

THE MESSENGER

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Holy Sacrifice of The Mass Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

> <u>Daily Mass</u> 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

<u>Baptism</u> 4th Sunday of the Month Contact Fr. Timothy

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<u>The Mission of Queen of Angels Church is to:</u> 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.

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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

March 8, 2020

Envelopes Used	95
Envelope Collections	\$ 4,349.00
Plate Collections	\$ 501.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,850.00

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: \$ 13,910.00 BALANCE: \$ 16,090.00

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 14-22, 2020

		DATE		TIME	INTENTION	
Sunday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday:	Jn 4:5-42 Lk 4:24-30 Mt 18:21-35 Mt 5:17-19 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 Mk 12:28-34 Lk 18:9-14 Jn 9:1-41	Saturday, Sunday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sunday,	Mar 14 Mar 15 Mar 15 Mar 16 Mar 17 Mar 18 Mar 19 Mar 20 Mar 21 Mar 22 Mar 22	5:30 pm 8:00 am 10:30 am 8:00 am 7:30 am 8:00 am 8:00 am 5:30 pm 8:00 am 10:30 am	For the People Kimberly Serna <i>Rosary</i> For the People †Dee Serna †Harry A. Houghton Jr.	



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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Third Sunday of Lent					
BAPTIZE	BELIEVE	CALL			
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Bible Study It's not too late to join our recent Bible **Bible** Study Study; No Greater Love. Classes are March 17-April 7 from 9am-11am (Tuesdays), and March 19-April 9 from 6pm-8pm (Thursdays) in the parish hall. Classes are free. Optional study guide is \$14.99 plus shipping. For more information contact Katrina at 619.445.2145.



Annual Lenten Collection Next weekend, March 21

-22, has been designated for the 2020 Annual Lenten Collection. Special envelopes are available for the collection which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America (which includes the Dioceses of Tijuana and Mexicali). You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the collection envelope.



Stations of the Cross **Every Friday in Lent** at 6:30 pm in the church (March 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-April 3 at 10:30 am.

First Saturday Devotion to the

Immaculate Heart of Mary Saturday, 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.





BINGO THANKS!

Thank you Queen of Angels parishioners for making the 4th Annual Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Night a success once again. 80 people attended. Donations from Viejas Casino and Resort and our parishioners helped us reach our goals. Thank you and we hope to see you all again next year.



PASTOR'S PAGE



"Jesus said, '... You people worship what you do not understand; the Jews worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews". Jn 4:21

"...people worship what [they] do not understand...". We can certainly see how these words of Christ still apply for many people of our world and society today. In His own day Our Lord makes it clear that the Jews *did* worship what they understood. Notice that Our Lord, in visiting the Samaritans, far from being politically correct, boldly proclaims the superiority of the Jewish Culture, Faith, and Worship, over and above that of the Samaritan (*How intolerant!*)! When in Samaria our Lord did not simply do what the Samaritans do. Rather, He stood apart and made it clear that His own religion was the one truth about God. He did this at the same time as showing respect for the woman of Samaria, and indeed, going against the conventions of His day, in speaking to her and in using her water bucket. So what we learn from Our Lord is a *respectful disagreement* and a holding onto the truth of the worship of God, as He says, "...we (Jews) understand what we worship."

The early Church learned from Christ's example. They knew that if they were to hold onto and hand down (*tradere*-tradition) the Faith they too had to stand apart from the culture around them. *They learned from Our Lord a crucial distinction between those who understand, and those who do not understand what they worship.* This is the lesson this Sunday: to see the difference between those who understand, and those who do *not* understand what they worship.

In the early Church of the martyrs there were basically two groups of people: those who understood, who were called "Christians"; and those who *did not* understand, who were called "pagans". The very term 'pagan' comes to us from the Latin *pâgus*, literally meaning "country-dweller". This is because the "country-dwellers" or pagans did not know the worship of the true God because Christianity was spread as a civilized (civitas), urban religion. Those in the country (rusticus) had not yet been evangelized and given the Good News of Salvation. So the term 'pagan' was the derogatory equivalent of today's "hillbilly". Those who either were not told or did not accept the truth about God and therefore worshipped what they did not understand were hillbillies! And even though the pagans terribly outnumbered the Christians, the Christians conquered and converted the pagans into becoming Christians. The Christian martyrs did this by holding on to the true faith with the understanding that *they knew The Truth about the worship of God*. Faith-sharing for the early Christian did not mean sharing their personal subjective faith, but sharing [AKA "teaching"] *The* Faith of The Apostles!

In our own day what we see happing is that the pagans or 'hillbillies' are coming back with a vengeance! We don't recognize them outwardly because they have all the modern amenities of technology. Today we may speak of the neo-pagan or "technological barbarians" [*Philistine: a person who is guided by materialism and is usually disdainful of intellectual or artistic values*]. They are so immersed in secular technology, business, society life, and sports and recreation, that they simply have no time for God. They not only do not know the truth about God, neither do they *care* to know the truth about God! These "technological barbarians" are all around us, and in fact the only way of recognizing them, of seeing the difference, is with the "eyes of faith" [I Cor 2:14]. Only by learning, loving, and living our Catholic Faith can we see the difference of what a Christian is in the world. This is important to see because, far from Christians converting the pagans, what we see today is the Christians are reverting, devolving, [back] into paganism! This is because in a pluralistic society the stronger and more dominant idea and culture will persist especially when there is no resistance.

Many, if not most Christians today, have become so weak and watered down, almost to the point of not being recognizably Christian, that they are easily assimilated into the collective herd of the hillbillies. After all it's fun and easy to be a hillbilly, no previous experience necessary. But we should not be deceived. Of these neo-pagans St. Paul would say: *"Their God is their belly; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. Their end is destruction."* [Philip 3:18]. The point in noting a distinction between 'we' and 'they' is, as St. Paul says: *"Their end is destruction!"*, while our end is eternal life with God. Do we really believe these words of St. Paul? Think about the story of the rich man and Lazarus in the gospel [Lk 16:19]. The rich man goes to an eternal hell, not because he beat Lazarus, not because he killed Lazarus, but simply because he ignored Lazarus! What do you think will happen then to those people who simply ignore God? It is said that the greatest deception the devil ever pulled was to make people think that he didn't exist. Actually I believe that greatest deception the devil as Hitler to go to hell. While all the while all the devil has to do is make us tepid, lukewarm, for then the Holy Spirit rejects us. *"Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth* [Rev 3:15]."

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So the question – with eternal consequences – for each of us is: 'Am I becoming a pagan hillbilly?' Have I already become one? Do I act like one? When I am around those who don't know God, morality, or true worship, do I start to act like them? Am I being assimilated by the secular culture around me? Simply: Do I prefer secular technology, society life, sports, recreation and convenience *to the extent that* I no longer have quality time to learn, to love, and to live, my life with God? i.e. keeping holy the Lord's Day?

The only alternative is to actively choose to follow the example of our master, Jesus, Who *respectfully disagreed* with the "*evil generation*" [Mt 12:39] – as He Himself called it – in which He lived. There is a good choice to be made. The early Christian martyrs chose to "conquer" their pagan culture by knowing their faith, living their faith, and if necessary, dying for their faith. If ever we hope to take back our country, our culture, our people and our nation, we must start by living The Truth about God as the martyrs did, by dying to self, and selfishness, and to pride, lust, anger, covetousness, envy, sloth, and greed. Martyr means 'witness'; we must actively choose to witness to our faith. How do we start?

Begin with the basics. Begin with your Sunday obligation to worship God in Spirit and in Truth, as Jesus says we must. In other words we can start witnessing by our personal participation and relationship with Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This is where we can truly say that *we know what we worship*. The far eastern religions do not have God incarnate among them. And, of the Christian communities in the western world, only those who have the true Eucharist – the Catholics and the Orthodox Christians – *really* worship God in spirit and in truth, meaning the holy sacrifice of Christ. Think about your actions and responses at Mass. Why do you kneel? Are you kneeling to a piece of bread or a cup of wine? When I have a funeral or wedding with a mass, it is the pagans who do not kneel. They just sit there; AND they just sit there precisely because they DON'T KNOW what's going on. That's why they're PAGAN! But we are not pagan; we are Christians, and Christians of the very highest order – Catholics! We know the Truth, and the fullness of it. The Holy Eucharist is the worship of God in spirit and in truth *precisely* because Our Lord Himself has commanded (not suggested, commanded) us to fulfill the precept . . . "DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME!"

In conclusion we can see that, as the gospel today shows, by standing apart – that is, by contradicting – Our Lord converted the woman of Samaria, and perhaps the whole village. In fact, that is how Jesus converted almost the whole world. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that that the cross of Christ is a sign of contradiction. It contradicts the secular world's highest hopes and ideals, which is to have heaven here on earth. But there is no heaven on earth, there is only heaven in heaven because that is where God is. Let us, therefore follow Our Lord's example, as when He visited Samaria, and let us stand apart from the culture at large and worship God in Spirit and in Truth. We have no other viable alternative, for, *"…indeed The Father seeks such people to worship Him.* For *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.*"

Advent Blessings,

Father Tim

F.B. blocks Steven Mosher's New York Post article, Calls it "False Information."

www.pop.org March 9, 2020

February 24th, Facebook blocked a post linked to Steven Mosher's article featured in the New York Post addressing China's role in the coronavirus epidemic. The reason? "False Information."

The fact is that every single data point used by Mosher to point to the Wuhan Institute of Virology as the source of the China Coronavirus is true.

- Fact: China has a bioweapons program run out of two labs, the more advanced of which is the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV).
- Fact: Chinese agents have stolen dangerous coronaviruses out of North American labs and taken them to WIV.
- Fact: Chinese virologists, working under the direction of the People's Liberation Army, have genetically engineered at least one coronavirus to make it more infectious, reporting their "achievement" in the pages of the Journal of Virology.
- Fact: Chinese biotechnology labs, such as the WIV, have a history of accidentally releasing dangerous pathogens into the surrounding population.

Fact: The Chinese coronavirus epidemic began in the city of Wuhan, the city where WIV is located.

The "fact-checkers" used by Facebook are a Leftwing advocacy group which falsely accused Mosher of "writing a clickbait headline without any previous experience in the medical field." But Mosher actually has an advanced degree in the biological sciences and has published in medical journals. More importantly, he is one of America's leading experts on China, is fluent in Chinese, and understands the crimes that the Communist Chinese Party has committed against its own people.

In its criticism HealthFeedback.org relied upon the opinions of Singapore-based researcher who has ties to the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

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<u>Communal Penance Services in neighboring</u> <u>Parishes: (all at 7:00 pm) except where noted:</u>

> St. Martin of Tours (La Mesa), Monday, March 16

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (Lakeside/Barona), Tuesday, March 17

> Santa Sophia (Spring Valley), Wednesday, March 18

> > St. Luke (El Cajon), Thursday, March 19

Holt Trinity (El Cajon), Monday, March 23

Our Lady of Grace (El Cajon), Tuesday, March 24

> St. Pius X (Jamul), Thursday, March 26

Guardian Angels (Santee), Tuesday, March 31

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, (Lakeside), Monday, April 6, 9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Church Measures

With regards to the ongoing spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) extra precautions are being taken to contain and prevent its spread. Thus we will make the temporary precautions for celebrating Mass. It should be noted that these changes are only temporary, and are being done out of prudence and charity with the greater good of our communities in mind.

The Mass changes are as follows:

- The Holy Water will be removed from the handfonts at all entrances.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace can be done with a simple bow. Also, there should be no handholding during the Lord's Prayer.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood during Holy Communion will be suspended.
- The gifts of bread and wine will be kept covered on the credence table – no offertory gifts procession.
- Procedures for having Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion sanitize their hands prior to distributing Communion will be emphasized.
- Please be assured that the faithful are not obliged to attend Mass if they are sick and that staying home can be an act of charity towards their fellow parishioners.

Thank you for your understanding in these measures.

A big Thank You to all of you who made it out to the Sidewalk to pray for LIFE!

We had a very blessed day with beautiful sunny weather and abundant prayer partners with every hour covered! This Spring Campaign was also an initiation for many new prayer partners. We are so blessed to have them join our team!

A woman also approach the group and thanked them for being there. She told them that she had an abortion 26 years ago and still regrets it. She wished that she could have the opportunity to tell the young woman going in, that they were making a terrible mistake.

A man in a pick-up truck, stopped at the curb and told the two praying there, that he had two children born out of wedlock. He and his now wife, chose life for them by placing them for adoption, as the couple was so young when this happened. He was able to unite with his sons later in life. He thanked them for being there and encouraged them to keep at it.

There was also the usual positive (and negative) hand signs from those driving by, but the positives far outnumbered the negative.

Just a reminder that our main purpose in being there is to call on the power of God to bring about an end to abortion. Prayer is powerful and united together in public witness makes them even more powerful.

God bless you and thank you for your commitment to 40 Days for Life.



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MOTHER TERESA'S 15-TIPS TO HELP YOU BECOME MORE HUMBLE (abridged version)

NCREGISTER.COM/blog/armstrong/mother-teresas-15-tips-to-help-you-become-more-humble

All the saints understood that humility is the way to nail down a good self-esteem by depending on God rather than oneself. It's the understanding that everything comes from God and that God is everything. Mother Teresa called humility the mother of all virtues. She said: *"If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know what you are. If you are blamed you will not be discouraged. If they call you a saint you will not put yourself on a pedestal."*

Three Myths About Humility

Humility, however, is often misunderstood. Some think it is synonymous with self-deprecation. In a recent Sunday homily, Fr. Jared Johnson, associate pastor of Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck identified three myths about humility.

Myth #1. The humble souls lacks confidence. "The most humble people out there are some of the most confident and sometimes some of the most prideful people are the most insecure," he said. "Humble souls know their life is dependent on God and know what to value—things lasting not passing. They values the Lord over anything else

Myth #2. Humility is not attractive. "True humility is attractive," he explained. "It is the humble person who listens and cares about others as opposed to the one focused on their self and trying to look good."

Myth #3. Humble people want to be recognized as humble. Father Johnson explained that wanting to look humble is false humility. In reality, he said they simply want to do something because it is right and they are not looking for praise.

"Our greatest block to growing closer to God is when we rely more on us than on him," Father Johnson said. By putting on the virtue of humility, he explained that we grow more confident and allow ourselves to grow closer to God. "When we look at a crucifix, we see a man who is humble and who is not about himself. We see a man who is for others. May we imitate that humility so that we can experience God in his fullness."

Ways to Become Humble

Mother Teresa's example proves all three of Fr. Johnson's points. While she was head of the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa kept a list of ways to cultivate humility for the sisters in her care.

Speak as little as possible about yourself.

Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.

Avoid curiosity (she is referring to wanting to know things that should not concern you.)

Do not interfere in the affairs of others.

Accept small irritations with good humor.

Do not dwell on the faults of others.

Accept censures even if unmerited.

Give in to the will of others.

Accept insults and injuries.

Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.

Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.

Do not seek to be admired and loved.

Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.

Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.

Choose always the more difficult task.

The Power of Humility

"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." —Saint Augustine The world does not value or understand the power of humility but we do, because it was what Jesus used to save us. "... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mt 20:28)

