

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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 1, 2019

Envelopes Used	100
Envelope Collections	\$ 6,021.00
Plate Collections	\$ 917.31
TOTAL	\$ 6,938.31

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 7-15, 2019

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
		Saturday, Dec 7	9:00 am	Brian Holt
		Saturday, Dec 7	5:30 pm	For the People
Sunday:	<i>Mt 3:1-12</i>	Sunday, Dec 8	8:00 am	Wes Clark
Monday:	<i>Lk 1:26-38</i>	Sunday, Dec 8	10:30 am	
Tuesday:	<i>Mt 18:12-14</i>	Monday, Dec 9	8:00 am	Mary Hills
Wednesday:	<i>Mt 11:28-30</i>	Tuesday, Dec 10	7:30 am	Rosary
Thursday:	<i>Lk 1:26-38</i>	Wednesday, Dec 11	8:00 am	†Jason Paul Zdunich
Friday:	<i>Mt 11:16-19</i>	Thursday, Dec 12	8:00 am	Robert Coutts
Saturday:	<i>Mt 17:10-13</i>	Friday, Dec 13	8:00 am	
Next Sunday:	<i>Mt 11:2-11</i>	Saturday, Dec 14	5:30 pm	†Jane Richardson
		Sunday, Dec 15	8:00 am	For the People
		Sunday, Dec 15	10:30 am	Terri Morgan



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



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ABRAHAM	BAPTIST	BAPTIZE
BEAR	CAME	CAMEL'S
COME	CRYING	DAYS
FIRE	FRUIT	GARMENT
HAND	HEAVEN	ISAIAH
JOHN	JORDAN	JUDEA
KINGDOM	LORD	MAKE
PATHS	PREACHING	PREPARE
PROPHET	REPENT	SAID
SPOKEN	STRAIGHT	TREE
VOICE	WHEN	WILDERNESS

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Monthly Tecate & ECPC Collection Please leave your donations after all the Masses this weekend, **December 7-8**, in the "TECATE TREASURE CHEST" directly behind the church, near the back door of the multi-purpose room. Drive your car around to the back and it will be just a few steps away. You will be able to 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 for the ECPC. As always, thank you for your support!



Queen of Angels Women's Auxiliary Queen of Angels Woman's Auxiliary Annual Bake Sale is this weekend, **December 7-8**, after all the Masses. Please support our ladies with this worthwhile cause, as well as your sweet tooth with a one stop purchase of their yummy baked goods. All proceeds benefit our diocese's Seminarians and other Auxiliary projects.



Knights of Columbus Attention fellow Knights: Our monthly Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, **December 10**, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.



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!

QUEEN OF ANGELS GIVING TREE

Final Deadline: December 20!!

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.

(Cash or checks accepted. Please make checks out to the group to which you are donating.)

PLEASE NOTE: Tecate Orphanages are CASH ONLY.



First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus

10:30 am-11:15 am—Exposition/Adoration (Benediction to follow)

10:35 am-11:15 am—Confessions

11:30 am—Mass



First Saturday to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary

9:00am—Mass



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.



Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations for 2019

A gift of your securities, including stocks, mutual funds and IRA Charitable Rollover Distributions are an easy way to make a gift to the Church. By making a gift of your appreciated securities or retirement account, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that may otherwise be due if you sold these assets. Contributions are deductible for tax purposes. There are no transaction fees or other costs and the full value of the sold securities benefits the parish you select.

For more information on making a gift please visit the diocesan website at www.sdccatholic.org and click on Giving— Stock Donations at the top of the screen. Or, call Merrill Lynch, the diocese's broker, at 800-844-0720.

PASTOR'S PAGE

In the Gospel [Mt 3:1-12] this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear how "At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to John [him] and were being baptized...". We realize that this included people who were not Jewish, for it relates in the gospel how even Roman soldiers were going out to see John The Baptist [Lk 3:14]. It is interesting to hear how John speaks to the people with such conviction about the impending judgment of The One coming after him, who "...will baptize you with The Holy Spirit and fire." In other words, for everyone there John had the same words of warning. John did not specify to the Greeks and Romans for instance, 'You must follow your pagan gods the best that you can.' John speaks the one message of the truth of God known to the Jews. If John the Baptist did this in our own day people would call him a rigid, intolerant, hate-speech promoter of fundamentalist fanatical religious violence. Of course, many would say the same of Jesus as well.



What I am getting at is that in our Western world of pluralism we have gone beyond the notion of *religious tolerance*, to the idea now that all religions are equally true and equally valid paths to God. Very simply, we have gone from religious tolerance to *religious indifference*, *religious relativism*. We have lost the notion of the unique historical Revelation of the one truth of God known to Christians as Jesus Christ. The "politically correct" approach to religion, though popular in this culture, represents deeply erroneous thinking. For tolerance to the point of indifference to diverse religious expressions suggests that all religions are equally valid and true. People say, "It's all the same God", as if to suggest that all religious paths to this God are essentially the same, when they are manifestly not.

Religions of the world do share some common beliefs and especially moral values, moral values attributed to our common human nature and the natural law given us in creation, nevertheless, there are fundamental and irreconcilable differences divide them on crucially important issues. These include the very nature of God, the source of our knowledge of God, the problem of evil, the nature of salvation, and the destiny of mankind. For instance regarding God, only three world religions affirm monotheism, others teach polytheism, pantheism, or even atheism. In Islam God is an impersonal taskmaster; in Judaism God is personal; in Christianity God is personal, Triune and incarnate; while in Hinduism and Buddhism God is a person-less – impersonal and diffuse – "force" (as in *'the force be with you'*).

It all gets down to the fact that not all religious truth claims can be true at the same time and in the same way (the law of non-contradiction: for example, Jesus Christ cannot both *be* God incarnate (Christianity) and *not be* God incarnate (Judaism, Islam). These are not merely contrary, but *contradictory* religious claims having diametrically opposite meanings. Therefore exactly one is true and the other false (the world would have us believe they are all false). Accordingly, Jesus Christ must either be God incarnate, or not be God incarnate; no middle position is possible. Since Jews, Christians, and Muslims all conceive the identity of Jesus of Nazareth differently, logically speaking, their conceptions simply cannot all be true. Hence, the 'way' or 'means' of different religions will bring each to a different end.

Because of modern anthropology and sociology regarding the study of comparative religions, many people have concluded *wrongly* that all religions are the same. However, the difference is not in the similarities of these world religions (which are quite few), but in the distinctions in their approach to the divine. The secularist looks at it from an erroneous analogy or example of something called "The Elephant Analogy". In this analogy, several people encounter an elephant for the first time in a pitch-black enclosure. Not being able to see, each person *feels* a different part of the animal. They then attempt to explain the truth about what they have experienced. One man pats a leg and *sees* the elephant as a 'living pillar'. Another person grasps the trunk and *beholds* 'a snake'. The man who rubs the tusk *believes* the elephant to be a 'sharp plow-share'. Though all these people express one important aspect of the whole reality, none of them comprehends the complete reality of the elephant. According to this analogy, one may attribute the differences among the world's religions to mankind's inability to grasp the infinite reality of God. Thus, people encounter *the same divine reality* (Allah, Yahweh, Krishna, Jesus) differently because of their differing historical, cultural, or philosophical perceptions and preconceived notions. Each religion is thus said to be equally valid because each faith provides a genuine – though obviously limited – encounter with ultimate reality. Thus the world's religions are said to represent "different 'faces' or 'masks' or personae of God, the Ultimate Reality.

In response we can say that the elephant analogy assumes a radical skepticism concerning man's knowledge of God; namely, that no one religion, can *really know* God satisfactorily. The analogy is especially flawed, however, when viewed from the standpoint of Christian Faith. According to Christianity, God has *personally* entered the world of time and space in the historical person of Jesus Christ [Jn 1:1, 14, 18]. This same Jesus makes *exclusively unique* claims to divine authority and possesses the prerogatives of God which are incompatible with the relativism of religious pluralism [Jn 8:58; 10:30]. If the analogy were to reflect historic Christianity, one would find the elephant being born from among us, healing men's blindness, raising the dead, personally introducing himself and founding a church for our salvation. For the Christian claim is that God Himself is personally, intimately, uniquely, and decisively disclosed in The Person of

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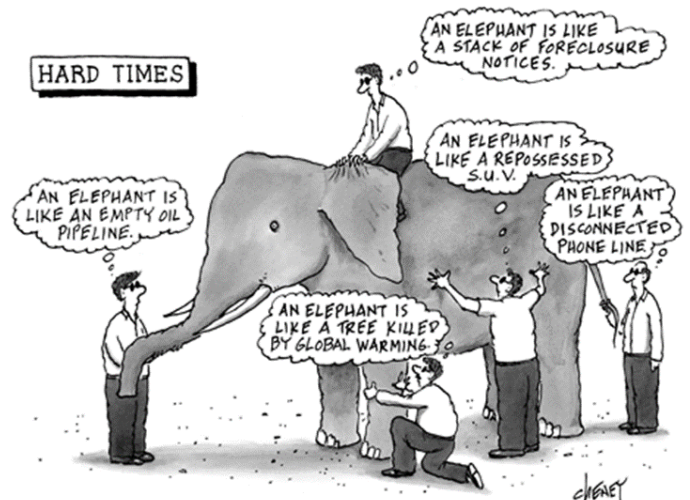
Jesus Christ! For according to Jesus' own words in the New Testament, "*Anyone who has seen Me has seen The Father*" [Jn 14:9]. Central to the message of historic Christianity is the astounding claim that God came to Earth *in the flesh* and has been personally known among men [I Jn 1:1]. What this means is that only Christianity is truly extra-terrestrial! That is, a physical being not of this earth has visited us.

When asked about the way or means to God Jesus said, "*I Am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to The Father except through Me*" [Jn 14:6]. The apostle Peter declared concerning Jesus, "*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved*" [Acts 4:12]. IT IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF CHRISTIAN FAITH THAT **JESUS IS GOD** in a unique and exclusive way. This one teaching alone means that those who contradict it are false. It is inherently contradictory that all religions be equally true. For, if all religions are equally true, then Christianity is false in teaching the Incarnation of God in Christ, and therefore not all religions are true.

Whether one accepts it or not, the truth-claims of Christianity are historical and factual in nature. Jesus of Nazareth was born under the reign of Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus. Jesus did suffer and die at the hands of an equally real Roman governor, Pontius Pilate. The historic Christian faith consistently resists and defies all attempts to homogenize and mythologize its central truth-claims. The apostles experienced Jesus' resurrection from the dead and reported it as an historical-factual event. The apostle Peter proclaimed: "*We did not follow cleverly concocted fables when we told you about the power and coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His Majesty*" [II Pet. 1:16]. According to the laws of logic and the historical veracity of Scripture, religious pluralism and relativism, no matter how popular, cannot be true.

What this means for us this Advent season is that when the time comes for us to celebrate Christmas you will know that you are commemorating and celebrating the historical event of God's coming into the world in-the-flesh, Incarnate, like us in all ways but sin, to bring about the redemption of mankind from the clutches of the devil. All the prophets preannounced Christ's coming in the Sacred Scriptures of God's Divine Revelation. Christ fulfilled these prophecies, and surpassed them with the supreme Revelation of the Paschal Mystery, whereby Jesus suffered, died, and resurrected, so to save us all from original and personal sin. This is why we celebrate Christmas with such joy, because God-is-with-us, Emmanuel. So let us continue 'To prepare the way of The Lord'!

Advent Blessings,
Father Tim



Mission Tamales are Back For Christmas!

There are five delicious flavors of tamales to choose from:

- pork with salsa verde
- chicken mole
- shredded beef with red chile
- ~ jalapeno and cheese
- ~ sweet pineapple

Tamales are handmade by our talented Mission chefs. You must purchase in multiples of 12, but can order flavors in multiple of 6. When ordering a dozen, you can get two different flavors (6 each) or all the same.

Cost: \$24.50 a dozen.

Order yours by December 12th and pick them up on December 21st from 12pm-7pm at the Retreat Center Dining Room.



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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:

St. Therese (San Diego), Monday,
December 9, 7:00 pm

Guardian Angels (Santee), Tuesday,
December 10, 7:00 pm

Santa Sophia (Spring Valley), Wednesday,
December 11, 7:00 pm

St. Luke, (El Cajon), Thursday,
December 12, 7:00 pm

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.*

**PRO-LIFE STEM CELL RESEARCH FINDS SUCCESS, SEEKS SUPPORT**

catholicnewsagency.com By Kevin Jones Iowa City, Nov 21, 2019

A Catholic medical research institute has claimed some successes in providing alternatives to research that harvest cells from human embryos--but it says such research needs more resources to complete.

"There aren't very many research organizations that we have seen that have taken a pro-life stand that we have, namely *we won't either support embryonic stem cell research or participate in it*," Jay Kamath, president of the Iowa-based John Paul II Medical Research Institute, told CNA Nov. 7. The research institute, now based in the Iowa City suburb of Coralville, was founded in 2006. It has a research staff of about 12. In recent years, the institute has pioneered a new technique to create adult stem cells, and its products have helped explore treatments for at least one rare disease. The organization hopes to build on these successes and demonstrate the effectiveness of ethical stem cell research.

Stem cell research today relies on cells taken from either human embryos or mature tissue. Stem cells harvested from embryos have a high degree of potential because they are capable of developing into any other tissue type in the body. However, they require the destruction of a human life at an early embryonic stage, making them ethically immoral. In addition, these cells can show instability and have a propensity for developing tumors. Critics note that **despite significant federal funding, embryonic stem cells have failed to deliver cures for any diseases thus far.**

Research on adult stem cells is more limited because these cells have less capacity to develop into various types of tissue. However, this research does not destroy a human life, because it is taken from developed tissue rather than a human embryo.

The John Paul II Medical Research Institute is a 501 (c) (3) organization that was founded in 2007 by Dr. Alan Moy. It is a secular organization that is grounded in a pro-life bioethic that respects the dignity of every human life. The Institute has chosen a name honoring the late pontiff, St. Pope John Paul II, that clearly demonstrates this unwavering commitment to the culture of life. More than 300 institutes and organizations engage in and support human embryonic stem cell research. **The John Paul II Medical Research Institute advocates for medical research that recognizes the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.** Also, the Institute advocates a new paradigm in research to address deficiencies in medical research and unmet medical needs. Still, funding for embryonic stem cell research continues, Kamath said, contrary to what some people believe. The institute's website is <https://www.jp2mri.org>.

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♪♪ Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling ♪♪

In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child even in midst of difficult circumstances. Please join us as we sing carols and share this Christmas hope where it is needed most...the abortion facility right here in our community.

When: Saturday December 14th, 10-11:00 a.m.

Where: Planned Parenthood - 1685 E. Main El Cajon

More Information: Contact hansenpat@msn.com

♪♪ Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling ♪♪



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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