

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

<u>April 18, 2</u>		
Envelopes Used	60	This assista
Envelope Collections	\$ 4,143.00	priests
Plate Collections	\$ 544.00	
TOTAL	\$ 4,647.00	Thank

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "*Renewing HOPE*", has begun. Oueen of Angels assessment for 2021 is \$30,000.

This is your opportunity to make possible the work that affects so many in our diocese: assistance to the poor, education of those who attend Catholic schools, formation of new priests and care for our retired priest, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned.

hank 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: \$19,075.00 BALANCE: \$10,925.00

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 24-MAY 2, 2021

DATE TIME **INTENTION** Apr 24 5:30 pm Saturday. 8:00 am Sunday, Apr 25 Rev. Joseph Khuyen Van Lai Sunday: Jn 3:1-2 Apr 25 For the People Sunday, 10:30 am Monday: Jn 10:11-18 Monday, Apr 26 8:00 am Tuesday: Jn 10:22-30 Apr 27 Tuesday, 7:30 am Rosarv Wednesday: Jn 12:44-50 Wednesday, Apr 28 8:00 am Thursday: Jn 13:16-20 Thursday, 8:00 am Apr 29 Friday: Jn 14:1-6 Friday, Apr 30 8:00 am Saturday: Mt 13:54-58 May 1 Saturday, 9:00 am *†*Harold & Marie Bispham Next Sunday: Jn 3:18-24 Saturday, May 1 5:30 pm For the People Sunday, May 2 8:00 am Rev. Derek Twilliger Sunday, May 2 10:30 am †Jim Archer



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,



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First Saturday to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary

> May 1, 2021 9:00am—Mass



Do You Feel the Calling?

If so, why not consider start serving your church. We are always in need of Altar Servers, Communion Ministers, Lectors and Ushers. Please help! We will work with your availability to serve at the Mass which you now attend. Please contact Sandy in the parish office at 619.445.2145 if you feel the call.



Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you pursue us with untiring love and dispel the shadow of death with the bright dawn of life. We pray for Sister Millie, in baptism you called her to eternal life to praise you forever. May you bring her to everlasting peace and rest.



We wish to inform you of the death of Sister Millicent (Millie) Peaslee, OLVM on April 17, 2021. Sister Millie, along with Sister Pat were very active in our Queen of Angels' community until their retirement in 2010. Sister Millie was born on March 20, 2021 and recently celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and closest friends.

Please keep Sister Millie, her family and friends in your prayers.



PASTOR'S PAGE

You were ransomed from the futile ways handed down to you by your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ

Our Lord uses the notion of private property ownership to show us that He cares for us, for we are – each of us – His unique possession, dear to His Sacred Heart.

This Fourth Sunday of Easter The Church places before us this reading of the Gospel of The Good Shepherd [Jn 10:11-18]. Our Lord wants to assure us that we are His Own -- His special possession. The whole notion that God *possesses* us, that is, that we are *His* People, is found centuries previous to this, when God says to Moses, ". . . *tell the Israelites* . . . *if you hearken to My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My special possession, dearer to Me than all other people, though all the earth is Mine*" [Ex 19:4]. Notice the words "*if you hearken to My voice*", in the Gospel Our Lord too says "...*they will hear My voice*." So the "voice" of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is the very same "voice" of God speaking to the Israelites centuries previously. The Church reminds us that The Good Shepherd possesses us, and will therefore not abandon those who hear *and listen* to His voice

This manner of speaking, of being a possession of God's, is how St. Paul understands his relationship to Christ. He tells the Christians at Philippi, *"I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus* [Philp 3:12]." Furthermore, since Christ has taken possession, He also leaves His mark or seal upon those who are His Own (just like we put a name tag or brand on our stuff): *"In Him you also . . . were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of His glory"* [Eph 1:13]. St. Paul tells the Corinthians the same [II Cor 1:21]. St. Peter even tells us with what Christ purchased us, he says, *"...realize that you were purchased . . . not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb"* [I Peter 1:18]. The Book of Revelation sings this praise to Christ, *"...with Your Blood You purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation* [Rev 5:10]." So we can therefore truly say that we are Christ's own, sealed for the day of Redemption and we need to bring that mark, that dignity, unstained into the everlasting glory of God Our Father.

Why does God use the terminology of ownership and possession when speaking to mankind about the Covenant of union with us? What we see in Sacred Scripture is that God uses many varied manners of literary forms in speaking to us. God uses metaphors, analogies, similes, and the like, things to which man can relate. *One of the most natural inclinations of mankind is that of private ownership, or private property.* To possess something that I can call "my own" is the greatest motivation that we have as rational creatures, next to life itself and its propagation. Private property is based upon our own initiative and motivation to work for something that I can call my own. This is how private property is obtained.

For example, in 1492 when (Christopher) Columbus sailed the ocean blue, and stepped upon the ground of North America, he could not simply say, "This is all mine, mine, mine mine! I discovered it and it's mine, nobody can have any part of it!" The reason is that what makes something our personal property is the labor that I put into it. So in other words, if I home-stead a parcel of land, clear the ground of stones to farm it, fence it in to graze cattle, sheep, alpacas, ostriches, cats, or whatever. Then, and only then, can I lay claim to it. What my labor does is put my mark or seal upon a thing. It creates own-ership of a thing.

As already mentioned, Christ puts His mark and seal on us, because of the work that He has done, and continues to do, within us. Christ "works out" our Redemption as St. Paul says, many times [I Thess 2:13; Col 1:29; Philp 2:13; Eph 2:10]. Even Creation was a 'work' of God, from which He "rested" on the Seventh Day [Gen 2:2]; so God has put His mark and seal on the work of Creation which He has made [Jn 1:3] for us to obtain (subdue earth and multiply: Gen 1:28). Hence, private property is created through personal labor; so Christ has personally labored for our salvation and therefore gains the right to call us His Own Possession. Moreover, St. Paul also says that we have to "□work out (y)our salvation with fear and trembling" [Philp 2:12], which means that we need to work to make God our own possession too [Jn 14:12]. As St. says, "For [God] will render to every man according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are factious and do not obey the truth, but obey wickedness, there will be wrath and fury [Rom 2:6]".

Some people may take offence at being called possessed by God. Would they rather be possessed by Satan? God calls us His possession not because we're just a 'thing' to God, just something He possesses. Rather, if we really think about these words in relation to God, Who is Love Itself, we see their truest meaning. What we really see here is that this is the talk of a lover for his beloved. When a man speaks romantically to his wife, he tends to use hyperbole. We accentuate something to

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go beyond reason, beyond ourselves, to express poetically what words cannot say. That's why girls like poetry more than men (as a whole). It's precisely the 'sweet nothings' that mean everything to the beloved. I remember my brother saying to his girlfriend one Christmas, "The only gift I want for Christmas is you. You're the greatest possession I could ever have". Does that sound like a possession that one places on a shelf? Or is that the words of someone in love?

So in the end we can understand in a greater way the words of Our Lord, The Good Shepherd "My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. For no one can take them out of My Hand" [Jn 10:27].

Easter Blessings,

Father Tim

BILLION PEOPLE FACE 'VERY SEVERE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM'

www.breitbart.com/ national-security/2021/04/20/ report-5-2-billion-people-face-very-severe-violations-religious-freedom/

Nearly one third of the world's countries, where two thirds of the world's population live, violate religious freedom, the pontifical charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) reported Tuesday.

<u>Christians are the most persecuted group in the world</u>, according to ACN's Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021, an 818-word compendium of the state of religious freedom and persecution in the world today.

Persecution on the grounds of religious belief is a growing global phenomenon, the biennial report declares, and religious freedom violations have accelerated and expanded to the point where "systematic and egregious attacks are coming from governments, lynching mobs, as well as international terror groups," such as Boko Haram or the Islamic State.

The report found the populations of 62 countries out of a total of 196 face "very severe violations of religious freedom," adding that the number of people living in these countries "is close to 5.2 billion, as the worst offenders include some of the most populous nations in the world (China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nigeria)."

Moreover, during the past two years since the publication of ACN's last report, "there has been a significant increase in the severity of religiously motivated persecution and oppression which is the principal category of concern," the report noted.

Much of this religiously motivated persecution has come from "transnational jihadist networks spreading across the Equator," the document reveals, and "Islamic State and Al-Qaeda, with ideological and material patronage from the Middle East, affiliate with, and further radicalize, local armed militias to establish 'caliphate provinces' along the Equator."

This activity has resulted in "a crescent of jihadist violence [that] stretches from Mali to Mozambique in Sub-Saharan Africa, to the Comoros in the Indian Ocean, and to the Philippines in the South China Sea." Additionally, an expanding "cyber-caliphate" is now "an established tool of online recruitment and radicalization in the West," the report declared. "Islamist terrorists employ sophisticated digital technologies to recruit, radicalize, and attack."

Another driver of religious persecution is growing religious nationalism, or "ethno-religious supremacy in Hindu-majority and Buddhist-majority countries in Asia," the report reveals. "These movements have further oppressed religious minorities, reducing them to the status of de facto second-class citizens."

Totalitarian atheist regimes such as those of China and North Korea are a further source of intense religious persecution, the report declared, and over 30 million Muslims in China and Myanmar (including Uyghur and Rohingya Muslims) face severe persecution, with little resistance thus far from the international community. The Chinese Communist Party now employs repressive surveillance technologies that increasingly target faith groups, with "626 million AI-enhanced surveillance cameras and smart-phone scanners at key pedestrian check-points, producing data which is cross-referenced by analytical platforms and coupled with an integrated social credit system," the report stated.

A new category in this year's report is the notion of "polite persecution," a term used to describe the rise of new "rights" or cultural norms that conflict with and often supersede the right to religious freedom, seeking to consign religions to "the enclosed precincts of churches, synagogues or mosques." "These new cultural norms, enshrined in law, result in an individual's rights to freedom of conscience and religion coming into a profound conflict with the legal obligation to comply with these laws," the report stated.

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WORLD DAY OF

PRAYER WILL BE OBSERVED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021. ALSO KNOWN AS "GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY." THE PURPOSE OF THIS DAY IS TO PUBLICLY FULFILL THE LORD'S INSTRUCTION TO, "PRAY THE LORD OF THE **HARVEST TO SEND** LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST" (MT 9:38; LK 10:2). PLEASE PRAY THAT YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HEAR AND RESPOND **GENEROUSLY TO THE** LORD'S CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD, DIACONATE, **RELIGIOUS LIFE, SOCIETIES OF APOSTOLIC LIFE OR** SECULAR INSTITUTES.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE GETTING WORSE

Authors Mary Rice Hasson and Theresa Farnan make a poignant and pressing case against public education in <u>Get Out</u> <u>Now: Why You Should Pull Your Child from Public School Before It's Too Late</u> (Regnery Gateway, 2018).

Here are their reasons for why public education has become untenable:

- 1) Public schools are now committed to spreading gender ideology, despite the findings of science;
- 2) Meant to form citizens, they have eroded patriotism and indoctrinated socialism;
- 3) The absence of engagement with religion combined with scientism have led to practical atheism and relativism;
- 4) School systems have been eroding parental rights and marginalizing parents' role in their child's education;
- 5) The steady decline in academic achievement has been furthered by Common Core.

Think about Catholic School Education!

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Let us pray, celebrate, and share the many gifts of our universal Church

Heritage Exhibits | Live Music

Experience a colorful feast of languages, cultures, and traditions

Information

adiaz@sdcatholic.org (858) 490-8306 *Event will be held outdoors.

Event will be held outdoors. Physical distancing and masks required. For sun protection, bring umbrellas, hats, etc.



All Are Welcome

10 am | Call to Worship 11 am | Mass with Bishop McElroy Auxilary Bishops Dolan and Bejarano Live Stream at: sdcatholic.org/pentecost2021