnation of Jesus set into motion the events that would, on Calvary, lead to our salvation and reconciliation with God, and so we rejoice that God has kept His promise to never leave us nor forsake us, and to be with us and love us until the very end. I am so thankful for each and every one of you, and you will all be wrapped tightly in my love and prayers this Christmas, just as Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger on our behalf. Please say a prayer for me when you think of it, and more importantly, I urge you to continue to love God and each other, and to pray for and with each other, especially throughout this joyful season. Merry Christmas!

With great joy,

Fr. David

Luke 2:8-20 (RSV)

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"*

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning the child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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OUR HEARTS ARE AGLOW WITH THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS! OUR SENSES ARE ALIVE WITH THE SEASON, FROM THE RICH SMELLS OF EVERGREEN AND GINGERBREAD TO THE FEEL OF CRISP AIR ON OUR SKIN AND THE WARMTH OF A LOVED ONE'S EMBRACE. AT SOME POINT IN THE HOLIDAY HUSTLE AND BUSTLE, TAKE A FEW MOMENTS OF QUIET. IN THE SILENCE, REFLECT ON THE OTHER SENSES OF THE SEASON. IMAGINE THE COOL DAMP OF AN ANIMAL STABLE, THE EARTHY SMELL OF HAY AND FEED, AND THE CRISP NIGHT AIR BLOWING IN SOFTLY. IMAGINE KNEELING BESIDE AN EXHAUSTED, JOYFUL MOTHER AND A RELIEVED, PROTECTIVE FATHER. IMAGINE AN INFANT WRAPPED IN CLOTH SCRAPS HELD OUT TO YOUR OPEN ARMS. IMAGINE HOLDING THE INFANT JESUS. AS HIS EYES MEET YOURS, WELCOME INTO YOUR HEART THE GREATEST GIFT OF CHRISTMAS.



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 22, 2024
4th Sunday of Advent

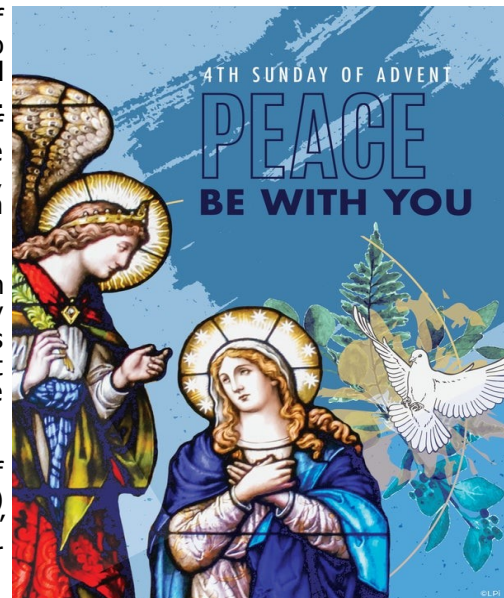
The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that **"there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord"** (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

— *Father John Muir*

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Christmas

Question:

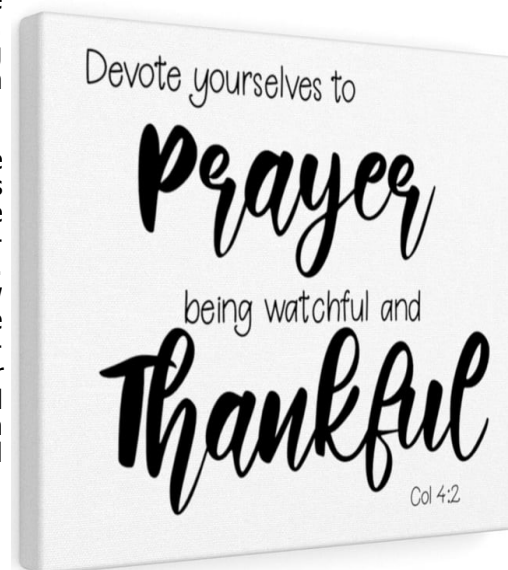
With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Using an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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10TH ANNUAL SAN DIEGO
WALK4LIFE



LIFE IS A RIGHT, NOT AN OPTION

January 18, 2025
8:30 AM-12:00 PM

WALK LED BY
CARDINAL ROBERT W. MCELROY

Waterfront Park
1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, CA 92101



CONTACT INFORMATION
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Ramona Treviño
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Former manager of an abortion facility, International Pro-Life speaker, and author of *Redeemed by Grace*

T-shirt pre-sale, inspiring speakers, free raffles, exhibitors, activities for children, live entertainment, & coffee truck.

@SDWalkForLife #SDW4L

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.

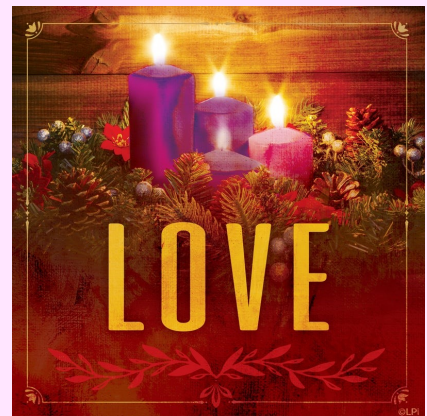
In several states, the Walk for Life occurs near the January 22 anniversary of the US Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v Wade* decision, which legalized abortion. Although this decision was overturned in June 2022, abortion remains legal in California. Therefore, we, as Christians, have the duty to continue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

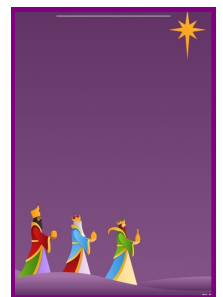
Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,
Visit our homes!
Visit our families!
Bring your goodness and light
to every broken heart we've met
on this journey of life.
Your presence brings healing and rebirth.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.




Question: *According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?*

Answer: *The three kings who visited baby Jesus.*



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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
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Barry R. McClarty
Tom & Rita Ferrier
Cal & Lavina Lewis
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