

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday

3:30 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. 2:00 to 3:00 pm

or by appointment

Baptism

4th Sunday of the Month

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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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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

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

December 6, 2020

Envelopes Used	59
Envelope Collections	\$ 6,330.02
Plate Collections	\$ 649.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,979.02



GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 12-20, 2020

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Sunday:	<i>Jn 1:6-8, 19-28</i>	Saturday, Dec 12	3:30 pm	†Harold Bispham
Monday:	<i>Mt 21:23-27</i>	Sunday, Dec 13	8:00 am	For the People
Tuesday:	<i>Mt 21:28-32</i>	Sunday, Dec 13	10:30 am	†Tristan Hayes
Wednesday:	<i>Lk 7:18-23</i>	Monday, Dec 14	8:00 am	†Harold Bispham
Thursday:	<i>Mt 1:1-17</i>	Tuesday, Dec 15	7:30 am	Rosary
Friday:	<i>Mt 1:18-24</i>	Wednesday, Dec 16	8:00 am	†Rita Plotnik
Saturday:	<i>Lk 1:5-25</i>	Thursday, Dec 17	8:00 am	†Marie Bispham
Next Sunday:	<i>Lk 1:26-38</i>	Friday, Dec 18	8:00 am	†Pat Callahan
		Saturday, Dec 19	3:30 pm	David Pinal, Sr.
		Sunday, Dec 20	8:00 am	For the People
		Sunday, Dec 20	10:30 am	†Asuncion Razo



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



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANSWER	BAPTIZE	BEEN
CHRIST	CONFESSED	CRYING
DENY	ELIJAH	ISAIAH
JERUSALEM	JEWS	JOHN
LEVITES	LORD	MAKE
NEITHER	PHARISEES	PRIESTS
PROPHET	SAID	SENT
STRAIGHT	TESTIMONY	THEN
VOICE	WATER	WHEN

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Church Visitation Hours The Church will be open for personal prayer and visitation as follows:

Weekdays - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm; Reconciliation will be available during this time as well.

Please remember to follow the San Diego County guidelines when visiting church. Thank you.



Religious Education Schedule Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas holiday:

1st-5th Grade:

December 27: No class

January 3: No class

January 10: Class resumes

Journey/Formation:

December 23: No class

December 30: No class

January 6: Class resumes



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 cash for the Tecate Orphanages (Salvatierra-for girls and Rancho Nazareth-for boys) and Villa Anahuac, or monetary donations; cash or checks for Children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and East County Pregnancy Care Center. Final Deadline: **December 20. PLEASE NOTE: Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we can only accept CASH donations for the Tecate Orphanages and Villa Anahuac.**



Baptism We congratulate the newest member of our parish, who was baptized on December 6, 2020. **Cari-dad Consilia Martinez**, daughter of Pedro Antonio Martinez and Abigail Vargas. We lovingly welcome her into our Queen of Angels Faith Community!

Queen of Angels
Christmas 2020 Mass Schedule

Vigil of Christmas
Thursday, December 24
4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Solemnity of Christmas
Friday, December 25
10:30 am



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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PASTOR'S PAGE

The Radical and Scandalous Nature of Christ

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist appears as a great prophet. He is sent, not to the city but, ironically, into the desert. Why would God send a prophet to prophesy in a deserted area? Why was John the Baptist so extreme as to wear a camel's hair shirt; to eat bugs like grasshoppers; and to scrounge for wild honey? How is it that this manner and plan of action was fitting to the preparation of the coming of God into the world? We must remember too that, although John appears to our modern sensibilities to be extreme, *he also appeared extreme to his contemporaries, a real radical!* [Mt 11:18]. One whom civilized people would most likely reject. The question again is: ***How is it that John the Baptist's extreme manner was fitting for the preparation of the coming of God into the world?*** We can perhaps find the answer when John's disciple's approach Christ.

When John the Baptist's disciples approached Jesus to ask if He is 'The One' who is to come, Jesus answered, not with some mere verbal assurance of his identity but, by pointing to His works. Jesus tells them of all that He is doing for the lame, the blind, the lepers, the poor, the sinners, and in even raising the dead. However, Jesus adds something else: that *"Blest are they who find no stumbling block (i.e. scandal) in Me [Jn 11:6]".* Why does Jesus add this last phrase? Essentially saying, "I hope that I am not going to scandalize any of you?" What is a scandal?

A scandal or stumbling block takes place when we see a religious, or we could even say a 'good' person, sin, or seriously fail in the expectations of what we thought them to be. Usually we see the application of the term scandal in relation to highly publicized personalities, Hollywood stars, sports figures, presidents, even church ministers. What's more, it seems that we crave to read and hear about scandals. Newspapers, TV and radio programs love scandals, it creates business for them. Perhaps we like to hear about scandals because it makes us feel that our own sins are not so bad. The trouble is that scandals, over time, can desensitize us to evil in the world, so that nothing becomes a scandal anymore. As the song says: *"In olden days, a glimpse of stocking was looked on as something shocking. But now, heaven knows, Anything Goes!"*. It's kind of like boiling a frog in a pot of water, start with warm water and increase the heat gradually so the frog doesn't notice and jump out of the pot, and soon he'll be boiling.

So what is the scandal or 'stumbling block' that Our Lord refers to in His reply to John's disciples? The scandal of Christ was that He did not come for power, conquest, and glory; that His appearance was of that, not of a winner but of that of a loser. That He came *not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for the many* [Mt 28:20]. The scandal of Christ was that He came *to call sinners* [Mk 2:17], *all who labor and are heavy burdened* [Mt 11:28]. Moreover, He came to die upon the cross for them, a radical measure indeed! Most of the Jews were *incapable* of recognizing their own savior because of this scandal – what we can call the 'scandal of the cross'.

The fault of the Jewish leadership was *not* that they held God in so great esteem. It was *not* that they built the most magnificent temple. It was *not* that they fought and preserved the special heritage of Divine Revelation of the ethical, monotheistic faith in the one merciful and personal God. In short, it was *not* in that the Jews held God high, *but that they did not hold themselves to be low*. The fault of the Jewish leadership was they became somewhat proud, presumptuous, and vainglorious. In their false pride they held misconceptions of who and what they were in relationship to God as His chosen people. As a result they could not humble themselves and say that they were *nothing* in relation to God [Jn 15:5]. "Their Christ" could not possibly be a king who comes to them . . . *meek and riding on an ass . . . a beast of burden* [Mt 21:5]. Thus in the end, we see the Jewish leadership goading the crucified Christ, *"If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross..."* [Mt 27:40], as if to say 'Lower your standards, so we don't have to suffer, *then* we will believe [Mk 15:32].'

In answer to our question: How is it that John the Baptist's extreme manner was fitting to the preparation of the coming of Christ into the world? The answer is: like-to-like. It was to prepare for the radical and scandalous nature of Christ, the God-man, Who would be the fulfillment of Isaiah's "*suffering servant*". This is why Our Lord replies, not with words, but by pointing out His works, to overcome the commonly held opinions and false expectations – the scandal -- about John and Himself, as He says in another passage, *"To what shall I compare this generation? . . . For John (the Baptist) came neither eating nor drinking, and they said, 'He is possessed by a demon!' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'"* [Mt 11:19]. And then Jesus adds *"But wisdom is vindicated by Her works."* So then, indeed *"Blest are they who find no stumbling block (i.e. scandal) in Christ* [Jn 11:6].

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In other words, blessed are they who can perceive the works of God beyond the common opinions [paradox] and so-called 'wisdom' of this world. Just as the truly wise and humble three kings from the east came and did Christ homage because they were humble enough, and wise enough, to see beyond the borders of human wisdom and human pride [I Cor 1:18]. St. Paul sums this up well when he explains the lowly Christ to the Christians at Corinth: *"For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block [a scandal] to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men [I Cor 1:22-25]."*

In conclusion then, we can see why John the Baptist was so extreme. HE HAD TO BE! He had to be in order truthfully and honestly to prepare the way of the Messiah and God in the hearts of those who had fallen asleep. John appeared in the desert to prepare people to seek Jesus out a desert – the wasteland of their own empty minds and hearts. Hearts that have been disappointed by the best things this world has to offer; dissatisfied hearts that know *experientially* that 'the world is not enough'. We *need* God, we *need* 'The Infinite', and John knew that men would never find God in the clutter of their comfortable lives. John – the Elijah of the New Covenant – knew that men would need to enter the desolation of the desert experience of humble repentance from sin to finally find God, just as Elijah of the Old Covenant humbly covered his face when he found God in "¼the tiny whispering sound in the cave at Mt. Sinai [I Kings 19:12]. So, during Advent we should dwell upon the birth of Christ in its meagerness, its simplicity, and its humility so that we are sure of the kind of Messiah that we are seeking out and preparing for. Otherwise, we run the risk of underestimating the scandalous, radical measures that God wishes to take *in our own lives* by presenting a cross to us when we had other plans and expectations.

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our true homeland is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Philippians 3:18

Advent Blessings,

Father Tim



*The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal "Gratitude in Action" continues.
Queen of Angels assessment for 2020 is \$30,000.*

*ACA includes support for the following ministries: Catholic Schools and Tuition Assistance,
Formation in the Faith, Prison Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Seminarian Support,
Retired Priests and Catholic Charities.*

*Through your gift, we impact thousands of lives in our local Church community. Thank you for
your support as we participate in living the Church's mission to be a witness of compassion and
mercy to those in need.*

GOAL: \$30,000.00 PLEDGED: \$22,530.00 BALANCE: \$7,470.00

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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. As you know there can never be peace in the world, until there is peace in the womb!

When: Saturday December 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Planned Parenthood - 1685 E. Main El Cajon

More Information: Contact hansenpat@msn.com

Save the date, tell you friends, and please plan on joining us!
(Social distancing, and safety procedures will be practiced.)



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.

Additional Queen of Angels Advent Confessions:

Monday, December 21, 2020: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Tuesday, December 22, 2020: 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 23, 2020: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Please note: These are in addition to the regular confession time;
Saturday from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.



Donate to Your Parish



During this COVID-19 pandemic, your parish needs your support more than ever. Your parish gift provides a lifeline of support to our church family in this time of crisis. Please donate today.



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Knights of Columbus Scholarship Foundation
Queen of Angels Council #10118
P.O. Box 1600
Alpine, CA 91903-1600

December 1, 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Knights of Columbus, Queen of Angels Council #10118 is pleased to announce that, even with the challenges we currently face, five scholarships were awarded to deserving Queen of Angels youths. The award-ees are:

Rylee Omahen
Ivan Woestman
Paige Beron
Viliamu Morse
Rodney Jones III

These scholarships would not be possible without your generous donations and support of the fund raising activities throughout 2019 and 2020. Unfortunately, the restrictions imposed by the virus outbreak in the past eight months have impacted Council #10118's ability to raise funds. Once we are able, the Knights will resume fundraising activities such as the Cornhole Tournament, International Dinner Night, Waffle Breakfast and other events. The Knights are asking for your continued support through donations. When asked, please be as generous as you are able.

Again, "Thank You!" for all of your continued generous support. Please take the time to congratulate the awardees. They are truly deserving.

Sincerely,

Knights of Columbus, Queen of Angels Council #10118