

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.

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

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

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 28-APRIL 5, 2020

Sunday: Jn 11:1-45 Saturday, Mar 28 Monday: Jn 8:1-11 Sunday, Mar 29	8:00 am	For the People
Tuesday: Jn 8:21-30 Monday, Mar 30 Wednesday: Jn 4:43-54 Tuesday, Mar 31 Thursday: Jn 8:51-59 Wednesday, Apr 1 Friday: Jn 10:31-42 Thursday, Apr 2 Saturday: Jn 11:45-57 Friday, Apr 3 Next Sunday: Mt 26:1427:66 Saturday, Apr 4 Sunday, Apr 5 Sunday, Apr 5		David Pinal, Sr <i>Rosary</i> †April Williams Lillian Fisher Family †Ken Krzywicki For the People



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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF	Lent
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stations of the Cross Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 pm in the church-April 3

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

Friday are Days of Abstinence.

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO COVID-19 UPDATE:

From Bishop Robert McElroy

1-All Catholics in the Diocese of San Diego are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during the coming weeks and until notified otherwise. Churches will be kept open longer for personal visitation, intermittent recitations of the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

2-Video streamed Sunday Masses celebrated by priests and bishops of our diocese will be provided in English, Spanish and Vietnamese every week. Parishioners can access these celebrations by linking to the diocesan website at <u>sdcatholic.org.</u>

Same person, different locations. No less valuable in the first.



Sometimes

I want to ask God

why He allows poverty, famine and injustice in the world when He could do something about it, but I'm afraid He might just ask me the

same question

O GOD, PROTECT US AGAINST THE RAVAGES OF ILLNESS. STOP THE ADVANCE OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE THAT THREATENS THE HUMAN FAMILY ACROSS THE GLOBE. WE PRAY THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF YOUR MOTHER, REFUGE OF THE SICK AND IN THE NAME AND POWER OF YOUR SON, JESUS. AMEN.

> **#CORONAVIRUS** Bishop Robert Reed

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Raising of Lazarus

The Raising of Lazarus in the Gospel of John [Jn 11:1-45] reveals to us, not merely that God loves us, but that God loves us *personally*. The personal love of the Christian God for us – heart to heart – destroys the notion that God is so totally transcendent, so totally removed, and so totally foreign to us, that He could care less about His creation. It should vanquish any thought that God doesn't care about you. St. Paul was so convinced of this personal love that he said: "Christ died *for me*!" for *me*! [Gal 2:20]. So we should reflect upon this notion of a personal love and relationship that God offers us all through Jesus the Incarnate Son.

There are perhaps a few reasons why people believe that God is not personally concerned and loving in their life. This originates first in history in the rationalist thinkers of the 17th and 18th cent. The so-called "Enlightenment", was the notion that the harmony of the universe [uni = one] demonstrates the existence of the one God-Creator, Who ordered all things as "one". The rationalists, however, rejected formal religion and claims of supernatural Revelation, i.e. they rejected the Person of Christ. This was the (Masonic) religion of Voltaire &

Rousseau, and also of our founding Fathers of the U.S. Hence, the idea of a transcendent watchmaker God.



The Enlightenment period was followed by the 19th – 20th Century "Modernists". This was the evolution of religion by the likes of Marx, Freud, and Darwin. We call it a 'religion', because it called for more faith than The Church ever did. This period of time was given to the denial that there even was a God. It was the age of the atheists. It became institutionalized in Militant Atheistic Communism: Lenin, Stalin, & Mao.

Finally in our own day, $20^{th} - 21^{st}$ Century, we have the reestablishment of religion in what is called "Secular Humanism". This is the religion of Modern Man; it is the worship of the self, of man, of technology and a radical independence for its own sake. It is the so-called coming-of-age of man that proclaims that man was God all along.

So a synopsis of modern religious history shows that we "progressed" from the Enlightenment Deist's impersonal God; to the Modernist's [God-is-dead] atheism; to the Secular Humanist's man is God! All this – added to the scandalous divisions within Christianity, abuse of Church power by ministers of The Church – makes us naturally turn heavenwards and ask "*Where are you God?!*" Our faith tells us that God is near, but why does He not come down from heaven to help us? This is the same question that Martha and Mary had two thousand years ago. They had faith in Jesus as God and probably asked why does He not come down from Jerusalem to help us? However, when we look at the historical chain of events, all this came about in Western Society – that we proclaimed that man has become God -- because we denied that <u>God became man</u>, because we denied the divinity of Christ! We are now capable of framing the question in modern terms.

Now the second part of our reflection: it is this: <u>If</u> God loves us *personally*, <u>then</u> . . . "Why do bad things happen to good people? This question is answered in the Gospel this weekend by Jesus. For the Gospel shows that Jesus could have prevented the death of His friend Lazarus. Why didn't He prevent it then? As our Lord says, "*Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe.*" It is just as last Sunday in the Man Born Blind, the disciples asked "*Why he was born blind?*" Jesus answered, "... it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him [Jn 9:1ff].

In other words God may direct natural events to take place, events that we consider evil -- a man born blind, the death of a man -- but this material or physical evil is only willed for the sake of a greater spiritual good. The ancient philosopher Aristotle said that in order for the generation of a thing to come to be, the previous thing must be destroyed or corrupted. In other words, you have to break a few eggs to make an omelet. The flowers on a fruit tree must die for the sake of the fruit; the fruit must die for the sake of the fruit juice; and the fruit juice must die for the sake of fruit roll-ups. I think that people in general understand this. It is a matter of perspective that we have to have Christian faith that the natural death of our loved ones will lead them to heaven. The real problem people have is <u>moral</u> evil.

How could moral evils – *real* evil men -- happen in the world if God loves us? And the answer is that God does <u>not</u> directly will moral evil, but He does allow it to take place for the sake of a far greater spiritual good. Is this merely a matter of perspective? Is it that evil really becomes good, that good is evil and evil is good depending on how you look at it? <u>NO</u>.

A moral evil can never be done that good may come about, that would be doing evil. What God does is honor our free will *so much so* as to allow men to sin, even grievously, even heinously; but the evil men do can <u>never</u> overcome the good that God can do. God can make the most evil thing men could ever do – killing the innocent, perfect, Incarnate Son of God – and transform that into the greatest good that men have ever known: the salvation of sinners.

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Hence, according to nature, corruption must come about that generation can take place: the greater the corruption, the greater the generation possible. Supernaturally, this is a parallel to the cross of Christ: the greater the cross the greater the grace that God extends to the faithful. Or as St. Paul says: "... where sin abounds, GRACE ABOUNDS ALL THE MORE! [Rom 5:20]".

Jesus NEVER blinded men so that He could cure them. He never killed men so that He could raise them up – that *would* be evil. But Jesus did enter into our broken personal human history to show us that for those who believe God, for those who trust God, for those who like Martha and Mary love God, God would bless them in the end. That regardless of the cross, God will bring about a new and eternal life in the end. If you have a difficulty in understanding how evil could take place in your life when you love God, just as Martha and Mary had difficulty understanding how Jesus would remain in Jerusalem while they suffered in Bethany, then you're right on track with the Apostles and disciples of Jesus centuries ago. They too did not understand how suffering could make sense. Even after the crucifixion they could not understand. But then, in the end, at the dawning of a new day it all came together. Remember on the Road to Emmaus.

"And Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! <u>Was it not</u> <u>necessary</u> that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Luke 24:12. And so, is it not necessary that we too must suffer many evil things so as to enter into our glory? You are not alone. The Lord knows your pain and suffering. The Lord is present in all that you undergo. The Lord loves you even when you don't feel His Loving Presence. And for you, no less than it was for Lazarus; it can be said "... Jesus wept."

So bad things happen to good people, and to bad people alike; however good things will ultimately happen *only* to good people. And the best of things will ultimately come to faithful people who weep, suffer, die, and rise again, after the pattern of Jesus Christ Who has already wept, suffered, died, and risen for you! There is a happy ending for those who have faith in Jesus, Who is Resurrection and New Life.

Advent Blessings, Father Tim





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