

# 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**

4<sup>th</sup> 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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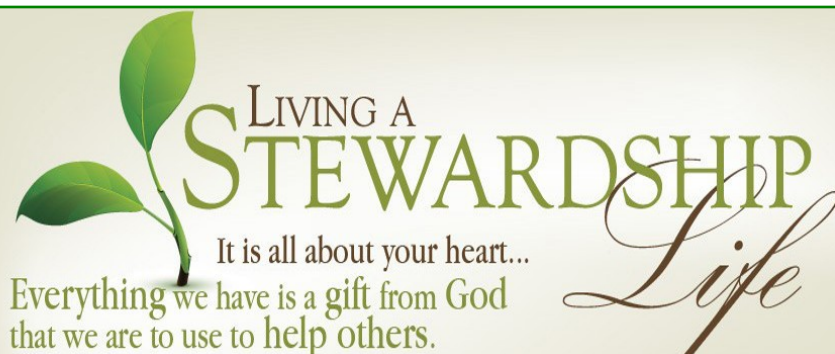
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If you're worried about an unplanned pregnancy, you may be experiencing a personal crisis full of concerns about your future. Pregnancy Care Clinic can assist you. [www.unplannedparenthood.org](http://www.unplannedparenthood.org), 619.442.4357

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME &amp; TALENT

**October 18, 2020**

Envelopes Used	72
Envelope Collections	\$ 3,841.00
Plate Collections	\$ 695.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,536.00</b>

**GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Sunday:	<i>Mt 22:34-40</i>	Saturday, Oct 24	5:30 pm	†Harold & Marie Bispham
Monday:	<i>Lk 13:10-17</i>	Sunday, Oct 25	8:00 am	For the People
Tuesday:	<i>Lk 13:18-21</i>	Sunday, Oct 25	10:30 am	Sheila Wing
Wednesday:	<i>Lk 6:12-16</i>	Monday, Oct 26	8:00 am	†Frank Plotnik
Thursday:	<i>Lk 13:31-35</i>	Tuesday, Oct 27	7:30 am	Rosary
Friday:	<i>Lk 14:1-6</i>	Wednesday, Oct 28	8:00 am	†Harold Bispham
Saturday:	<i>Lk 14:1, 7-11</i>	Thursday, Oct 29	8:00 am	†Mary Plotnik
Next Sunday:	<i>Mt 5:1-12</i>	Friday, Oct 30	8:00 am	†Rita Plotnik
		Saturday, Oct 31	5:30 pm	†Marie Bispham
		Sunday, Nov 1	8:00 am	Maryann Koch
		Sunday, Nov 1	10:30 am	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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### Word Search Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ASKED	CAME	COMMANDMENT
DEPEND	FIRST	GREAT
HEARD	HEART	LAWYER
LIKE	LORD	LOVE
MIND	NEIGHBOR	PHARISEES
PROPHETS	QUESTION	SADDUCEES
SAID	SECOND	SILENCED
SOUL	TEACHER	TEST

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Church Visitation Hours** The Church will be open for personal prayer and visitation as follows:

Weekdays - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm; Reconciliation - 4:00 pm

Please remember to follow the San Diego County guidelines when visiting church. Thank you.



**All Souls' Novena** If you wish to include your deceased loved ones in the All Souls' Day Novena, there are envelopes at the entrance to the church.

Please write the names of your loved ones on the envelope and drop it in the collection box or bring it to the office. **Deadline** to return your envelope is **October 30**. The novena will start on Monday, **November 2**.



**Fall Back** Daylight Saving ends next weekend. If needed, don't forget to set your watches and clocks back one hour, **October 31-November 1**.

**Take a Stand for Life September 25-November 1**, our Christian

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**

community will take part in *40 Days for Life*, a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond. We will peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood; 1685 E. Main St., El Cajon, from 7 AM-7 PM every Tuesday. Please consider being part of this life-saving 40 Days Fall Campaign. For more information or to sign up contact Vicki at [elcajon40days@hotmail.com](mailto:elcajon40days@hotmail.com) or 619.647.5793. Or visit their website at [www.40daysforlife.com/elcajon](http://www.40daysforlife.com/elcajon).

**Craft Fair** The Catholic Women's Club at Our Lady of Grace Church is hosting their 17th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, **November 7** from 9:00



AM-3:00 PM. Over 50 local crafters will be offering a variety of hand-made items. CWC members will also have home-baked items for sale. Parking is free, face masks required. For more information, call Kathy at 619.980.6841.



1st through 5th Grade Religious Education will begin

Sunday, **October 25 at 9:15 AM** in the hall.

We will meet in person – following all social distancing protocols.

Junior High/Journey will begin soon. It will be taught via Zoom with Anita Barletta. Parents of children attending this class please look for the arrival of a letter with information on the starting day and time and pertinent information regarding the Zoom Class # as well as picking up supplies.

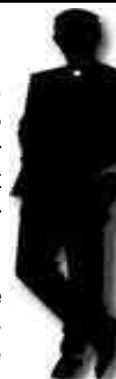
Faith Formation will be held on Wednesday, beginning **October 28 at 6:00 PM** in the hall.

Please be prompt on your arrival. We will meet in person – following all social distancing protocols.

If you haven't done so already, it's not too late to register your child/children. Parents can register your child/children, via email at [parish@queenofangels.org](mailto:parish@queenofangels.org) or pick up a form in the office during normal business hours.

Any questions, please call the church office at 619-445-2145,  
Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-2:30 pm.

## PASTOR'S PAGE



**IN THE GOSPEL THIS SUNDAY** [Mt 22:34-40] Our Lord answers the question of a scholar of The Law in regard to the greatest commandment saying *"This is the greatest and the first commandment. You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."* He adds, *"The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* This greatest commandment is nothing other than the great *"Shema"* of Israel: *"Hear O Israel, The Lord is God, The Lord alone..."* [Deut 6:4]. The main point of this two-fold precept of Charity is that there is a priority: God comes first, then creatures. This is the main point of religion, which is a part of the virtue of justice, namely, to give God His due. Just like last week when we heard that we should render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. The Catholic Church has always made this distinction; between adoration (*latría*), which is to God Alone, and devotion (*dulia*), which is given to creatures. If we keep this two-fold precept of charity properly prioritized in our life – Creator, *then* creature – we will be as happy as possible upon earth and, most importantly, obtain the Kingdom of God at our departure from this life. But herein lies the problem of application to secular life.

The problem is this: because of the predominance of secularism, many people in the modern world have inverted the greatest commandment that Jesus gave in answer to the scholar. Secular man has thought to improve the command to love by circumventing religion altogether. The secular humanist thinks that a person doesn't need religion to inspire us to love. No longer does God come first, but man. The secular humanist's creed is *"Hear O man, you are god and you alone! Therefore, love yourself (man) above all things with all your heart . . . and then, in private, and only subjectively, practice your religion alone."* In this secular humanist sense Jesus becomes merely a wise man, a mere philosopher widely misunderstood by people, even some so-called Christians. Consequently, it is said, Jesus just wanted everyone to get along with one another and live as tolerant pacifists. According to the secular humanist, man's sole motivation to love and be good should be for this world alone. We should not need a god or a religion to inspire us; a simple philanthropist mindset is all that is needed (*This mindset is epitomized in John Lennon's demonic song "Imagine"*). We should love our neighbor and not let religion with its intolerant viewpoint confuse things. Therefore, the question is: 'Does it really matter who comes first, God or man?' Our answer as a Christian is of course that God *must* come first.

The principal reason why God *must* come first in the order of love is that man is a finite, limited creature, *and therefore so is his love*. This means that to love in an infinite and unlimited fashion – as God Loves – man needs God's love first. St. John speaks of the essence of Christian love, *"In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He has loved us..."* [1 Jn 4:10]; God takes the initiative. The reason being, that God's Love enables, empowers – gives the very ability for – man to love *sacrificially*. This is the Greek word used in the New Testament *"agape"*: sacrificial love. Moreover, The Holy Spirit is The Person of The Love of God [1 Jn 4:8] sent down to humanity so as to empower us, to give us, the supernatural ability to love sacrificially (*agape*). Hence, the beautiful prayer at Mass (E4): *"And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us, He sent the Holy Spirit from You, Father, as the first fruits for those who believe, so that, bringing to perfection His work in the world, He might sanctify creation to the full"*. These "first-fruits", The Love of The Holy Spirit, enables us to love *"as Christ has loved us [Jn13:34]"* i.e. infinitely, perfectly. This love (or charity) residing in the soul is the basis of the indwelling of the Holy Trinity [Jn 14:23], *and this love from God will overflow in us to our neighbor, friend and foe alike* [Jn 4:14].

The practical reason why God's Love must come first is that it changes our image of God from that of a slave-driver overlord, jealous of His prerogatives, to become a Loving, Merciful Father of all His adopted children here upon earth. Hence the sequential causality: if God is indeed our Merciful Father in heaven, then we can love His children upon earth – our brothers and sisters – *for the sake of* The Father's love.

Why this is paramount is that, simply put, some of our brothers and sisters are not lovable! We oftentimes meet others who are rude, disrespectful, and even outright mean. However, knowing that they are our "brothers/sisters in The Lord" (*or at least called to be so*) we can love them *for the sake of Our Father's Love*, because The Father loves them too. This enables us to *"love [even our] enemies, and pray for those who persecute [us], that [we] may be children of [our] Heavenly Father..."* [Mt 5:44]. Also, because the precept is to charity (to love), we don't have to *like* our neighbor in order to love them. In other words, we don't have to like their purple hairstyle, their acid rock music, their dress or lack of manners, etc. in order *to will their good* which is to come into the kingdom of heaven. The essence of the act of Christian charity is to will the good of another. Odd as it may sound, I don't have to like them in order to do so.

In contradistinction to Christian Love is the world's love: the love of man without God. The world's love is a cold, calculated, and measured love. A love *only* to those who are kind to us, a love *only* to those who love us, a love *only* to receive a this-worldly return in some way, shape, or form. **Our Lord is calling His Christian disciples to be different from the secular pagans around them**, and He makes this clear... *"For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brethren, what more are you doing than*



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*others? Do not even the pagans do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. [Mt 5:46-48]* Again, in relation to authority, Jesus said, *"You know that the rulers of the pagans lord it over them... It shall not be so among you..." [Mt 20:25-26]*. Also, in relation to material goods Christ says, *"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat/drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans seek all these things . . . But [you] seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" [Mt 6:31-33]*. Our Lord is saying that the Christian must love differently than the pagan, and in order to do so they must believe differently than the pagan! Faith is necessary too. A faith that plainly makes a distinction between the world's understanding and love and the Christian understanding and love.

If we don't know God properly through faith, we can't love God properly through charity, or our neighbor for that matter. As one may say "Know Christ, know peace; no Christ, no peace". For peace stems from love; and love from knowledge of God; and knowledge of God through Christ Jesus as the Revelation of God. Thus, we can see that the world's love is really no love at all. The world's love is a love that will not bring peace, for it is not a love from God. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us real love, and real peace, as He says, *"...not as the world gives do I give unto you..." [Jn 14:27]*, but infinite love and infinite peace!

In conclusion, we can see the importance of Our Lord's words in the Gospel today. Why it is most necessary not only to keep Christian faith in God in the equation of love – but following from that faith – to keep our love of The Creator first and foremost over our love of creatures (even our own self). Simply: Love God above all things, and love your neighbor as yourself *for the love of God*. Therefore, we must know God first, as love follows knowledge. This is the very meaning of true religion, that part of justice that renders God His due – namely, all things! In this is true Christian life, for in this we find the Christian perfection of love that Our Lord Jesus demanded of us [Mt 5:48].

Sunday Blessings,

*Father Tim*

### Rachel's Vineyard

Do not continue to live in the shame, fear or numbness - call our toll-free national hotlines:

Rachel's Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME, (877-467-3463)

National Hotline for Abortion Recovery: 866-482-LIFE, (866-482-5433)

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

*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: \$22,280.00 BALANCE: \$7,720.00**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CATHOLIC HONG KONG ACTIVIST JIMMY LAI: 'THE LORD IS SUFFERING WITH ME'**[catholicnewsagency.com/news/catholic-hong-kong-activist-jimmy-lai-the-lord-is-suffering-with-me-89843](https://catholicnewsagency.com/news/catholic-hong-kong-activist-jimmy-lai-the-lord-is-suffering-with-me-89843)CNA Staff, Oct 7, 2020 Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/9Hdf3-42x0U>

A recently arrested Hong Kong entrepreneur and media executive said this week that he plans to stay in Hong Kong to face criminal charges stemming from his support for democracy on the island territory. The executive, Jimmy Lai, said that the Chinese Communist Party wants to supplant religion with government control. *"When you lift yourself above your own self-interest, you find the meaning of life. You find you're doing the right thing, which is so wonderful. It changed my life into a different thing,"* Jimmy Lai said in an Oct. 5 interview.

Lai, a Catholic, said he has supported the Hong Kong pro-democracy movement for the past 30 years, because of *"the Lord's teaching that your life is not about yourself." "The way I look at it, if I suffer for the right cause, it only defines the person I am becoming. It can only be good for me to become a better person. If you believe in the Lord, if you believe that all suffering has a reason, and the Lord is suffering with me...I'm at peace with it."*

A band of nearly 200 police officers arrested Lai on Aug. 10, along with at least nine others connected to Apple Daily, the newspaper Lai founded in 1995, as part of an apparent crackdown on civil liberties in the island territory.

Apple Daily has distinguished itself over the years as a strongly pro-democracy publication critical of the Chinese government in Beijing. Lai is out on bail, but faces charges under Hong Kong's new national security law, which took effect July 1, when it was imposed on the territory by the Chinese Communist Party, bypassing the Hong Kong legislature. Under the new law, a person who is convicted of secession, subversion, terrorism or collusion with foreign forces will receive a minimum of 10 years in prison, with the possibility of a life sentence.

Lai is a British citizen, but he said he does not plan to leave Hong Kong. He said his family is very supportive of his decision to stay, but he fears for their safety. *"If I go away, I not only give up my destiny, I give up God, I give up my religion, I give up what I believe in,"* he said. *"I am what I am. I am what I believe. I cannot change it. And if I can't change it, I have to accept my fate with praise."*

Lai said his wife has always been a pious Catholic, and even before his conversion he always went to church with her. But in 1997, he realized that he needed the protection and help of a higher power. He was baptized and received into the Church by Cardinal Joseph Zen, bishop emeritus of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong has historically enjoyed freedom of religion, unlike mainland China, where religious believers of all stripes endure persecution. The Catholic Church in China has since 1951 been split between the so-called underground church, which is persecuted and loyal to Rome, and the state-sanctioned Chinese Patriotic Church. Lai said China needs moral leadership from the Vatican, but he expressed disappointment in the Vatican's negotiations with CCP, particularly the Sept. 2018 agreement between the Vatican and the CCP on the appointment of bishops, which the two parties are expected to renew later this month. Cardinal Zen recently traveled to the Vatican to ask Pope Francis not to renew the Vatican-China deal, but Pope Francis did not grant Zen an audience.

When the pope and the Vatican remain silent on the CCP's actions, *"that is very disappointing, very damaging, for a world that looks up to the Vatican for their moral leadership."*

That the CCP wants to supplant religion is a "moral perversion," Lai said, aiming to see people "suffer for [Jinping's] sins." *"Once you don't have a religion, you can easily be dictated by their order,"* he said.

The moral vacuum in China is an opportunity for Catholicism to fill in, Lai said, to teach people that *"life is more than just bread."* Chinese people, he said, *"want religion, the more they want virtue and morals, to live a meaningful life—which the Vatican is not giving them. Which the Vatican is taking away from them when they align with the CCP, who has repressed them in their spiritual pursuit. This is really ridiculous. This is something very disappointing."*

**Please pray for the persecuted Christians in communist China!**

(We may be next.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ONE-DAY RETREATS:

We are happy to fill a need for men and women coping with the loss of marriage due to divorce, separation, or death and are coping with life in a "tunnel" of grief especially in this grim COVID-19 atmosphere.



## ***COPING WITH LIFE ALONE***

**NOV. 7, 9AM-5PM; ST. MARY PARISH (ESCONDIDO)**

**A DAY OF GUIDED REFLECTION AND SHARING TO ENCOURAGE EACH PARTICIPANT ON HIS OR HER OWN HEALING JOURNEY.**

For registration or questions, call Vicki at (858) 748-2273, or Sharon at (619) 884-7974, or [BeginningExperienceSD@gmail.com](mailto:BeginningExperienceSD@gmail.com). COVID-19 precautions will be followed.

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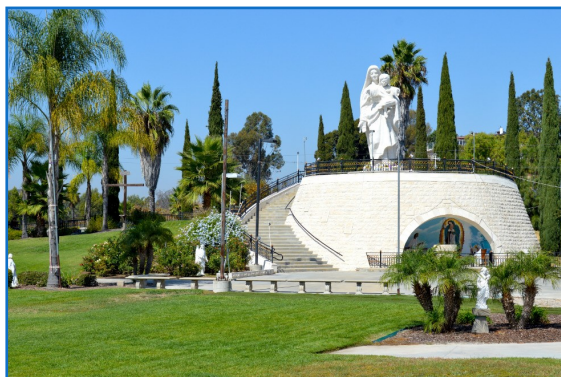


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## *San Diego Life Chain East County*

Sunday, October 25, from 1:15-2:30 pm

This year we will meet outdoors at the Mariam Mother of Life Shrine  
located on the grounds of  
St. Ephrem Maronite Catholic Church  
750 Medford St., El Cajon, Ca 92020



October is also the month of the Holy Rosary so we will pray all four mysteries asking our Heavenly Queen to intercede for...

- An end to abortion
- Peace in our country and the whole world
- The Triumph of Her Immaculate Heart

Questions? Contact Mary Dixon at (619) 460-5150