

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



GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS MAY 2-10, 2020

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Sunday:	<i>Lk 10:1-10</i>	Saturday, May 2	5:30 pm	†Jim Weismann
Monday:	<i>Jn 10:11-18</i>	Sunday, May 3	8:00 am	For the People
Tuesday:	<i>Jn 10:22-30</i>	Sunday, May 3	10:30 am	†Daniel Barker
Wednesday:	<i>Jn 12:44-50</i>	Monday, May 4	8:00 am	Shirene Miller
Thursday:	<i>Jn 13:16-20</i>	Tuesday, May 5	7:30 am	Rosary
Friday:	<i>Jn 14:1-6</i>	Wednesday, May 6	8:00 am	†Thomas Welch
Saturday:	<i>Jn 14:7-14</i>	Thursday, May 7	8:00 am	†Norma Jean Newman
Next Sunday:	<i>Jn 14:1-12</i>	Friday, May 8	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
		Saturday, May 9	5:30 pm	For the People
		Sunday, May 10	8:00 am	†Marie Guerra
		Sunday, May 10	10:30 am	Mother's Day Novena



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



R D O C L I M B S E O G
 A N A M E E M H P W G S
 G A T E K E E P E R U D
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

AGAIN	ANOTHER	BROUGHT
CALLS	CAME	CLIMBS
DOOR	ENTER	FIGURE
FLEE	FOLLOW	GATEKEEPER
GOES	HEAR	JESUS
KNOW	LEADS	NAME
OPENS	ROBBER	SAID
SHEEP	SHEEPFOLD	SHEPHERD
STRANGER	THIEF	THIEVES
TRULY	UNDERSTAND	USED

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Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed until further notice. If you need assistance with any church related issue please leave a message at 619.445.2145 as they are checked daily.



Online Giving If you are not already signed up for the automatic deduction of your weekly parish contributions, now is the perfect time to do so. To register for online giving, simply go to www.queenofangels.org. From the homepage scroll to the "Donate Securely Online" section located near the bottom of the page. It's as easy as that! If you have any questions, or need more information please leave a message at the parish office at 619.445.2145 and Dorie or Sandy will promptly return your call.

Mass Streaming Online Mass can be viewed online at the diocesan website at sdcatholic.org.



Monthly Collection Tecate & ECPCC Even though Queen of Angels isn't operating under normal circumstances, you can still leave your donations for the "TECATE TREASURE CHEST" this weekend, **May 2-3**. The chest is located directly behind the church, near the back door of the multi-purpose room. Drive your car around to the back and it will be just a few steps away. You will be able to access the chest any day of the week. Please close the lid when you are finished and PLEASE do not leave any clothing other than maternity and baby clothing for the ECPCC. Thank you!



Beginning Friday, May 1, the church will be open for private prayer as follows:

Monday–Friday: 11:00am until 2:00pm

Saturday: 4:00pm until 6:00pm

Sunday: 10:30am until 12:30pm

Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from 4:00pm until 5:00pm, and by appointment.

When visiting the church please continue to follow all public health orders such as wearing masks and social distancing.

Thank You.

*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: \$16,260.00 BALANCE: \$13,740.00

Mother's Day Novena Cards

*Remember your Mother, living or deceased, in our Novena of Masses
for Mother's Day **May 10.***

*Please pick up a card at the front entrance of the church and return it to the designated
baskets located at both the church entrances.*



PASTOR'S PAGE

“Truly, truly, I say to you, I AM the gate...”

As Christians, we find that the best part of sacred scripture is the gospels. The gospels, because this is where are recorded the words of Christ Himself. Only in the gospels do we have the actual words of Jesus Himself, while He was yet on earth. The other epistles and writings speak about Christ, but in the gospels, we find the historical Christ speaking to us directly. Moreover, even though we have the direct words of Jesus in the gospels, we oftentimes debate about what He Himself said. We see this happening even when Our Lord was speaking to the people (even before anything was written down), like when we read the gospel today [Jn 10:1-10]. “Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I Am The Gate for the sheep.”



The main question that one may have of the gospel this week is that, if Jesus is The Gate to heaven (He is, He speaks plainly), then that means that there is a fence. After all, a gate without a fence would be meaningless. We hear a lot about fences and walls today, spoken of derogatorily as being ‘barriers’ and ‘walls of exclusion’. So, properly speaking, the question becomes “Why is there a fence excluding people from the Kingdom of Heaven?” Jesus as seen today is all-inclusive, non-committal, non-judgmental, welcoming all! So why have a gate, why have a fence, other than to keep people out? Members only, it would appear. The next question would be, ‘Who put the fence there to begin with?’

We must remember that Adam and Eve were created in a garden paradise called Eden. When man sinned, God cast Adam and Eve out of the garden and, as it says in Genesis [3:24], God “...placed the cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.” Because of the Sin of Adam, God put the ‘fence’ in place and cast out those unworthy of paradise. Consequently, it is only because Christ redeems us from Original and personal sin [Heb 9:15] that He is now the gate or door by Whom we are now made worthy to enter through to paradise.

Hence, the key to understanding Jesus as the Sheep Gate is to see that He Alone makes us worthy to enter into heaven [II Thess 1:11]. We are not born with the right to heaven. The default position, if you will, is not heaven, it is hell; for we are conceived in sin [Psalm 51:5]! In other words, in and of ourselves we are unworthy! In Luke’s Gospel Our Lord Himself speaks of us as unworthy servants, “Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty [17:10].’ ”! It is in Christ, however, that we are offered a second chance to become worthy to enter the Kingdom. So worthiness is the ticket to heaven, and Sacred Scripture speaks enough about this very quality that we take upon ourselves from God. On our part we ‘become worthy’ of God through acknowledging our sins, and repenting thereof [Acts 26:20]. We are not born with this in mind, we therefore have to ‘change our minds’ (conversion: metanoia) so as to see our unworthiness.

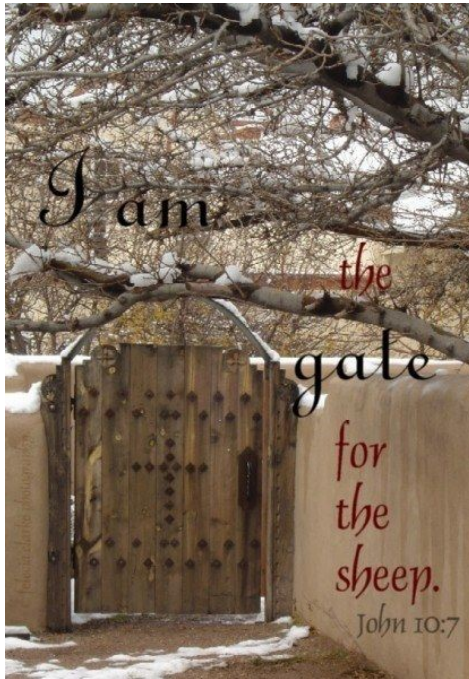
This disposition of unworthiness of the heart is what we see in the saints. St. John The Baptist (born without sin) said “I am not worthy to even untie the thong of His (Jesus’) sandals [Lk 3:16]”. Remember “...the centurion answered Him (Jesus), “Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof... [Mt 8:8]”. Our Lord emphasizes the point of our seeing our unworthiness like the Prodigal Son, who says, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son [Lk 15:21].” If we recall the Apostles, finally after Pentecost, were able to see that God granted them worthiness – through suffering! “Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for The Name [Acts 5:41].” Hence, to become a saint (exalted) one begins with the sense of unworthiness, for, “...whoever humbles himself will be exalted [Mt 23:12; see also: Lk 18:9–14]”.

Nor should we think that to become a worthy saint is an easy thing with God. As Our Lord assures us today that He is the only gateway to heaven, He also states something about this gate and the difficulty entering thereby. “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few [Mt 7:13–14]”. Our Lord reiterates repeatedly about the difficulty of ‘The Way’ to become worthy, “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it [Mt 10:37–39]”. Jesus reminds us all that The Wedding Feast of The Lamb is ready, “...but those invited were not worthy [Mt 22:8; Rev 19:7]”. Also, The Parable of the Ten Virgins [Mt 25:10], one-half did not enter! So ultimately, to become worthy of God is not man’s doing but is a gift of God. “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God [Mk 10:26–27].”

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We must remember that, even though it is God Alone Who makes one worthy [II Th 1:11], the concept of becoming worthy should be that of a stairway to heaven, not an escalator; we must climb. To become worthy to enter The Gate is something spoken of in Sacred Scripture as an arduous journey that requires good deeds. As in the Acts of the Apostles [26:20], it states that those who have received The Word should "...repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance." We see St. Paul saying – emphatically – to the Christians at Thessalonica [I Thess 2:11–12] "...we exhorted each one of you, and encouraged you, and charged you, to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory [Also, II Thess 1:5]". And again to those at Philippi [1:27], "...let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ...". In addition, St. Paul speaks of living worthy as not to "...be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of The Lord" when receiving Holy Communion [I Cor 11:27–28].



In conclusion, we can say that Jesus is The Gate for the sheep because He Alone has been found worthy. As the Saints and Angels in heaven proclaim, "Worthy is The Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth, and wisdom and might, and honor and glory and blessing [Rev 5:12]!" It is Jesus Who is sharing His Own worthiness, calling His sheep to become worthy – through His grace – to live the life of witness to the world that "...there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other Name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved [Acts 4:12]." Jesus is the only gateway to heaven, for Jesus, and He Alone, is The Good Shepherd and "The Good Shepherd lays down His Life for the sheep [Jn 10:11]".

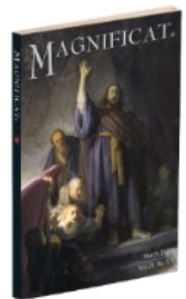
"By this we know Love, that He laid down His Life for us;
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren [I Jn 3:16]".

Sunday Blessings,
Father Tim



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**SPECIAL
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Dear MAGNIFICAT Family,

During this difficult time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, we are honored to make our online version of MAGNIFICAT temporarily available to everyone for free.

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CHASTISEMENT?

by Donald DeMarco (*abridged version*)
thewandererpress.com

In his early ministry, Jeremiah, meaning “God will exalt,” was primarily a preaching prophet, preaching throughout Israel. He condemned idolatry, the greed of priests, and false prophets. *“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches”* (9:23). *“For my people have committed two evils: They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water”* (2:13).

The parallels between what we read in the Book of Jeremiah and what is transpiring at this time is both evident and chilling. The world, especially Europe and North America, has forsaken God. And what is more, it has replaced God with “broken cisterns,” such as pornography, abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, and various forms of entertainment that are anything but edifying. The great question that many are mulling over is whether these “two evils” have brought forth the current coronavirus pandemic as a chastisement from God?

A strong indication that the world has renounced God, apart from the rise of atheism, is the fact that it has also renounced people who are or aspire to be Godlike. The disturbing truth of the matter is that pro-life people are vilified, along with people who defend traditional marriage. Heterosexuals are routinely disparaged as “homophobic.” The governor of New York indicated that there is no place in his state for pro-life people. A mayor in Chicago indicated that defenders of traditional marriage are not welcomed in his city.

A minister of justice in Canada has declared that Catholic education should be illegal since it opposes the rights of women. Recognizing that human beings are either male or female has been grounds for losing one’s job in some places. Many regard the Bible as “hate literature.” Members of the medical profession speak of “the right to die” but reject “the right to life”. The list goes on.

As God is rejected, so too are people who try to live a God-like life. It would not be surprising, then, that the current situation, as it has in similar situations in the past, would incur the wrath of God. *“Why do you complain against me? You have rebelled against me, says the Lord”* (3:29).

“Behold, you trust in deceptive words” (7:8). How this phrase typifies our present era. Abortion is just a “choice.” Euthanasia is “death with dignity.” Pornography is “adult entertainment.” Contraception is “being responsible.” A child begotten outside of marriage is “a love child.” A same-sex “marriage” is “equal” to that of a traditional marriage. *“They have not given heed to my words”* (6:20). We have invented a language that rejects the Word of God. *“Everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies”* (9:4). We cannot prosper when we try to live within a system of lies.

Nonetheless, even if the current dilemma is not a chastisement, it is evident that a return to God and the imitation of His Will is very much in order. A Godless nation ruled by Godless people cannot long endure. It would eventuate in a chastisement of its own making. There is hope, however, where there is the will to reform. At the close of the Lamentations, also attributed to Jeremiah, we read: *“Restore us to thyself, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old!”* The alternative is terrifying: *“Or hast thou utterly rejected us? Art thou exceedingly angry with us?”* We are poised on a precipice. What we choose will be given to us. Read full story at: thewandererpress.com

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Novena to Our Lady of Monte Berico

Our Lady of Monte Berico, the intercessor and protector in moments of plague.

O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God and my Mother Mary, I thank you that you have deigned to appear on Monte Berico and I thank you for all the graces you grant here to those who turn to you. Nobody ever prayed to you in vain. I, too, resort to you and beg you by the Passion and Death of Jesus and by your pains: welcome me, o' merciful Mother, under your mantle, which is a maternal mantle; grant me the particular grace that I ask of You, _____, and protect me from all evil and especially from sin which is the greatest evil.

Oh make, oh Mary, my Mother, that I always enjoy your loving protection in life and even more in death and then come to see you in heaven and to thank and bless you forever. Amen.

Madonna of Monte Berico, pray for us.

*O sweet Virgin, pious mother of love,
Like this Ave rising from the heart.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria
Ave, ave, ave, Maria*

*O Virgin, shine as a star in the sky,
Motherly defend your faithful children.
Ave, ave, ave Maria
Ave, ave, ave, Maria*

DAYS:

1-For an end to the coronavirus.

2-For all those suffering throughout the world from the coronavirus: That they may know Jesus is with them in their suffering and that they may be healed.

3-For all nurses, doctors and health care workers: We place them in the hands of the Father, that they may be protected and blessed in their care for the sick.

4-For Catholics who suffer the Cross in not being able to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist out of charity for their neighbor: That they may join their suffering to Christ and pray for the conversion of the world and an end to the coronavirus.

5-For those Catholics whose hearts have become indifferent to the Eucharist: That the Lord will stir into flame their hearts with a deep desire and love for the Eucharist as the place of encounter with Jesus and his unconditional love for them.

6-For priests throughout the world who anoint the sick and care for the dying: That they may be protected by the intercession of Our Lady of Berico.

7-That the Lord will pour forth his Holy Spirit upon scientists, granting them knowledge and wisdom as they search for a vaccine and cure for coronavirus.

8-That the Lord will guide with his Holy Spirit, civil and church leaders, and the decisions that they must make concerning the coronavirus and the common good.

9-That through the intercession of our Lady of Berico and St. Joseph, the plague of coronavirus may come to an end.

