

Queen of Angels Catholic Church

THE MESSENGER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4:10

Our Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to fund our Pastoral Center ministry offices and programs that help our community members to live their faith. They include schools and programs to support faith formation at all ages, to strengthen families, to promote a culture of life, to care for creation, to engage youth and young adults, to sustain our retired clergy and those preparing for the priesthood, and to extend a helping hand to the marginalized.

We ask you to prayerfully consider how the Lord is inviting you to give towards this year's appeal. Your continued generosity in support of our local Church is vital to the mission of the Universal Catholic Church.

GOAL: $21,215.00 PLEDGE: $ 5,679.90 BALANCE: $ 15,535.10

READING & MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 14–22, 2026

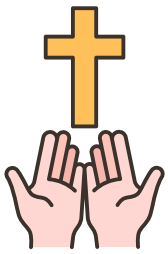
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

DATE	TIME	SPECIAL INTENTION
Saturday, Nov 14	5:30 PM	†Dr. Larry Woznuk
Sunday, Nov 15	8:00 AM	†Beverly Bohacek
Sunday, Nov 15	10:30 AM	†Edwin Piontek
Monday, Nov 16	7:30 AM	*Rosary*
Tuesday, Nov 17	8:00 AM	Jeff Silva
Wednesday, Nov 18	8:00 AM	Josh Blakeley & Family
Thursday, Nov 19	8:00 AM	†Marlene Simons
Friday, Nov 20	8:00 AM	†Butch Paddock
Saturday, Nov 21	5:30 PM	†Robert "Butch" Ames
Sunday, Nov 22	8:00 AM	Stacy Hensle
Sunday, Nov 22	10:30 AM	†Carmencita Miranda Dela Cruz

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS AND HEARTS THOSE ON OUR HEALING & DEPLOYED MILITARY LISTS

Daphne Brown
Paul Brown
Enrique Caracosa
Eva Cavallini
Katie Clark
Nancy Clark
Petra Diaz
Grace Grogg
Mike Gust
June Hill
Mary Hills
Jason Laccone
Dale Lee
Joe Lopez
Ken & Mary Ponce
Jerry Price
Renee Schmiedeberg
Jeff Silva
Kailyn & Charis Whaley

...may they find joy in the healing love of Christ



Deployed Military

Meagan Abad McAuley, LCDR
Matthew D. Fuller, PV2
William W. Fuller II, PFC
Christopher Hartnett, E4
Nicholas Johnson, LT
Edward R.M. Lopez, SSgt
David J. McIntyre, PFC
Nicholas Palstorm, E8
Joshua Rosson, PFC
Jacob Tweed, HM3

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

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by calling Mary Acosta at the Child and Youth Protection Office, Victims Assistance Coordinator at 858-0490-8353.

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NEW Eucharistic Minister & Lector Training
Eucharistic Ministers-November 17
Lectors-November 18
Both sessions will take place in the church promptly at 6:00 PM. Queen of Angles looks forward to having you share your Time and Talent.

Woman's Auxiliary Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **November 18** at 5:30 PM in the parish hall. We have serval items to discuss and fianlize so it is important for you to attend.

Advent Wreaths Stop by the St. Lawrence/Donut Room on Sunday, **November 22** after both Masses to pick up supplies to make a new wreath, (suggested donation $10) or get candles and decorations, (suggested donation $5) to freshen up your already purchased wreath.

Please Mark Your Calendars The parish office will be closed **November 25-November 27** so our Office Staff can enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday will their families and friends. Normal office hours will resume on Monday. **November 30** at 9:00 AM.

Thanksgiving Rosary Please consider joining in a very special Thanksgiving Rosary on Thursday, **November 26** at 8:30 AM.

Thanksgiving Liturgy Please join us for this special Mass on Thursday, **November 26** at 9:00 AM to express our gratitude to almighty God for his many blessings.

Please Make a Note There will be no Adoration & Reconciliation or Mass on Friday, **November 27**. We will however be reciting the Rosary at 7:30 AM.

Looking ahead, **Tuesday, December 8** is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception AND is a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be no Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception.
Mass times on December 8 will be at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Remember to mark your calendars and please find time to attend Mass on one of the most importaant days in the Catholic Liturgical Year.



Stewardship of Time

Looking for an opportunity to give of your time to Queen of Angels? Look no further.

On Wednesday, **November 18**, starting at 9:00 AM your manpower and elbow grease is greatly needed as we gather as a community and get down and dirty and thoroughly DEEP CLEAN the church in preparation for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

If you can spare an hour of your time to our Lord and his home your assistance is greatly appreciated.



"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (Gal 6:9)

ALL SOULS' NOVENA COMMEMORATION CANDLES

IF YOU PURCHASED ANY NOVENA COMMEMORATION CANDLES IN MEMORY AND FOR REMEBERANCE OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONE(S), YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR CANDLES IN THE ST. LAWERENCE/DONUT ROOM AFTER ALL MASSES.



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Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am-Noon

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

Daily Mass
Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 am

Rosary
Monday-Friday: 7:30 am

First Friday Devotions
Adoration/Confession: 10:00 am
Mass: 11:30 am

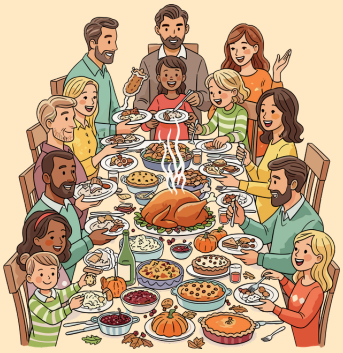
First Saturday Devotions
Rosary: 8:30 am, Mass: 9:00 am

Confession
Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 am,
Saturday: 4:00 pm, or by appointment

Baptism, Holy Matrimony & Funerals
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Faith Formation

FOLLOWING IS THE SCHEDULE FOR CLASSES FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:

November 22: Class
November 29: No Class
December 6: Class, Second Sunday of Advent



World Mission Sunday

We will continue to collect envelopes for World Mission Sunday, which can be found by the church entrances, until Thanksgiving. Please be generous, with your prayers and your finances, to our brothers and sisters in the mission field, and above all, continue to pray that the Lord send out laborers for the harvest!



WELCOME TO QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

We warmly welcome all visitors to our parish, the heart of our Catholic Faith-life in Alpine since 1951. Thank you for joining us for Divine Worship. We hope you will find ways to participate in and support our parish life and mission by sharing your time, talent and treasure. Register, Participate, and Share your Gifts and Talents.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR "NEW" PARISHIONERS

Please cut and drop in the offering basket OR visit ***queenofangels.org*** *and click the Queen of Angels Parish Registration Form link.*

Name_____ Home Phone_____

Street Address_____Cell Phone_____

City, State &
Zip_____Email_____

(this registration form will be followed by an email to obtain more information)

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5 Steps to Prepare Yourself for a Holy Advent

Many of us spend time preparing for Lent—deciding what we're going "to give up" and so on. Advent deserves the same deliberation! Here are five things we can do to prepare ourselves for a holy Advent.

1. Ask God to help you draw near to Him
The more we yearn for Christ in Advent, the closer we come to a real celebration of Christmas.

Isn't that a common fear we have during Advent? That Christmas will come like it always does and we will be no better for it?

There is much that might trouble our hearts this time of year: family issues, financial worries, the things we need to accomplish, etc. Where does Jesus fit in among these worries?

Deep down inside, we Catholics know that we have a chance for transformation during Advent—but we often forget to ask for it in prayer.

Let us ask God to help us prepare our hearts for His coming and to aid us in having a good and holy Advent.

After all, it is what He longs for us, too.

2. Begin to practice silence
We all recognize the constant whir of music, technology, ringing phones, beeping notifications, and loud conversations within our lives. They follow us everywhere we go.

We can point fingers of blame but often enough they will only end up pointing back at us. To live in this world is not only to exist amongst the noise but often to be that noise.

We all need silence in order to draw close to Our Lord. Silence is an essential component of a holy Advent.

If you are like me and you find it difficult to cultivate silence, just be intentional about it! Practice that essential silence now, if only for a few moments each day, perhaps adding one or two minutes every day until the start of Advent. When Advent comes, you will not be out of practice!

During this busy time of year, we must remind ourselves of our need for silence if we wish to hear what God has to say.

3. Gather your essential Advent items
There have been times when the first Sunday of Advent comes and I find myself without candles for the Advent wreath. By the time I get them it is the second (or third!) week of Advent.

By thinking ahead now and putting together a list of Advent supplies, we can ensure we have the right supplies when we need them.

Whether it's Advent candles, Jesse Tree ornaments, or baking ingredients, make a list of the necessary supplies so that when the time comes you are prepared.

4. Don't sweat the small stuff
I remember a headline from last December that read: "Tis the Season For Unreasonable Expectations." This can apply to Advent and to our spiritual selves, as well.

Although I just suggested that we prepare by getting Advent supplies early, I should also mention that how we prepare our homes is less important than how we prepare our hearts.

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When my older children were young, I tried almost every Advent craft out there. In fact, I recall one year spending hours with the kids making Advent paper chains with Bible verses for each of the days of Advent. I did not inherit "the artistic gene," so crafts at my house tend to be tedious—and this one was no different.

After we finally finished, I rewarded myself by making a pot of hot coffee, and as I leaned over to fill my mug, I tripped on our dog. The entire pot spilled onto the table and all over the newly finished Advent project. The soggy paper chains were ruined (and I didn't even get a sip of that sorely needed coffee).
The truth is that we never missed those paper chains that Advent. We had spent the time making them together, writing the verses, and learning about the season of Advent—and we didn't do all that just so we could have paper chains hanging around the house.

The point was to help us prepare our hearts. While I cherish all of our Advent traditions that I dig out every year—the Jesse Tree, Advent wreath, and nativity scenes that are well-worn and much-loved—none of them are essential. What is essential is that I try to draw closer to Christ during Advent, helping my family and those I love do the same.

Sometimes we worry needlessly about creating the perfect season for those around us, but the true purpose of any of our Advent customs (even those we never finish) is to "draw us into the mysteries of God." If we can recall this now, we will be less susceptible to the stress of the coming season.

One bit of advice I learned from an older and wiser friend is that sometimes it is more important for me to take time out for God than for me to teach my children about Him. This can be difficult for parents because we desire a rich experience for our children, but I know that when I am drawing closer to Our Lord, I will be better able to reflect Him to my children and to others.

Advent, while it is a beautiful season to share with our family, specifically calls us as individuals to spend time alone with God.

5. Prepare for a good confession now
The Church calls us to repentance during Advent, making it an important time to go to confession. Perhaps getting yourself and your family to confession can be your top priority this Advent.

You can prepare yourself for the sacrament now. Readying ourselves for a good confession is as important as going to confession. Without proper preparation, we can miss those sins and imperfections that we should bring to Our Lord or we can rush through the sacrament. I once heard a priest say that the best thing about making a good confession is that it will help us to realize how much we are in need of a Savior!

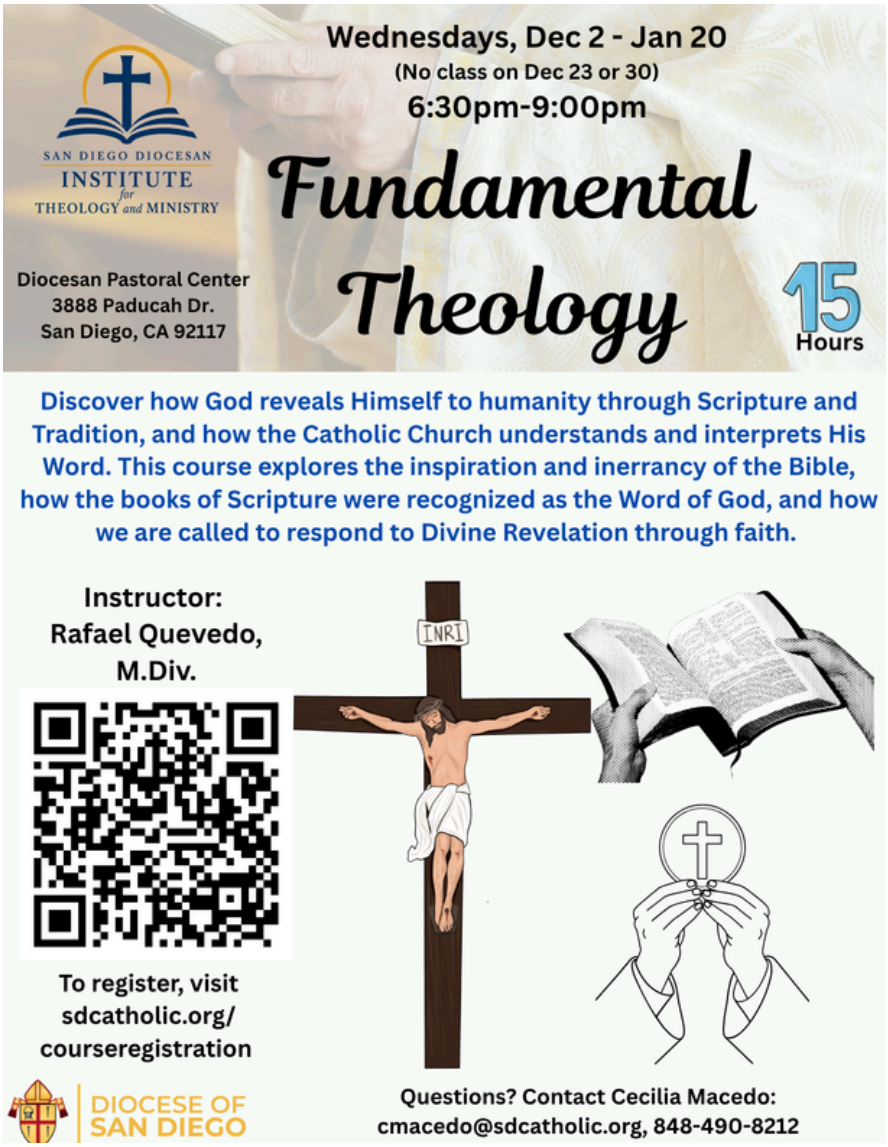
A recent conversation I had with a few other moms helped me realize how much I am in need of a Savior. The conversation started benignly. We were discussing an organization our kids were involved in. Soon there was a "subtly unkind" word said about one of the people in charge of this organization. Then another mention was made in a "subtly uncharitable" way. Before long, these "subtle" references gave way to a flood of indictments. I wish I could say that I had kept my mouth shut.

In the end, we recognized what had just occurred, and agreed that we felt ashamed about things that were said.

Regardless of how subtle we are, or how simply things can start, sin is sin and we all fall short at times. The truth is that, while I regret my involvement, I am grateful for what that conversation led to. It is our sinfulness that brings us face to face with a true longing for the Messiah.

Advent is this important time of year when we should recall our great need for Jesus. If we don't recognize that we are sinners in need of a savior, what is it that we are longing for during the season of Advent?

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

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Matthew 25:14-30

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, "Let's have a great time." The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. "I don't want to lose it," he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father's invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus' parable, a servant buries his master's talent and explains: **"Master, I knew you were a demanding person…so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground"** (Matthew 25:24-25). The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant's fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God's gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master's goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved.

— *Father John Muir*



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