

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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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



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

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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

February 16, 2020

Envelopes Used	95
Envelope Collections	\$ 5,259.00
Plate Collections	\$ 541.35
TOTAL	\$ 5,800.35

*The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal "Gratitude in Action" has begun.
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: \$ 4,435.00 BALANCE: \$ 25,565.00

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 22-MAR 1, 2020

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
		Saturday, Feb 22	5:30 pm	Christopher Clark
Sunday:	<i>Mt 5:38-48</i>	Sunday, Feb 23	8:00 am	†Hannah Gentry
Monday:	<i>Mk 9:14-29</i>	Sunday, Feb 23	10:30 am	For the People
Tuesday:	<i>Mk 9:30-37</i>	Monday, Feb 24	8:00 am	Megan Clark
Wednesday:	<i>Mt 6:1-6, 16-18</i>	Tuesday, Feb 25	7:30 am	Rosary
Thursday:	<i>Lk 9:22-25</i>	Wednesday, Feb 26	8:00 am	
Friday:	<i>Mt 9:14-15</i>	Wednesday, Feb 26	5:30 pm	
Saturday:	<i>Lk 5:27-32</i>	Wednesday, Feb 26	7:00 pm	
Next Sunday:	<i>Mt 4:1-11</i>	Thursday, Feb 27	8:00 am	
		Friday, Feb 28	8:00 am	John Wing
		Saturday, Feb 29	5:30 pm	For the People
		Sunday, Mar 1	8:00 am	Ruth Pint
		Sunday, Mar 1	10:30 am	Joan & David Pint



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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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALSO	BEGS	BORROW
CHEEK	CLOAK	COAT
EVIL	FORCES	GIVE
HEARD	MILE	OTHER
REFUSE	RESIST	RIGHT
SAID	STRIKES	TAKE
TOOTH	TURN	WELL

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Leap into Lent Please stop by the Multipurpose room this Sunday, **February 23**, after the 8:00 or 10:30 am Masses to pick up materials for your Lenten Journey. We are offering resources for all ages as well as activities, snacks, and fun for everyone!



Religious Education Please take note: There will be a very important Parent's meeting of all children in 2nd grade on Sunday, **March 1** at 9:15 am. Please plan to attend this meeting.



Bunco Come join us in the parish hall **Wednesday**, evening, **March 4**, at 6:30 PM for some fun and laughs. Even if you've never played before, it is an easy game to learn. Please note the day change. See you there!

St. Vincent de Paul Village

Come *show* God's love by sharing your *love* while assisting serving meals on Saturday, **February 29** from 10 am-2 pm. We will also be distributing the socks collected from our Sock Drive. All parishioners from highschoolers, young adults and the not so young adults are welcome to share in this incredible opportunity. If interested please look for the signup sheet at the main entrance to the church. Come help make this a positive experience for these special people. Meet in the parking lot at 9:15 am and we will return by 2:00 pm.



Thousands sought Jesus during his life. Only a few followed him to Calvary.
What will you do?

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, **No Greater Love** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.

March 10-April 7 from 9am-11am
March 12-April 9 from 6pm-8pm

In the Parish Hall

Class is free. Additional study guide is \$14.99 plus shipping

For more information contact Katrina at 619.445.2145



Masses on **February 26, 2020** Ash Wednesday are:

8:00 am, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

This is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Lenten Prayer materials
are available in the of church.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent

at 6:30 pm in the church

(February 28, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, April 3)

followed by a

Lenten Meal

at 7:00 pm in the hall

hosted by various parish families and communities.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday in Lent

following the

8:00 am morning Mass until 9:30 am.

First Friday Devotions-March 6 & April 3 at 10:30 am.

First Saturday Devotion to the

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, March 7 & April 4,

Rosary at 8:30 am, Mass at 9:00 am

Additional Opportunities for Reconciliation

Monday, April 6, 9:00 am-10:00 am

Wednesday, April 8, 11:30 am-12:30 am

Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Thursday, April 9, After Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 10, After 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Lenten Prayer materials are available in the church.

Friday are Days of Abstinence.



PASTOR'S PAGE

The Catholic Church distinguishes between The Commandments and The Counsels; so all Christians are called to holiness, but not in the same way or degree.

This Sunday the readings that The Church places before us [Mt 5:38-48] can all be summed up with the closing words of our Lord in the Gospel: "*Be ye perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.*" [Mt 5:48]. Bottom of Form In The Book of Leviticus we hear: "*Be holy, for I, The Lord, Your God, am holy*" [19:1]; and similarly, Saint Paul tells the Christians at Corinth: "...the temple of God, which you are, is holy" [3:16-23].

In regards to Christian holiness, notice that Jesus calls upon His hearers today to "*turn the other cheek*" and "*to not resist evil*". Logically then, if taken literally, a Christian society could not have a legal or penal system. Neither could it have police, or a defensive army. Such may be the impression of a person who gives the gospel a mere cursory glance; however, when looking to Sacred Scripture as a whole one can put this passage into perspective. And so we examine what this Christian perfection of holiness is that Our Lord is calling us to in our reflection.

The real question is not '*Whether* one should be holy' but rather, '*What is holiness*' and, '*How am I to become holy?*' An expert in holiness, St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, India, once said that '*Holiness consists in doing the Will of God, with a smile*'. That is, holiness is doing God's Will *willingly*, positively. So this is holiness: aligning my will with The Divine Will, submitting my mission to God's Mission (*submission*). Please note: that this is not merely the calling of Christians, this is the calling – or vocation – of every person on planet earth! We begin a life of holiness in two ways: first, generically, or in general; and secondly, specifically and personally.

Holiness in general is obtained by operating – or acting – according to the directions God The Creator gave us for our human nature. I know what those directions are because I am made in the image of God, that is, as intelligent, so that I act according to reason. To be human is to be '*homo sapiens*', wise man. Proper and good human acts are those that are reasonable; hence the CCC states that "*sin is an offense against reason* [CCC 1849]. What we see therefore is that becoming holy *in general* means following the natural law of reason as laid down by our rational human nature and codified by God in the Ten Commandments. The Commandments are merely the precepts of the natural law and hence are directions for every person on earth with a rational nature (which means everybody). Coincidentally, becoming holy in this way is also becoming happy, because when you use something properly, according to the manufacturer's directions, you obtain operational success or happiness. If you don't follow the manufacturer's directions you end up frustrated. This is why so many people today (perhaps our society as a whole) are unhappy and frustrated: they don't follow the Commandments of God. It should be added that to fulfill the Commandments in general we need grace, which means of course personal prayer and the Seven Sacraments.

Of course, there is no such thing as Christian holiness 'in general' that simply stops at fulfilling the exterior Commandments. This is why Our Lord demands that our holiness exceed the holiness of the scribes and Pharisees, which was merely an *exterior* holiness [Mt 5:20]. Therefore *every person must further obtain a personal, interior, Christian holiness.*

Hence, holiness, specifically and personally, is obtained by following God even more closely than living the Ten Commandments exteriorly. Personal holiness lies in doing the Will of God even deeper, as indicated by the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. For this *deep prayer* is necessary. This means going beyond the Commandments and embracing – at least in spirit and in openness – the evangelical counsels of *poverty*, *chastity*, and *obedience*. We tend to think that these are merely for those following a monastic calling. The truth is, however, that all Christians *must* embrace poverty, chastity, and obedience – in spirit – meaning at *least to the degree that they are called to by their personal vocation as a Christian*. So while monks, nuns, and priests may take a special vow to follow these according to their respective vocations and religious charisms, all the laity must also follow poverty, chastity, and obedience insofar as their personal vocation as a Christian calls for it. Examples of the evangelical counsels: Poverty [Mt 19:21] *Rich young man*: "*Go sell all that you have, then come follow Me*". Chastity [Mt 19:12] *Celibacy*: "*Let him who can accept this, accept this.*" Obedience [Mk 5:19; Lk 8:38] *Gerasene Demoniac*: being cured wanted to follow Jesus closer, but Jesus did not permit it, told him to go home.

This distinction between The Commandments and The Counsels is the key to the proper understanding of Our Lord's words in the Gospel today "...offer no resistance to one who is evil." When Jesus says that we must turn the other cheek, He is not saying that every Christian must be a pacifist; that no Christian can defend himself in the onslaught of violence from an unjust aggressor. If this were true no Christian could be a policeman or a soldier, and John The Baptist would have been wrong to tell the soldiers who asked him "*What must we do to be saved?*" to merely "... be satisfied with your wages." [Lk 3:14].



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Simply put: Christian holiness demands justice as well as charity. For this reason The Church makes the following distinction. That while all Christians are called to follow the Commandments; and furthermore, all Christians are called to embrace the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience, at least in spirit – meaning according to their vocation in life. There are, nevertheless, some Christians whose life of holiness demands that they exercise charity by imposing justice, even to the extent of using violence, *as reason calls for*. For these Christians it would be the sin of cowardice not to defend the rights of those who cannot defend themselves. Coincidentally: this applies equally to parents when their child becomes an unjust aggressor, in the sense that the child makes unreasonable demands upon parents or family. Then the parents may need to “turn the other cheek” (meaning butt cheek), and apply some ‘negative reinforcement’ (also called ‘the paddle’).

Therefore *some* Christians are called to turn the other cheek, namely those with a specifically religious calling to live explicitly the evangelical counsels, and even those Christians who, following the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, feel called to conscientiously object to violence. However, nobody can say that every Christian everywhere must be a non-violent pacifist or they fail to be Christian! This is why The Church . . .

- is not opposed to standing armies for nation states.
 - teaches that there can be a just war in certain circumstances [CCC 2308 ff].
- recognizes The State’s right to impose the death penalty, although we must add that the teaching today is that it is not *prudential* to do so in a modern civilized State [CCC 2267].

In conclusion, failure to make the distinction between The Commandments and The Counsels is why so many Christians are not Christian, or they end that way. Sacred Scripture was not meant to be taken literally in every instance. It is really The Catholic Church that makes rational sense in a world that is less than rational, and less than perfect, all the while insisting that all Her members are called to the height of Christian perfection, *but according to their state in life*. We find this formulated very well in St. Francis de Sales’ classic book The Introduction to The Devout Life. Hence the Christian life of seeking holiness calls for prudence, distinction, and discernment; as the Dominicans say: “*Never deny, seldom affirm, always distinguish.*”

“Be ye therefore perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” [Mt 5:48].

Abundant Blessings,

Father Tim



Children of the Immaculate Heart

Please join the **Children of the Immaculate Heart**
in supporting survivors of Human Trafficking by participating in their
“Little House in the Parish” Coin Drive.

Stop by and visit their table after all Masses the weekend of February 29-March 1. Parishioners are encouraged to take a “Little House” home, fill them up with spare change or checks for large amounts, and return them to the church as often as they like during the Lenten Season. These donations will help fund the adult program for survivors of human trafficking and their children!

If you’ve any questions or would like more information, please email officemanager.cih@gmail.com or call 619.431.5537.

Thank you and abundantly and may God reward you for your generosity!



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We here at Queen of Angels are always in need of Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, Lectors and Ushers. We will work with your availability to serve at the Mass which you now attend. If you feel the calling and would like to assist us with any of these responsibilities please call Sandy in the parish office at 619.445.2145.

**Commit to Lent**

The season of Lent is here! If you are like me I am sure you are searching to find a way to connect with God during this season of Lent. Every year people commit to doing something to show God that they want to build a stronger relationship with Him. Whether it be giving something up, praying more, random acts of kindness, whatever it takes to connect to God during this season.

I have a great idea for you. How about committing 1 hour a week for a study on the Eucharist. What a perfect time to study the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The Eucharist sings the glory of God in the name of all creations. By committing to this you could strengthen your relationship with God this Lenten Season.

We have to remember the Devil doesn't want us to get close to God and he will do anything to prevent you from improving your relationship with God. Our lives are so chaotic and filled with responsibilities the last thing we think we have time for is Bible Study. In reality when you make time to let God into your life a sense of peace seems to fill your day. Bible studies help us to know and grow in God's love. But most important they help us to trust in God. When we trust in God we cannot go wrong.

With our lives being pulled in so many directions and our thoughts filled with earthly concerns we tend to forget we need spiritual nourishment. The first and last thought on our minds as we begin and end each day should be have we shined in Christ's light today? Our faith should be the fundamental calling in our lives and the center piece to who we are. By taking one of the Bible study classes you can learn and grow in your faith. These classes help us to bear witness to Jesus Christ and that is what life on earth is truly about. I hope you will make the commitment to put in a little bit of time and receive a multitude of blessings!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

As a Parish family, Queen of Angels we will be covering prayer shifts from 7:00am –7:00pm every **TUESDAY beginning **March 3-March 31**. Please join us for at least one hour in peaceful pray to end abortion in the public right-of-way outside of**

Planned Parenthood at 1685 E Main St., El Cajon (near Greenfield and East Main Street next to McDonalds).

The dates are as follows: March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24 & March 31.

**Please contact us ASAP to schedule your prayer time:
Pat at 619.445.3822, hansenpat@msn.com or
www.40daysforlife.com/elcajon.**

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US BISHOP DECLARES 'PERSON CANNOT CHANGE HIS OR HER GENDER'

02/11/2020

Springfield Bishop Thomas Paprocki clarified policy on gender dysphoria to protect church and school leaders 'from being pressured and intimidated.' In a sensitively worded but thoroughly-grounded-in-truth pastoral guide regarding the handling of gender identity issues in his diocese, Bishop Thomas Paprocki declared unequivocally, *"A person cannot change his or her gender,"* and *"should accept and seek to live in conformity with his or her sexual identity as determined at birth."*

While the diocese encourages professional counseling for those who suffer from gender dysphoria, Bishop Paprocki has made clear that certain policies regarding the Diocese of Springfield are non-negotiable:

- All persons will be addressed and referred to with pronouns in accord with their biological sex;
- All correspondence, documents, and records will reflect the subject person's biological sex;

All persons will use bathrooms and locker rooms that correspond with their biological sex while on diocesan or parish property.

"In an aggressively activist political climate — often fueled by social media — our pastors, principals, and administrators of parishes, schools, and affiliated groups and institutions deserve the clarity and protection of consistent diocesan policy on the matter of gender identity," said Bishop Paprocki...

Bishop Paprocki is taking a preemptive stance to ensure that Catholic schools do not follow the path of celebrating and accepting transgenderism that public schools in his state have chosen. Paprocki explained that the document was developed *"due to the increased pressure on Catholic schools and other institutions through the courts and legislatures, requiring schools to allow boys who believe they are girls to use girls' restroom and locker room facilities and play on girls' sports teams, and vice versa. Many public schools have begun to implement such policies."*

While acknowledging that gender dysphoria is a real psychological condition, in which a biological male or female believes he or she is the opposite gender, Paprocki said, *"It is of paramount importance to handle such situations with gentle and compassionate pastoral skill and concern."*

"The Catholic Church teaches that the removal or destruction of healthy sexual and reproductive organs is a type of mutilation and intrinsically evil," he said. *"Procedures, surgeries, and therapies designed to assist a person in 'transitioning' his or her gender are morally prohibited. 'Everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity.'"*

"It must be clear that our schools and Church institutions (including sacramental records and school records) will refer to such persons with the gender pronouns, along with bathroom and locker room use and sports activities that acknowledge their God-given biology," said Paprocki.

"Some families may not be willing to agree with this approach, and we need to respect their freedom," he continued, *"but they must likewise respect the Church's duty to adhere to revealed truth if they are to participate actively and fully in our faith community, especially our Catholic schools."*

"A student of any Catholic school who insists, or whose parents insist, on open hostility toward, or defiance of, Church teaching, or who otherwise intentionally violate this policy, may be expelled," he concluded.

Read full story at: lifesitenews.com/news/us-bishop-declares-person-cannot-change-his-or-her-gender-in-new-pastoral