

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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
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 13, 2020

Envelopes Used	48
Envelope Collections	\$ 4,937.00
Plate Collections	\$ 511.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,448.00



GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 19-27, 2020

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>	
Sunday:	<i>Lk 1:26-38</i>	Saturday, Dec 19	3:30 pm	David Pinal, Sr.
Monday:	<i>Lk 1:39-45</i>	Sunday, Dec 20	8:00 am	For the People
Tuesday:	<i>Lk 1:46-56</i>	Sunday, Dec 20	10:30 am	†Asuncion Razo
Wednesday:	<i>Lk 1:57-66</i>	Monday, Dec 21	8:00 am	†Harold & Marie Bispham
Thursday:	<i>Lk 1:67-79</i>	Tuesday, Dec 22	7:30 am	Rosary
Friday:	<i>Jn 1:1-18</i>	Wednesday, Dec 23	8:00 am	†Harold Bispham
Saturday:	<i>Mt 10:17-22</i>	Thursday, Dec 24	4:00 pm	For the People
Next Sunday:	<i>Lk 2:22-40</i>	Thursday, Dec 24	6:00 pm	†Marie Bispham
		Friday, Dec 25	10:30 am	†Daniel Barker
		Saturday, Dec 26	3:30 pm	For the People
		Sunday, Dec 27	8:00 am	Hal Andreoli & Family
		Sunday, Dec 27	10:30 am	†Harold & Marie Bispham



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



For Healing

Erika Allen
Norman Banks
Kelly Barker
Karsen Beron
Nela Contreras
Luke Hayworth
June Hill
Joan Hoffman
Carmen Holt
Katie Larson
Rufus Moore
Joan Smith

Victoria Thrift
Kailyn & Charis Whaley
Aimee Wolf



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Deployed Military

LT Meagan Abad
Rebekah Meyer, USN
HM3 Jacob Tweed
Mattison Underhill, USN



If you have a friend or relative who is serving in our military and is deployed or will be deployed, please contact Darlene at bulletin@queenofangels.org.

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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



Please Note: The parish office will be closed **Thursday, December 24, 2020-Friday, January 1, 2021.** We will reopen on **Monday, January 4, 2021.** We would like to wish all of our parishioners a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year!

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.



*It is the Night of Our Dear Savior's Birth.
May your hearts be filled with wonder
throughout the Christmas Season
and all of 2021.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from Queen of Angels.*



PASTOR'S PAGE

Blessed Virgin Mary: Ark of The New Covenant

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent The Church traditionally reflects upon the Blessed Virgin Mary, as she assists us in forming Christ within us. There is a parallel between King David's efforts to build a dwelling place for The Lord, and the Annunciation, whereby the Archangel Gabriel obtains the maiden Mary's consent to God's proposal to dwell among humanity (Emmanuel), through her granting The Divinity an instrumental humanity whereby He would save His people (hence, her offspring is called Jesus 'Savior').

In the second Book of Samuel [7:1-5; 8-16] we hear of King David who has the idea of building a house for the Lord, so that the Ark of the Covenant could be given a dwelling place fitting to The Lord. The Ark of the Covenant was, of course, created by Moses according to the exact pattern laid down by God Himself [Ex 25:10]. It was made of acacia wood and lined inside and out with pure gold. It had a cover that was formed as a sort of seat, with one golden cherubim on each sided overshadowing the center with their wings. The center top part of the cover was called the propitiatory or 'mercy seat' [Ex 25:17]. The Ark was therefore a kind of 'sedan chair', which had two poles that were mounted through rings on the side of it, which enabled the priests to carry the Ark (God's Presence) in procession from one place to another. It was most notably the throne of the God of Israel, Whose immaterial presence was depicted by the empty seat. Most of us are probably familiar with the Ark of the Covenant because we saw a movie made in the 1980's (1981) with Harrison Ford who goes around trying to find the lost Ark. Our point in mentioning all this is that the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament has a parallel in the New Testament. If we understand what the Old Testament Ark was, we will then begin to see what the New Testament Ark *is presently*. So how was the Presence of God known through the Ark?

The story begins with the one who built the Ark, Moses. He first encountered The God of Israel in the burning bush on Mt. Sinai. After God called Moses and he was able to obtain the release of the Hebrew slaves from Pharaoh in Egypt by the miracles of God, the Hebrews came to know God's Presence through a dark cloud. It is related in The Book of Exodus [14:19], ". . . and the pillar of cloud moved from before [them] the Israelites and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness; and the night passed without one coming near the other all night^{1/4}". So the Presence of God was seen as, during the day a pillar of dark cloud, while at night it was a pillar of illuminating fire.

After the Red Sea event, God's Presence was known at Mt. Sinai, again through fire and cloud, when the Covenant Law was received as related by The Book of Deut. [4:11] "*And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. Then the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice^{1/4}*".

Later, as the Israelites were in the desert, Moses, having made the Ark of The Covenant, was instructed by God to also make a tent for the Ark to be placed in. Once again [Ex 40:33] we see the cloud emerge . . . "*So Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.*" The cloud of God's Presence was mysteriously associated with The Ark however, not the tent as Leviticus relates: [16:2] "*1/4and the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at all times into the holy place within the veil, before the mercy seat which is upon the Ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat."*" The Ark was considered so holy and inviolate that it could not be touched by any but the priest, even by accident, or the person would die. II Samuel [6:2] relates: "*Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there because he put forth his hand to touch the ark^{1/4}*"

As we fast-forward through history we see how King Solomon builds the magnificent Temple of God. When the Temple was dedicated, the Ark was brought to its new dwelling place. I Kings [8:10] states: "*And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so (dark) that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.*" [II Chon 6:1] *Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. I have built thee an exalted house, a place for thee to dwell in forever."*

We have enough quotes here to see that the Ark of The Old Testament was the place of *The Presence of God*; it was the portable presence of God; it was inviolably holy, untouched by men; it was shrouded by God's Presence through the overshadowing of the dark cloud; and it was the center of the Temple of God, behind veils; it was the throne of God. So what is the parallel, the corollary, to the New Testament? Once again, we see the Ark of the Covenant dwelling in the center of The Temple of God.



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St. John, the beloved Apostle, relates *directly* in the Book of Revelation [11:19;12:3] what he saw in a vision, he says: *“Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the Ark of His Covenant was seen within His temple; and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery.”* St. John the beloved is telling us that the Ark of The New Covenant is the Virgin Mary! How can he say that?

In the Gospel of Luke [1:34ff] it depicts how the inviolate virgin of Nazareth will come to be with child – for as the Ark of God, she cannot be touched by man – as she relates herself: *“Mary said to the angel, “How shall this be, since I have no relations with a man?”* And more importantly, the Angel Gabriel *“½said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”* The angel uses the same word as in the Old Testament for the dark cloud covering the Ark of the Covenant, the Hebrew word is *“Shekinah”*. He says that the Power of God’s dark Mysterious Presence will overshadow lowly Mary, so that the child will be known as *“The Son of God”*. So The B.V. Mary is seen in Sacred Scripture as the vessel of honor containing God’s Presence in a manner unimaginably beyond that of the Old Testament Ark.

A little further on St. Luke relates how the Virgin Mary bears God’s Presence in the world, in a mobile fashion, just like the Ark of old. [Lk 1:39-44] *“In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, ½and she entered the house ¼ and greeted Elizabeth. ½and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”*

Like the Ark of Old, [CCC 721] Mary is the *“Seat of Wisdom”* the very seat of the Presence of God The Son, Jesus. Mary is the bearer of the Presence of God to the world; Mary is the inviolably holy, the undefiled, immaculate, the untouched by man. Mary is shrouded by God’s Presence through the overshadowing of the dark cloud; and Mary is the center of the Temple of God, behind veils; she is the throne of God where the child Jesus is seated.

We see that in the New Testament God’s Presence is still related as being in a cloud, as in the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, [Mt 17:5] *“Peter was still speaking, when behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”* Mary reiterates the voice of The Father heard on the Mountain, when her last recorded words in Sacred Scripture say of her Divine Son Jesus:

“Do whatever He tells you” [Jn 2:5].

Advent Blessings,

Father Tim

S A I D R G G Z C A M E Y
T H G S O R T E O R G U D
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M O N T H E U D A V I D Y
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ANGEL	BEHOLD	BETROTHED
CALL	CAME	CITY
CONCEIVE	CONSIDERED	DAVID
FULL	GABRIEL	GALILEE
GRACE	GREAT	GREETING
HAIL	HIGH	HOLY
HOUSE	JOSEPH	LORD
MARY	MIND	MONTH
MOST	NAME	NAZARETH
SAID	SAYING	SENT
SIXTH	SORT	TROUBLED

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ON LIVING IN THE ATOMIC AGE

by C. S. Lewis

[NOTE WELL: Lewis wrote this in 1948 about the A-Bomb. Just insert 'Covid' wherever you read 'A-Bomb']

In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. 'How are we to live in an atomic age?' I am tempted to reply: 'Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat at night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents.

In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented... It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds...

What the atomic bomb has really done is to remind us forcibly of the sort of world we are living in and which, during the prosperous period before, we were beginning to forget. And this reminder is, so far as it goes, a good thing. We have been waked from a pretty dream, and now we can begin to talk about realities...

It is our business to live by our own law not by fears: to follow, in private or in public life, the law of love and temperance even when they seem to be suicidal, and not the law of competition and grab, even when they seem to be necessary to our own survival. For it is part of our spiritual law never to put survival first: not even the survival of our species. We must resolutely train ourselves to feel that the survival of Man on this Earth, much more of our own nation or culture or class, is not worth having unless it can be had by honorable and merciful means.

Nothing is more likely to destroy a species or a nation than a determination to survive at all costs. Those who care for something else more than civilization are the only people by whom civilization is at all likely to be preserved. Those who want Heaven most have served Earth best.

Those who love man less than God do most for man....

Let the bomb find you doing well.

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