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

<u>Daily Mass</u> 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

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If you're worried about an unplanned pregnancy, you may be experiencing a personal crisis full of concerns ábout your future. Pregnancy Care Clinic can ássist 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

May 17-18, 2025

Envelopes Used 65

Envelope Collections \$ 3,997.00 Plate Collections \$ 789.71 **TOTAL** \$ 4,786.81

75th Anniversary \$ 2,424.00

The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal "Advancing Our Mission"

Queen of Angels assessment for 2025 is \$23,411.00.

Our Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to fund our Pastoral Center ministry offices and programs that help our community members to live their faith. They include schools and programs to support faith formation at all ages, to strengthen families, to promote a culture of life, to care for creation, to engage youth and young adults, to sustain our retired clergy and those preparing for the priesthood, and to extend a helping hand to the marginalized.

We ask you to prayerfully consider how the Lord is inviting you to give towards this year's appeal. Your continued generosity in support of our local Church is vital to the mission of the consideration of the Universal Catholic Church.

If you cannot donate at this time, we ask you to pray for a successful 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal for our parish.

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY MAY 24-JUNE 1, 2025

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv

21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/

Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12,

13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 **Friday**: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 **Saturday**: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,

5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/

Jn 17:20-26

DATE		TIME	<u>INTENTION</u>
Saturday,	May 24	5:30 PM	Therese More
Sunday,	May 25	8:00 AM	Ana Garcia
Sunday,	May 25	10:30 AM	LouAnn Yelvington
Monday,	May 26	7:30 AM	Rosary
Tuesday,	May 27	8:00 AM	The Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday,	May 28	8:00 AM	The Sick of the Parish
Thursday, '	May 29	8:00 AM	Mark & Danielle Exner
Friday,	May 30	8:00 AM	†Steve Glick
Saturday,	May 31	5:30 PM	Michael Gonzales
Sunday,	Jun 1	8:00 AM	†Chik Hylton
Sunday,	Jun 1	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family



Kelly Barker

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



Nancy Clark
Nathan Farmer
Ana Garcia
Mike Gust
June Hill
Eugene Isaacs
Jason Laccone
Katie Clark Larson
Dale Lee
Susan Lopez
Steve McMeeken
James Meek
Therese More
Sarah Rusinak
Renee Schmiedeberg
Pat Vacio

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 bulletingofa@gmail.com.

Deployed Military

Meagan Abad, LT Matthew D. Fuller,PV2 William W. Fuller II, PFC Nicholas Johnson LT Edward R.M. Lopez, SSgt David J. McIntyre, PFC Nicholas Palstorm, E8 Joshua Rosson, PFC 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.



Friendly Reminder In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26. We will reopen at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 27.

Women's Auxiliary If you haven't noticed the Woman's Auxiliary has been very busy around our Parish lately. If you would like to be part of this energetic and lively group of woman please join us at our next meeting on May 28 at 5:30 PM in the parish hall. Hope to see you there!



Registration for the 2025-2026 Year will officially begin on May 31, 2025!

Registration is done online. The link to registration can be found on the parish website

queenofangels.org

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Registration is FREE from now until the July 31, so sign up early and sign up NOW to avoid any Charges!

After July 31 charges per child will occur.

In celebration of our **75th Anniversary** as a parish, we will be hosting a variety of parish events throughout the remainder of the calendar year.

Dates to Remember

June 8: Parish Italian Pentecost Potluck

August 24-25: Queenship of Mary Weekend (BIG Celebration)

September 21: Exaltation of the Cross, Blessing of Catechist & Ministers

Please note that the 75th Anniversary envelopes by the church entrances are for if you would like to donate to this specifically. Please also stay posted for further updates and information on these parish celebrations.



As we continue to celebrate our 75th Anniversary as a parish, you are invited to a



hosted by the

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Sunday, June 8th after the 10:30 AM Mass in the parish hall

In celebration of the

Feast of Pentecost

Main dishes will be supplied by the Woman's Auxiliary and the Parish, but we need volunteers to help provide

APPETIZERS/BREAD, SALADS. DESSERT & DRINKS

If you like to provide a food item or have any questions please stop by the table in the portico either before or after Mass to inquire and/or sign up.

See you there as Queen of Angels celebrates with great joy in the birth of the Catholic Church in the

Feast of Pentecost



(Don't forget to wear red!)

12 Consoling Bible Verses During Times of Suffering

By Clement Harrold May 16, 2025

As Christians, we know that suffering is part and parcel of this present life. But we also know that we are not alone in our suffering, for Jesus Christ has entered into it and redeemed it by the power of His Cross. We take heart, therefore, in the knowledge that "we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him" (Rom 8:17). And we turn to Sacred Scripture for encouragement and consolation on our pilgrim journey through this valley of tears.

Job 19:25-26

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God.

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

Matthew 8:25-26

And they went and woke him, saying, "Save, Lord; we are perishing." And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm

John 16:33

I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.

Philippians 4:5-7

The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:3-5

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 8:28

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you.

Revelation 21:3-5

I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."



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 <u>a senior in a Catholic, Public, Charter or accredited Home High School or a full-time student at an accredited College or Trade School.</u>

Applications are available online at queenofangels.org.

Applications must be completed and POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN <u>JULY 31ST, 2025</u> to be considered.

We at Queen of Angels are always in need of more Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Lectors, Ushers & Choir Members.

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.











GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 25, 2025 6th Sunday of Easter John 14:23-29

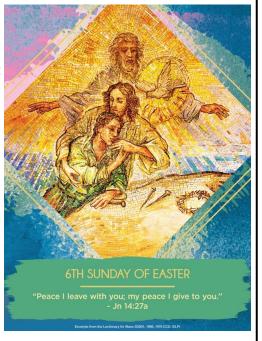
Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

—Father John Muir

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Council of Jerusalem: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8, Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it.

Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews.

The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church. The Church is One, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]."

The Church is Holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel.

The Church is Catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm.

And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is Apostolic—founded on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council.

Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us."

And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us."

Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.

BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

My Peace I Give to You

When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls.

"A massive, high wall," to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety.

Walls meant peace.

"My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. "Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

So what's the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ exists. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace — something like it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can't actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest — but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don't, my thoughts get pretty loud.

And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds me and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world.

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