

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Daily Mass

8:00 am: M, W, Th, F

Holy Days

Please see The Messenger



Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

**First Saturday to Honor
the Immaculate
Heart of Mary**
Mass 9:00 am

First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition/Adoration
10:30 am-11:15 am
(Benediction follows)
Confessions
10:35 am-11:15 am
Mass 11:30 am

Confession

Sat. 4:00 to 5:00 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of the Month
Contact Fr. Timothy

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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.

Church is Handicapped Accessible

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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

December 8, 2019

Envelopes Used	93
Envelope Collections	\$ 4,312.00
Plate Collections	\$ 464.59
TOTAL	\$ 4,776.59

HOME BOUND AND SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS

Home Bound and Shut-In parishioners are brought Holy Communion by Fr. Timothy. If you have family members who are home-bound please contact the office at 619.445.2145 so that they can be placed on the Holy Communion List for the home bound/shut-ins. Thank you!



GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 14-22, 2019

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Sunday:	<i>Mt 11:2-11</i>	Saturday, Dec 14	5:30 pm	†Jane Richardson
Monday:	<i>Mt 21:23-27</i>	Sunday, Dec 15	8:00 am	For the People
Tuesday:	<i>Mt 1:1-17</i>	Sunday, Dec 15	10:30 am	Terri Morgan
Wednesday:	<i>Mt 1:18-24</i>	Monday, Dec 16	8:00 am	Lisa Millar
Thursday:	<i>Lk 1:5-25</i>	Tuesday, Dec 17	7:30 am	Rosary
Friday:	<i>Lk 1:26-38</i>	Wednesday, Dec 18	8:00 am	†Tom Stephens
Saturday:	<i>Lk 1:39-45</i>	Thursday, Dec 19	8:00 am	†Pat Callahan
Next Sunday:	<i>Mt 1:18-24</i>	Friday, Dec 20	8:00 am	Matt Clark
		Saturday, Dec 21	5:30 pm	†Kevin Drilling
		Sunday, Dec 22	8:00 am	Rev. Timothy Deutsch
		Sunday, Dec 22	10:30 am	For the People



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

Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly father. Matthew 18:19



S E L P I C S I D D K
U J W A R E T A E R G
S H B M M I H E R R S
E H E A R E D N E H T
J C H R I S T H W O A
V P O B A P T I S T K
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M O D G N I K E A N V
O P J A E O M B M H I
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S E D R A E H I O J C
L T S R E I I N R D E
J S I G H T D D D P R

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANOTHER	ANSWERED	BAPTIST
BEHOLD	BLIND	CHRIST
COME	DEEDS	DISCIPLES
GREATER	HEAR	HEARD
HEAVEN	JESUS	JOHN
KINGDOM	LAME	LOOK
PRISON	PROPHET	RAIMENT
RECEIVE	SAID	SENT
SIGHT	SOFT	TAKE
TELL	THEN	VIOLENCE
WALK	WHEN	WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Queen of Angels Women's Auxiliary Celebrate the season of Advent and a meal with ladies of our parish at our next auxiliary meeting on Wednesday, **December 18**, at 10 AM at Janet's Café. Joining us is a great way to help others, promote fellowship and meet some new "gals" from our parish.



Giving Tree This year we continue our Giving Tree practice with its home in the back of the church. Take an ornament or envelope off the Giving Tree and donate money or food items for the Tecate Orphanages (Salvatierra-for girls and Rancho Nazareth-for boys) and Villa Anahuac, or monetary donations for Children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and East County Pregnancy Care Center. Final Deadline: **December 20**. (Cash or checks accepted. Please make checks out to the group to which you are donating.) PLEASE NOTE: **Tecate Orphanages are CASH ONLY**.



Sock Drive Queen of Angels is once again having a "sock drive" for the homeless clients served by Fr. Joe's Villages. Please bring new socks of any size and drop them in the donation boxes at the church entrances or at the office during normal business hours. The collection runs through **December 22**. Most clients are adults but there are families with small children in need as well. All donations are appreciated!



Religious Ed Christmas Schedule Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas Season:

Pre-K - Journey (9th Grade):

December 22: No class

December 29: No class

January 5: No class

January 12: Regular class resumes

Formation:

December 22: No class

December 29: No class

January 5: Regular class resumes



Waffle Breakfast The Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting a Waffle Breakfast honoring all the widows of the parish, on **January 19, 2020** after both of the Masses. Mark your calendar and save this date as this is a very popular and yummy event.

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation

This eight-week bible study will help you make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. It will give you an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand this challenging epistle.

Queen of Angels will begin *Romans* on Thursday, **January 16, 2020** at 6:00 pm in the parish hall.

Register online at <https://study.ascensionpress.com/studies/44461/registrations/new>. Class is free, workbook is \$26.95 plus shipping.

For more information contact Katrina at 619.445.2145 or katrina@queenofangels.org. We hope you can join us!

ADVENT

It can be difficult to prepare our lives for Christ amidst the busy preparations of a material Christmas. The four weeks before Christmas are a time to prepare our families to celebrate Christ's birth: to prepare our minds to accept that God's Son became a baby and lived and died for us; to prepare our hearts to accept God's forgiveness, and to change our ways; to prepare our souls to receive God's healing grace through the celebration of Mass; to take part in not only the work of preparation but also the hope and joy in the midst of our work.

Additional Queen of Angels Advent Confessions:

Wednesday, December 18, 2019: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 19, 2019: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Thursday, December 19, 2019: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 21, 2019: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Monday, December 23, 2019: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please note: These are in addition to the regular confession time; Saturday from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm.



Queen of Angels Christmas Mass Schedule



Vigil of Christmas

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Solemnity of Christmas

Wednesday, December 25

10:30 am



PASTOR'S PAGE

**Jesus fulfills the Old Testament Signs and Prophecies,
we should therefore not look for other extraordinary signs and wonders.**

In the Gospel [Mt 11:2-11] this Third Sunday of Advent we see that John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus for confirmation. John wants to have certitude about Jesus, "*Are you The One who is to come, or should we look for another* [Mt 11:3]?" Notice that Our Lord answers not with a simple "yes" or "no", but rather with *the signs He performs*: "*...the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them* [Mt 11:2]". Our Lord indicates certain *particular signs* as fulfilling the Old Testament prophecies [Isaiah 35:5]: these were the signs that were given to Israel and ordered toward manifesting the Divine Nature of The Christ. We therefore see a distinction between signs: some are 1) ordinary and proper; others are 2) *extraordinary* and *improper* in their demands upon God.

Our Lord Himself makes this distinction between the ordinary and extraordinary signs when He chastises some Jews for seeking other (*extraordinary*) signs rather than those ordinary signs appointed through the prophets. Jesus states: "*An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign...*", but then He adds, "*...no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the Prophet* [Mt 12:38; Mk 8:11; Lk 11:29]. In other words, The Prophets have *already* left the signs – the proofs – that one is to look for to recognize God's works, and The One He would send as Messiah. Therefore, as God wants us to believe in His Divine Word He grants *sufficient signs* through the prophets — signs through which we should believe in His words [Mt 16:1ff; Jn 2:11]. Hence: God does give signs, wonders, miracles, and prophecies, etc.; these are the 'ordinary' or 'sufficient' signs that He wants us to believe in so as to have faith and certitude. We should therefore not seek extraordinary signs which place upon God some kind of 'litmus test' for us to believe [Mk 8:12].

God holds us to the ordinary rule of faith through the ordinary signs that He establishes in His Son, Jesus. Ultimately then, God wants us to believe, not in the signs, but *through the signs* in His Word, The Son Incarnate, Jesus. We are to look beyond the exterior material signs to the *interior spiritual experience* that they are meant to convey. After all, this is why Our Lord questions the people, "*What did you go out into the desert (wasteland) to see?* Not signs of luxury such as fine clothing or palaces, nor the swaying reed that tells people what they want to hear according to the prevailing wind of social opinion. They went out to the desert because they knew that John was a Prophet, not only from what he said, but from how he lived. They sought out, not extraordinary things (signs), but the ordinary manifesting in a superior extraordinary manner The Ways of God.

We must see that our failure to believe, and further, our seeking after other *extraordinary* signs, can lead to our rejection, as in the case with Jerusalem [Mt 23:37] or Capernaum, Chorazin and Bethsaida which Jesus upbraided [Mt 11:20ff]. Another prime example would be King Saul in the O.T. [1 Sam 28:4-20]; he sought after illicit signs to find God, going after witches and séances in his desperation, which condemned himself before God. The question for us then is: "Are there ordinary signs in our own day through which we are called to have faith and certitude in God and in salvation?" Does a parallel exist between the Old and the New Testament signs? The answer is 'Yes'.

Just as the Jews in the days of Jesus were to have faith and certitude in God's Presence via the ordinary signs (prophecies) established through the Prophets; so we too are called to have faith and certitude through the very signs that Jesus, God The Son, has established for us to recognize and experience God's Grace and Presence in our very midst. Now the Old Testament is ordered to the New as imperfect is to perfect. Therefore, the O.T. was merely a crude material representation – a figurative foreshadowing – of what the N. T. would be. Hence, the material reality of the O.T. is now transformed into the spiritual reality of the fullness of truth and grace in our faith in Christ [Jn 1:16]. St. John of The Cross teaches:

...now that faith is founded in Christ, now that in this era of grace the law of the Gospel has been made manifest, there is no reason to enquire of God in that manner nor for Him to speak to us or answer us as He did then. For, in giving us, as he did, His Son, Who is His One and Only Word, He spoke to us once and for all, in this single Word, and he has no occasion to speak further. [The Ascent of Mount Carmel; Office of Readings; 2nd Reading, 2nd week advent, Monday] also CCC #'s 65, 66

We look now, not to the material, but to the spiritual! Therefore, God grants us the 'ordinary signs' in our day that require, not an imperfect, but a perfect Faith. What are these signs? They are the ordinary external signs of the New Testament – established by Christ Himself – whereby an interior grace is made known to us who have the superior medium of faith. Or simply: The Seven Sacraments. The classic definition is: 'an external sign of the internal reality of God's grace' (made effective in our lives).

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We notice, however, that just as in the time of Christ when people rejected the ordinary signs of the Old Testament Prophets and wanted Our Lord to perform other *extraordinary* signs to confirm that He was of God [Jn 6:30; 20:25 Mk 15:32], so too the same exists now. Many people, even Christians, have rejected the ordinary signs of God's Presence among us and have turned to seeking after their own signs for confirmation. Many have rejected The Universal Church of Christ to establish their own 'supposedly' more immediate personal relationship with Christ. But there is a problem with this.

Because the human person needs to have certitude (to be sure), we must necessarily have something material and sensible by which we experience God's purely spiritual grace. When we cannot see a thing directly, we employ signs as an extension of the thing itself to communicate the reality of the thing not seen. Once the Protestant revolt threw out the authority of The Church and Her Seven Sacraments, they divested themselves of the moral certitude of grace. Other means had to therefore be found (nature abhors a vacuum, so the vacuum had to be filled). Hence, we have today an endless string of Christian communities that claim immediate union with God, without Church, Apostles, Sacraments, or anything else material. It is proclaimed as a personal relationship with Christ. What it really is is a personal relationship with *oneself*, with one's own imagination based upon emotions; it's a reductionist method that ends in feelings, and not faith and certitude.

Just as in the time of Christ when Our Lord used the prophetic signs as *His signature*, as His evidence of the reality of God's Presence among His people, so too, we as Christians must accept the ordinary signs established by Christ as evidence of the reality of God's Presence among us today, i.e. the Seven Sacraments. ***We must have faith and certitude in The Word: that the external signs of God's internal reality of grace are indeed communicating the fullness of grace in Christ to each of us.*** Then, and only then can we meet Christ personally – on His terms, not our own – and experience the coming to birth of Jesus in our hearts, minds, and souls this Christmas. Then and only then can we know that He is THE ONE and we need not look for another.



Advent Blessings,
Father Tim

Hope in the King

Prepare the Way of the Lord by Preparing Your Heart

Experience God's loving forgiveness in this sacrament. There will be a Service of the Word followed by the opportunity for individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Advent Penance Liturgies in the area:

**Holy Trinity (El Cajon), Monday
December 16, 7:00 pm**

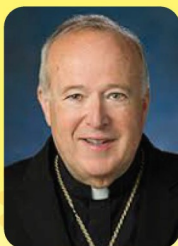
**Our Lady of Grace (El Cajon), Tuesday
December 17, 7:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Lakeside), Monday
December 23, 9:00 am & 7:00 pm**

*Several priest confessors will be available.
Experience the hope of the Advent Season through this
wonderful sacrament of healing.*



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All are Welcome to Our**8th ANNUAL**
SAN DIEGO**WALK FOR LIFE** **Live, Serve & Embrace Life****Saturday, January 18, 2020****Robert W. McElroy**
Bishop, Diocese of San Diego**John P. Dolan**
*Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of San Diego***8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
6th & Laurel
Balboa Park**TOMMY AND**
JIMMY KUEBLER**Activities for all ages!****Follow Us on Social Media @SDWalkForLife****858.490.8221 • SanDiegoWalkForLife.org • info@sandiegowalkforlife.org**

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Marriage Help!

January 10-12, 2020

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call **951-259-9474** or visit the website: **HelpOurMarriage.com**

"It is my hope that all will feel called to love and cherish family life"
-Pope Francis-

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed at the altar for Christmas in memory of a family member or friend, please complete the following form. You may return this form to the parish office or place it in the weekend collection basket.

(Please use one form per donation.) The suggested donation for each intention is \$15.00.

In memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

The names will be listed in memoriam at Christmas time.



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