

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

November 22, 2020

Envelopes Used	52
Envelope Collections	\$ 4,382.00
Plate Collections	\$ 392.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,774.00

November 29, 2020

Envelopes Used	43
Envelope Collections	\$ 2,190.00
Plate Collections	\$ 464.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,654.00

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.

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 5-13, 2020

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
		Saturday, Dec 5	9:00 am	†Emily Marie Gazarek
Sunday:	<i>Mk 1:1-8</i>	Saturday, Dec 5	3:30 pm	For the People
Monday:	<i>Lk 5:17-26</i>	Sunday, Dec 6	8:00 am	President Donald Trump
Tuesday:	<i>Lk 1:26-38</i>	Sunday, Dec 6	10:30 am	†Marie Bispham
Wednesday:	<i>Mt 11:28-30</i>	Monday, Dec 7	7:30 am	Rosary
Thursday:	<i>Mt 11:11-15</i>	Tuesday, Dec 8	8:00 am	Thanksgiving for Prayers
Friday:	<i>Mt 11:16-19</i>	Tuesday, Dec 8	7:00 pm	†Harold & Marie Bispham
Saturday:	<i>Lk 1:26-38</i>	Wednesday, Dec 9	8:00 am	Brian Holt
Next Sunday:	<i>Jn 1:6-8, 19-28</i>	Thursday, Dec 10	8:00 am	†Frank Plotnik
		Friday, Dec 11	8:00 am	†Mary Plotnik
		Saturday, Dec 12	3:30 pm	†Harold Bispham
		Sunday, Dec 13	8:00 am	For the People
		Sunday, Dec 13	10:30 am	†Tristan Hayes



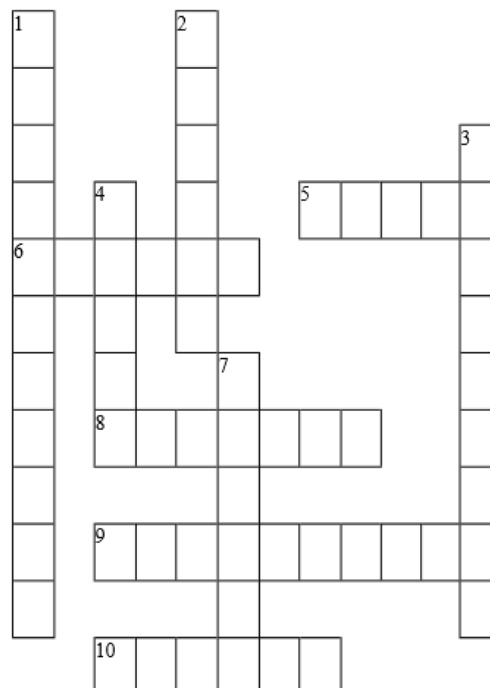
A Voice in the Desert Mark 1: 1-8

Across

- It is crying in the desert.
- Prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you..."
- John made a meal out of these.
- Type of baptism proclaimed by John the Baptist.
- Straps

Down

- Unscramble the letters: RVEFGESOINS
- John baptized in this river.
- People from this city were baptised by John.
- John's clothes was made from this animal.
- People came from this countryside to see John the Baptist.



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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.



Please Take Note: Tuesday, **December 8**, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and **IS** a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.



Baptism We congratulate the newest member of our parish, who was baptized on November 29, 2020. **Joseph William Pownell**, son of Nathaniel John Pownell and Sarah Elizabeth Dunn. We lovingly welcome him into our Queen of Angels Faith Community!

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

Queen of Angels Giving Tree November 29 – 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 cash for the Tecate Orphanages and Villa Anahuac, or monetary donations; cash or checks for Children of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and East County Pregnancy Care Center.

PLEASE NOTE:
Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we can only accept CASH donations for the Tecate Orphanages and Villa Anahuac.



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: _____
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The names will be listed in memoriam at Christmas time.



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A Lesson in Humility

J. Michael Feazell

Who would you say was the greatest man ever born? If you are a Christian, you might say, "Why, Jesus Christ, of course!" Suppose Jesus himself were asked the question. What do you suppose he would say?

You might be surprised to know that Jesus did once attribute that distinction of greatness to a certain man. He told his disciples, "I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

Major celebrity

John the Baptizer was an amazingly popular figure. Everybody in Jerusalem and people from all over the Judean countryside went out to listen to him preach. But they didn't just listen—they responded; they confessed their sins and were baptized! Not only was John popular, he was also successful.

For all his popularity and success, though, John was strikingly different from the average man. Many people respond to great popularity and success with a certain degree of pride and swagger. But from the beginning, John the Baptizer was different.

'Not about me'

Perhaps you have seen the slogan, "It's not about me." That was the root of John's message. He preached about someone else, someone who would come after him whose sandal thongs John did not consider himself even worthy to tie.

John wasn't interested in the limelight. He wasn't interested in the praise or admiration of others. He was interested in preparing the way for someone else, and he didn't let personal ambition get in the way of doing his job well.

Baptism

John was a baptizer. Among the preparations he made for the coming of Christ was the task of preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It was into this kind of baptism that the people listening to him entered.

Baptism was not an invention of John, nor was it unique to the Israelites. From ancient times, baptism was a well-known symbol, an outward sign, of a new spiritual birth, of entering into a new form of life.

For those whom John baptized, it marked their confession that they were sinners. When we admit we are sinners, we are laying aside our human pride and confessing the truth of what we really are. But we are not making that confession blindly. We are making it in the light of the revealed knowledge that God loves us immeasurably, and that he has made atonement for us in Jesus Christ.

In other words, because God has revealed to us that he *is for* us, we are *free* in Christ both to fearlessly acknowledge our sinfulness before God, and *free* to accept God's gift of atonement and his new creation of us in Jesus Christ.

Because we have met with the grace of God in Jesus Christ, we can entrust ourselves to him fully and without reservation. Safe in his love, we can give over to him even the crushing burdens of our darkest sins and fears.

New creation

Within that confession of our sinfulness is our recognition that we need God's forgiveness. We admit that we are rebels who have betrayed God's love, and we place ourselves at his mercy, having now renounced our rebellion and pledged faithful obedience.

But actually becoming that new person, entering that new life, turning over that new leaf, is another question entirely. When we try to do that, we find ourselves failing—fighting our old ways, but losing so often we can easily fall into despair. That is, *unless we trust God to be who he really is for us in Jesus Christ!*

In Christ, we are a new creation (see 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 6:15). And we are set free (Galatians 5:1)! God has freed us to be the new, redeemed, healed and complete persons he has made us to be in Christ. We can use that gift of freedom to hear and obey our heavenly Father, or we can reject it and continue to live as though God had not made us his covenant partner, as though he had not made us the beloved recipients of his overflowing grace in Christ (verse 13).

No longer must we live in spiritual bondage, struggling in vain to grasp here and there a little respect, dignity, security and love in this heartless world. No longer must everything in life be about us and our anxieties about not getting all the things

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we think we want. No longer must we live in opposition to God, ourselves and our neighbor.

The Holy Spirit both gives us ears to hear God's command and provides us our new life in Christ. In that new life provided by the Holy Spirit, we are free to choose to be the person in Christ God has already chosen us to be. To do otherwise is not freedom, but a return to bondage.

In Christ

All this repenting, believing and passing through the waters of baptism have meaning *only because God gives them meaning*. Only because the Son of God took the indescribable action of becoming one of us—living sinlessly as one of us, dying on the cross as one of us, being resurrected as one of us, ascending to and being received by the Father as one of us, does any of it make any sense at all.

It makes sense because God, *in his divine freedom to be who he wants to be for our sakes*, makes it make sense. We are saved by God's grace—his love, his utter faithfulness to his redemptive purpose for the humanity he loves so much that in Christ he took humanity itself into himself.

A lesson in humility

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Jesus Christ, and through Christ to reconcile to himself all things in heaven and earth through Christ's death (see [Colossians 1:19-20](#)).

That is the way God chose to make us into a new creation. The Son of God took humanity into himself, and in his perfect obedient sacrifice of love, he reconciled humanity to God. It is to this God, the God who in immeasurable love humbled himself to take all our burdens upon himself, including our ugliest sins, and turn us into a new and beautiful creation in his Son, that we owe complete allegiance and obedience.

John's ministry was a ministry of humility. Baptism is an expression of humility. The Son of God humbled himself to become one of us for our sakes. And the new life in Christ that is given to us by our Creator and Redeemer is a life of humility.

It's not about me. If it were about me, what would I do? How can I heal my own past, my present and future? How can I redeem my own faults, sins, betrayals and rebellion? How can I secure my future or the future of those I care about?

No, thank God, it's not about me. It's all about Jesus Christ, the Son of God incarnate (in the flesh) for our sakes. He is the one who heals our personal history, redeems our every dark sin, secures our future and gives us deep peace and rest.

Praise be to God that we can drop all our airs of superiority and pride, and humble ourselves before the mighty hand of God, because he is truly our all in all.

Advent Blessings!

*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: \$22,330.00 BALANCE: \$7,670.00

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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.)



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist’s call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of man.

“And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behavior in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

“Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The ‘voice’ of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.” — Benedict XVI



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November 18, 1920 Marked 100th Anniversary of Legalized Abortion Worldwide

ruthinstitute.org/press/wednesday-marks-100th-anniversary-of-legalized-abortion-worldwide

Posted on Tuesday, November 17, 2020

"On November 18, 1920, Soviet Russia became the first country to legalize abortion," said Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, Ph.D., founder and president of The Ruth Institute.

"It's not surprising that a totalitarian state pioneered legalized abortion. Just as communism violates human rights on a massive scale, abortion denies the most fundamental of rights – the right to life – to the unborn child," Morse declared. "That's why it's ironic that so many international organizations try to portray abortion as a fundamental human right, comparable to free speech or the right to a fair trial."

Until the end of World War II, legalized abortion was limited to Russia and countries controlled by the U.S.S.R. Then Sweden and Japan followed suit. In the 1960s and 70s, many European democracies passed similar laws. In 1973, the Supreme Court imposed abortion on the United States.

Today, the World Health Organization estimates there are **50 million abortions a year worldwide**. "*The number of abortions performed in the past 100 years could be in the billions*," Morse said. She also warned: "*Now some prominent NGOs and government aid-givers are trying to force abortion on African countries like Kenya, despite overwhelming local opposition.*"

"*It's important for us all to understand: the origins of legalized abortion started with a regime dedicated to the abolition of human rights and the family, and the massive expansion of state power*," Morse charged.

The Ruth Institute is a global non-profit organization leading an international interfaith coalition to defend the family and build a civilization of love.

"If my requests are not granted, Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated."

Our Lady of Fatima in her apparition of July 13, 1917, to Sister Lucia

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.**

