# QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## THE MESSENGER

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## **Website**

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## Holy Sacrifice of The Mass

Saturday

3:30 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. 2:00 to 3:00 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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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



## GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 2-10, 2021

		<u>DATE</u>		<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>	
		Saturday,	Jan 2	9:00 am	Moira Malley	
		Saturday,	Jan 2	3:30 pm	†Harold & Marie Bispham	
Sunday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday: Next Sunday:	Mt 2:1-12 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Mk 6:34-44 Mk 6:45-52 Lk 4:14-22a Lk 5:12-16 Jn 3:22-30 Jn 5:1-9	Sunday,	Jan 3	8:00 am	†Joan Deluca	
		Sunday,	Jan 3	10:30 am	For the People	
		Monday,	Jan 4	8:00 am	†Marie Bispham	
		Tuesday,	Jan 5	7:30 am	Rosary	
		Wednesday,	Jan 6	8:00 am	†Harold & Marie Bispham	
		Thursday,	Jan 7	8:00 pm	†Kelly Ulberg	
		Friday,	Jan 8	8:00 am	†Frank Plotnik	
		Saturday,	Jan 9	3:30 pm	For the People	
		Sunday,	Jan 10	8:00 am	†Robert D. Jaynes	
		Sunday,	Jan 10	10:30 am	†Helen Holt	



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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## THE EDIPHANY OF THE LORD



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PRIESTS	RULER	SAYING
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WHEN	WISE	WORSHIP

parish, who was baptized on December 27, 2020. Galileo Abram Martinez, son of Luis Manuel Martinez and Paula Vargas. We lovingly welcome him into our Queen of An-

gels Faith Community!

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

**Weekdays** - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm; Reconciliation is available.

Baptism We congratulate the newest member of our Religious Education Schedule Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas holiday:

1st-5th Grade:

January 3: No class

January 10: Class resumes

Journey/Formation:

January 6: Class resumes





## We are grateful to all those who made a donation and helped decorate our parish for Christmas.

## In Memory of:

Richard Shepard

Sam & Evelyn Williams

Frank & Frank James Williams

Barry R. McClarty

**Shane Martin** 

Theresa Hensle

Rudolf & Marie Paukert

Herman & Dorothy Tellesch

Carol Fabricatore

Pat Callahan

Virginia Sorensen

John and Rosie Souza

Mary Souza

April Williams

Juanita Guerrero

**Evelyn Heit** 

Virginia Langdon

Ed Nacey

Gary Grove

George Nessel

Eileen Nessel

Patricia Schoenle

Tom & Rita Ferrier

Cal & Nina Lewis

Lanette Milligan

Orran Fraenzl

Clare Fraenzl

Lester Fraenzl

Margaret Mary Fraenzl

Margaret G. Fraenzl

## Donated by:

**Dolores Shepard** 

Jerry & Mary Wiggins

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Alberta Callahan

Bill & Betty Williams

Sharon Davey

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**Nessel Family** 

**Bob Ferrier** 

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## **PASTOR'S PAGE**

## THIS SUNDAY THE CHURCH REFLECTS UPON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Indeed "Epiphany" means literally "to show". Hence, in whatever way God chooses to Reveal and to show forth the Divinity of Christ is an "Epiphany" in the truest Christian sense using miraculous interventions. There are many different forms of this epiphany of Christ (e.g. The Baptism of The Lord; The wedding feast of Cana; The Transfiguration), however, traditionally we reflect upon the nativity manifestations at this time during the Christmas season. Hence, we should see there are three types or groups to whom God chooses to reveal the divine nature of The Son of God to, using different signs for each group, they are: 1. The Shepherds; 2. The Magi; and 3. Simeon & Anna in the Temple. To each group God will use a sign of the divinity that is in accord with the sensibilities of each. The reason for this is that "... knowledge given by signs must be conveyed through things which are familiar to those to whom the knowledge is imparted." To transmit knowledge, we must use appropriate signs. We see therefore why signs at airports, traffic signs, etc. are as universal as possible. The signs must be as universal as possible because they convey realities to such a vast number of groups and peoples. Hence, when God uses signs, the signs will be appropriate to each, according as they are disposed toward receiving, for whatever is received is received according to the mode or manner of the receiver, not the giver.

<u>In the case of the Shepherds</u> [Lk2:8], God manifests the divine via the Angelic Herald; for as Israelites they were accustomed to the angelic interventions. Perhaps God chooses to manifest His Divinity to the shepherds because "*He chose the foolish things that He might confound the wise*" [I Cor1:25].

<u>In the case of the Magi</u> God manifests the divine via a star [Mt 2:1]; for as pagans look to astrological events, so the pagan magi would be disposed toward this celestial sign. Perhaps God chooses to manifest His Divinity pagans so as to show that the "Christ came to call, not the righteous, but the sinners. . . [Mt 9:13].

In the case of Simeon & Anna via the superior and interior inspirations of The Holy Spirit [Lk2:26]; for as intimate friends of God who are accustomed to prayer and fasting in the Temple, so too they would be best disposed toward the reception of the inspirations of God The Holy Spirit. Thus too we see the gratuitous nature of grace in that Simeon prophesies about the child and His Mother in his famous canticle said to Mary, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed [Lk 2:33-35]."

Finally, lest one be tempted toward astrology we reflect upon the fact that the Star of Bethlehem was no ordinary star...

- 1) It appeared not only at night but also at midday -- not even the moon does this.
- 2) It appeared visible at one time and invisible at other times.
- 3) The movement of the star was not continuous, but had motion and rest as the pillar of cloud/fire in the desert of the Israelites fleeing Egypt.
- 4) The movement of the star was specific to the place of the virginal birth of the Messiah.

In God's Divine Providence He cares for the well-being and spiritual good of all. He directs all things in accordance with our abilities and does not send us something that we are unable to carry in life, however difficult. Therefore we, as Christians, must be receptive to God's manifestations according as we

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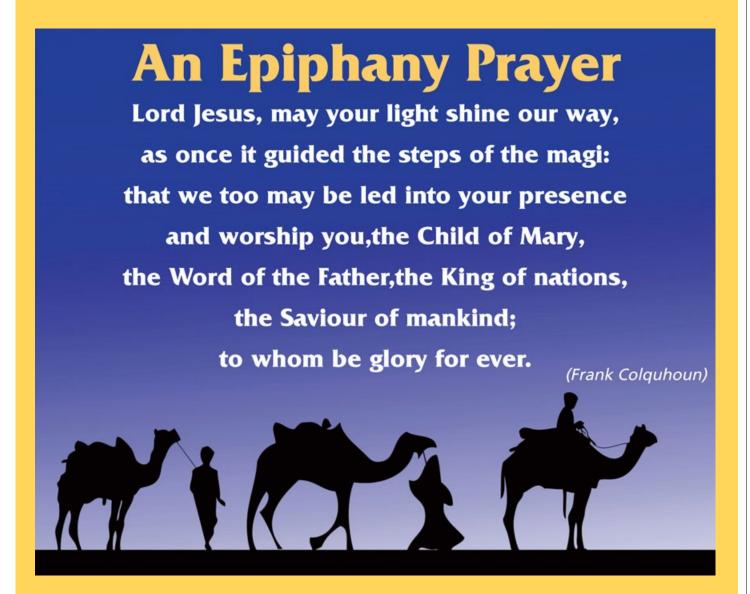
are disposed -- and that is as Baptized in the Holy Spirit! We must wait for God as Simeon and Anna in the Temple, in prayer and fasting, and thus be solicitous toward the inspirations of God The Holy Spirit in a Christian meditation and contemplation. As the psalmist records the Lord's word: "Be still... and know that I Am God." Psalm 46:10

"... knowledge given by signs must be conveyed through things which are familiar to those to whom the knowledge is imparted."

S.T. III Q36 On the Manifestation of Christ's Birth

Christmas Blessings,

Father Tim



## THE ART OF LOOSE THINKING

by Donald DeMarco thewandererpress.com ·13 Dec. 2020

Loose thinking occurs when a person widens his argument so that it includes alien elements. Barack Obama offered us an excellent example of loose thinking when he defended the legalization of same-sex marriage by stating that it is about time that someone can marry the person he loves.

Love is far more inclusive than marriage. We can love our parents, siblings, children, and married friends, but we cannot marry them. Marriage demands love, but love does not demand marriage. If one's belt is too loose, his pants will not stay up; if his reasoning is too loose, his argument will not hold up. Loose talk starts rumors that are often devoid of truth. A sound argument respects truth and excludes what is irrelevant.

There is an art to loose thinking. If one cannot come up with a good argument to defend a position, he may use sheer rhetoric to take the place of sound logic. Obama's notion of marriage succeeded in convincing many of his supporters. When Edmund Burke stated that the "study of law sharpens the mind by narrowing it," he was referring to the fact that the law involves only the things that are relevant. There may be ten suspects, but only one is guilty.

Loose thinking occurs in high places. Pope Francis is not immune to such thinking. In defending same-sex civil unions, he stated: "Homosexual people have a right to be in a family. They are children of God. You can't kick someone out of a family, nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to have is a civil union law; that way they are legally covered." Being "children of God" has never been an issue. Nor is it widely accepted that anyone should "kick someone out of a family." It should also be pointed out that not everyone has "a right to be in a family." As St. John Paul II has stated, "The basis of the family is marriage." Those who are already in a family, including the unborn child, have a right to remain in the family. But no one has a right to a family. If that were not the case, someone would assume the duty of providing that family. And no one has that duty.

At the liberal end of the Church spectrum in Mexico, Saltillo Bishop Raul Vera celebrated the Pope's comments, comparing it to a breath of fresh air. "It makes me very happy," he stated, "that a new door is opening in the Church for people who still don't have a place in it."

This is a strange comment since all people, including those with same-sex inclinations, are welcomed in the Church. The Church is not discriminating against homosexuals, but defending the Gospel-rooted notion of marriage as a sacrament expressed between a man and a woman.

On the other hand, Hugo Valdemar, a former spokesman for the Mexico City Archdiocese, has remarked that "Pope Francis' comments go against all of the teaching from Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI." He went on to say that, "even though it is not an official document, it is an opinion that the Pope can't allow himself because he is not a monarch with absolute authority, he must act within the framework of Church doctrine."

In Canada, Michael Coren, who has made quite a name for himself in the media, has interpreted Pope Francis' statement on same-sex civil unions so loosely that in includes elements that are clearly un-Christian. He contends that Pope Francis' endorsement of civil unions for homosexuals make the Catholic Church "kinder, more informed, and more Christian."

#### Let us examine his claims.

<u>Kinder</u>: "The greatest kindest one can render to any man," wrote St. Thomas Aquinas, "consists in leading him to truth." We are not kind to a person merely by approving what he wants, especially when what he wants is injurious to him. Love is not blind; it proceeds from a knowledge of what is good. Knowledge is eye-opening. This is particular the case with regard to homosexual sexual activities.

<u>More informed</u>: The function of the immune system is to protect the self from alien substances that are potentially harmful to it. From a strict immunological standpoint, conception would not be possible, for the immune system would recognize the sperm as an alien substance. However, semen carries, along with the sperm, a mild immunosuppressant, which, deposited in the right place, allows the woman's body to accept it and also permits the resulting child to develop. Here we have a deeper understanding of the meaning of "two-in-one-flesh." Marriage is not grounded in abstract rights, but in the embodied nature of the marital partners.

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Something dangerous occurs when the immunosuppressant is deposited in the wrong place. In carrying out its natural function, it creates an "immuno-permissive environment," facilitating the formation of various kinds of pathogens, the most notable of which it brings is AIDS (Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome). Therefore, the endorsement of same-sex unions may lead, among men, to many deaths and certainly does not represent a caring attitude toward homosexuals. More Christian: The endorsement of same-sex civil unions contradicts all Catholic teaching as made clear in the Catholic Catechism, in the Bible, in Church tradition, and in every Church document on the matter. This unanimity and uncompromising legacy has not varied over a span of more than 2,000 years. This consistent teaching is a clear expression of Christian teaching. Coren's contention that deviating from this tradition makes Christianity "more Christian" is simply an example of loose thinking.

The endorsement of same-sex unions is not kind to homosexuals, nor is it intellectually informed, nor does it represent an improvement of Christianity. Moreover, it makes a mockery of real marital unions that have the potentiality for initiating new life while at the same time offering husband and wife fulfillment through the complementarity of their natures. Loose thinking about marriage fails to honor what marriage really is. It is an overreach that purports to be broad and liberal, but, in fact, contradicts what it presumes to defend.

https://thewandererpress.com/catholic/news/featured-today/the-art-of-loose-thinking/





## CATHOLIC COLLEGE 8CHOLAR8HIP8

John Paul the Great Catholic University in San Diego County is offering a number of scholarship opportunities to assist local families here in Southern California, many of whom are dealing with financial hardship from the events of this past year.

They want to do what we can to keep a quality Catholic education affordable and reachable for these families - some of parishioners might even be eligible to have their full college tuition covered at J.P.Catholic.

You can view the scholarship details here: https://jpcatholic.edu/scholarships/qa-alpine

