

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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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

4th Sunday of the Month

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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

March 7, 2021

Envelopes Used	62
Envelope Collections	\$ 5,110.98
Plate Collections	\$ 403.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,513.98

*The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "Renewing HOPE", has begun.
Queen 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 school, formation of new priests and care for our retired priests, evangelization and accompaniment of Young Adults, and the consoling presence of Christ for those imprisoned.

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: \$ 12,925.00 BALANCE: \$ 17,075.00

GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 13-21, 2021

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
		Saturday, Mar 13	5:30 pm	†Donald Meyer
		Sunday, Mar 14	8:00 am	†Lee Burke Meszaros
Sunday:	Jn 9:1-41	Sunday, Mar 14	10:30 am	For the People
Monday:	Jn 4:43-54	Monday, Mar 15	8:00 am	†Peter Szoboda
Tuesday:	Jn 5:1-16	Tuesday, Mar 16	7:30 am	Rosary
Wednesday:	Jn 5:17-30	Wednesday, Mar 17	8:00 am	Patricia Esclara
Thursday:	Jn 5:31-47	Thursday, Mar 18	8:00 am	†Marie Bispham
Friday:	Mt 1:16,18-21, 24a	Friday, Mar 19	8:00 am	†Ryan John Seil
Saturday:	Jn 7:40-53	Saturday, Mar 20	5:30 pm	For the People
Next Sunday:	Jn 11:1-45	Sunday, Mar 21	8:00 am	Curtis Clark
		Sunday, Mar 21	10:30 am	†Duayne Pillsbury



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,



Y F J U D G E V I L V L Y
O R E M A L R E A D Y U M
F S V B R E P R O V E D O
O A E E K L I F E G V S S
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T R U T H N A M E Y R G M
D L I G H T A Y D M A D E

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ALREADY	BECAUSE	BEGOTTEN
BELIEVE	BELIEVETH	COME
COMETH	DARKNESS	DESERT
EVERLASTING	EVERY	EVIL
GIVE	HATETH	JUDGE
LIFE	LIFTED	LIGHT
LOVED	MADE	MOSES
NAME	ONLY	PERISH
RATHER	REPROVED	SAVED
SENT	SERPENT	TRUTH

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

Weekdays - 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday - 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm; (new time),

Reconciliation is available at 4:00 pm.



Annual Lenten Collection This weekend, **March 13-14**, has been designated for the 2021 Annual Lenten Collection. Special envelopes are available for the collection which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America (which includes the Dioceses of Tijuana and Mexicali). You may designate your contribution to the causes listed on the collection envelope.

Baptisms We congratulate the newest members of our parish. **Marilyn Rose Boltz**, daughter of Brent Carl Boltz and Cassandra Deanne Oberlin was baptized on Sunday, February 14, 2021; **Addison Jo Baker**, daughter of Travis Joseph Baker and Kacie Jo Hostetler; **Easton Dean Baker**, son of Travis Joseph Baker and Kacie Jo Hostetler and **Maverick William McKillip**, son of Garrett William McKillip and Shanda Elise Brawner were baptized on Sunday, February 28, 2021. We lovingly welcome all of them into our Queen of Angels Faith Community!



SPRING FORWARD Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour this weekend, **March 13-14**.



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday in Lent
at 5:30 pm in the church
(March 19 & 26)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday in Lent
following the
8:00 am morning Mass until 9:30 am
First Friday Devotions-March 5 at 10:30 am

Additional Opportunities for Reconciliation

Monday, March 29, 9:00 am-10:00 am
Wednesday, March 31, 11:30 am-12:30 am
Wednesday, March 31, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm
Thursday, April 1, After Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 2, After 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Lenten Prayer materials will be available in
the church multi-purpose room.

Friday are Days of Abstinence.



If you would like to donate a "Spring Floral Bouquet" for Easter in memory of a family member or a friend, please complete the following form and return it to the parish office or put it in the collection basket. All donations will be used for an assortment of Spring flowers and decorations for the church during Easter and the Easter Season. (Please use one form per donation.)

The suggested donation for each intention is \$15.00.

In memory of:

Donated by:



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PASTOR'S PAGE

He Who Does What is True Comes to the Light, that it May be Clearly Seen that His Deeds have been Wrought in God.

John 3:21

In the Gospel of St. John this fourth Sunday of Lent [Jn 3:14-21] Our Lord speaks to Nicodemus in a rather roundabout fashion. Jesus speaks about the need to be "born again", and about that which is from 'above' and that which is from 'below': *"What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of Spirit is spirit."*[3:6]. He goes on to talk about being lifted up, and how those who believe in Him shall be saved. We see, however, that Nicodemus is confused about all this, thus Our Lord's retort: *"You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this?"* And so – as to make it crystal clear to Nicodemus – Jesus finally gets down to saying: *"And this is the verdict, 1/4"* (i.e. here's the bottom line, verdict means literally from Latin *vērus* "true" + dict "judgment"), *"The Light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to Light, because their works were evil."* In other words, Jesus makes it 'black and white' for Nicodemus.



Essentially then, Our Lord is telling us that it is all really very basic. If we want the light of truth, He is offering it to us, for He Himself is that Light of Truth. His identification with Truth and Light Itself [Jn 14:6; 8:12] is what makes Our Lord say, *"... whoever lives the truth comes into the Light..."*, that is, comes to Me. All those who wish to have the light of truth must come to Jesus Christ. Indeed, He came, *"... so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."* The basic reality is that truth and light go hand in hand, moreover, those who want the truth and the light really listen in obedience to Jesus Christ. This is why Our Lord tells Pontius Pilate, *"...For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice"* [Jn 18:37].

All people hear the Word of God [Jn 1:1], many, like King Herod [Mk 6:20], are intrigued by the truth, but very few really listen and are obedient to that Word, Jesus Christ [Mt 13:18]. This is so not only in our own day, but even in the primitive Church of the Twelve Apostles [Jn 8:43,47; 12:48; 14:23; Jm 1:22]. St. John essentially sums it up as a question of charity itself: [I Jn 2:5,9]. *"Whoever says he is in the Light, yet hates his brother, is still in the darkness."* Hate = darkness, love = light. Therefore, Our Lord Jesus Christ uses the metaphor of light and darkness to make things crystal clear. A "black and white" issue: light or darkness, love or hate, heaven or hell, God or the devil.

It seems that our fallen human nature needs to see things in this rather polarized fashion in order to acknowledge things clearly. Certainly there are gray areas in our moral life, however, in reality there may not be as many gray areas as we think there are. In other words, most issues are pretty clear on what to do. Furthermore, if one is a professing Catholic, it is even clearer because The Church makes it clear in Her teaching in Faith and Morals. This is the source of the term 'Catholic guilt', which is nothing other than Our Lord's caution *"...to whom much is given, of him will much be required..."* [Lk 12:48]. As Catholics, we have received more, much more. Nevertheless, we tend to let things fester until we have to act. Like those aches we all have, but do not want to acknowledge the need to go to the doctor for. This is the case of the first reading [II Chron 36:14-23] where the Israelites are not acting upon the knowledge that they have from God, but continue doing evil even after warnings. Finally, God has no alternative but to intervene and Babylon takes them captive, leading them in chains to exile in a foreign land. Only a crisis made Israel come to its senses and follow the truth of God.

Perhaps the best example of this failure to act in following God is the showdown between the prophet Elijah and the prophets of the pagan god Baal on Mt. Carmel. Elijah says to the Israelites, *"How long are you going to straddle the issue? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him."* But the people did not answer him a word [I Kings 18:21]. Only when God intervened with fire from heaven did the people finally decide to follow the God of Israel! We 'straddle the issue' because we do not want to commit to acting, for this means sacrifice. It is easier for us to deny that we have a superior knowledge on how to morally act upon our faith, than to face the light of truth. This is the major reason that people are rejecting Christianity today, they see no reason to sacrifice for salvation – we all just go to heaven after we die, or at worst cease existing.

The life of man is a search for truth and meaning (purpose). We must have certain knowledge of the truth in order to act. Oftentimes what happens is that we get caught up in the search. Searching for truth implies that we do not have the truth, which in turn means we do not have any real convictions in life on how to act, morally speaking. Hence, a person thinks that morality is not binding upon them, and so they can act irresponsibly in seeking their own liberties and evil pleasures, claiming all the while that they just do not know what is right or wrong. It is fun to be a beatnik or hippie because you do not have morality holding you down. However, neither will you then have the rewards of eternal life if you do not convert to the truth.

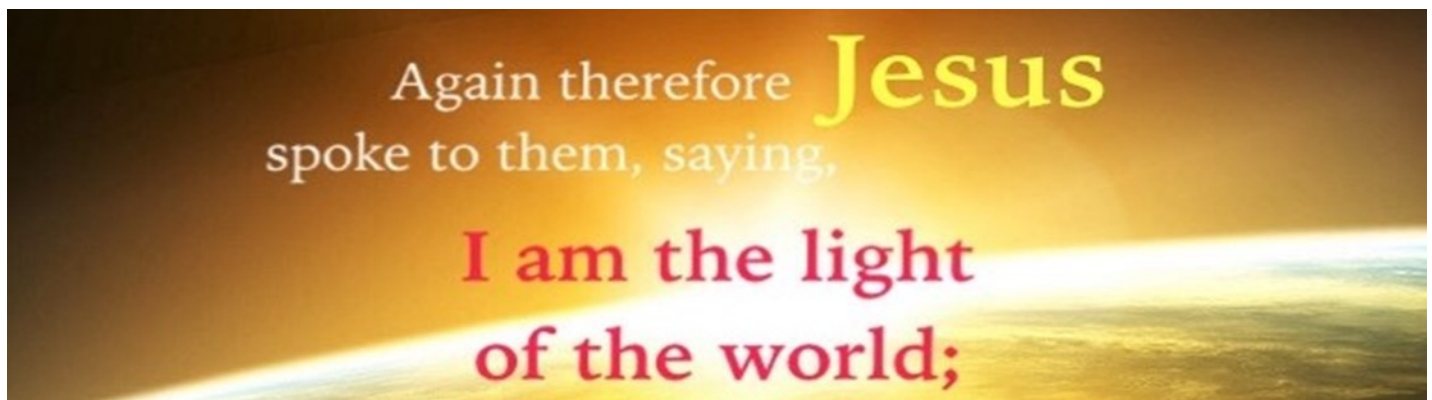
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This all has to change when one finds the moral truth, for then the conviction of the truth means I have to give up all the sinful pleasures I had before. St. Paul relates just this to St. Timothy [I Tim 1:8-14]. Therefore, it is easier for one to go through life denying that they know the truth, and thus be able to do whatever they want to do. This is why Our Lord uses metaphors and parables in speaking the truth. He is making it clear to Nicodemus, and to all, that the moral truth is really not very hard to find. That perhaps it really is a matter of black and white, light and darkness after all, or at least that is where one can start. It is like the young man who approached Jesus saying, *"Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" In addition, Jesus replied, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" Moreover Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* [Mt 19:16-19].

Of course, the Ten Commandments are too black and white for most people today.

***"And this is the verdict, ..., "The Light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to Light, because their works were evil."***



Lenten Blessings,

Father Tim

Dear Queen of Angels Parishioners:

We would like to thank the parishioners who with their kind generosity helped us economically during this Christmas time, in our needs at the Monastery of Tecate, through our great friend and benefactor Mr. Joe Woestman.

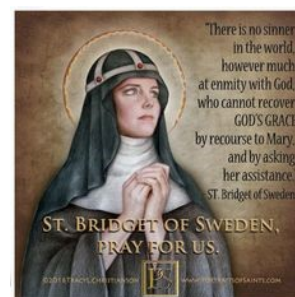
We inform you that we are a large community with a total of 51 mostly young sisters, who have decided to follow the charism of Saint Bridget of Sweden in the life of closure and contemplation.

We will keep you present in our daily prayers and may God bless you during this new year.

May God our Lord reward you with eternal life.

Brigittine Sisters

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GOVERNMENT EQUALITY ACT IS ANTI-CHRISTIAN

catholicleague.org/equality-act-is-anti-christian

Bill Donohue 02/22/2021

Edited for Brevity

Catholic League president Bill Donohue explains why the Equality Act is flawed...its effect is to promote the most comprehensive assault on Christianity ever written into law. . . .

The Equality Act has two major goals: it would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity to the definition of sex; it would also undermine the Religious Freedom Restoration Act by allowing gay rights to trump religious rights.

The 1964 Civil Rights Act was primarily motivated by a desire to end racial segregation. It banned discrimination based on race, sex or national origin. That was it. It said absolutely nothing about sexual orientation, and it certainly didn't address transgender rights—it wasn't even a concept in the 1960s. Adding sexual orientation and gender identity to this law not only violates the intent of the legislation, it unduly burdens houses of worship and other religious organizations.

In order to end racial segregation, the 1964 Civil Rights Act banned discrimination in public accommodations. Blacks had historically been denied services in many public facilities, ranging from diners to hotels. The Equality Act goes way beyond this, so much so that it disfigures the meaning of this historic 1964 law. The Equality Act not only covers homosexuals and transgender persons, it expands public accommodations to include consumer services such as healthcare. In practice, this would be a disaster. It would mean, for example, that healthcare providers would be forced to provide hormone therapies and surgical procedures that are required to change the physical characteristics associated with sex changes.

One does not have to be a Catholic healthcare practitioner to register moral and religious objections to this "healthcare" initiative. Will anyone be allowed to voice objections to these procedures, pointing out the long-term physical and mental problems associated with sex reassignment? What about parents who learn that their child wants to switch his or her sex? Will their rights be respected or eviscerated? . . .

The 1964 Civil Rights Act specifically banned preferential treatment in law. Nevertheless, the courts have invoked this law to justify affirmative action for blacks. Were the Equality Act to become law, it would mean that homosexuals could now insist that they are entitled to preferential treatment. Yet it is well established that homosexuals earn more income than heterosexuals; lesbians also make more than straight women. The economic condition of gays is nothing like that of African Americans.

In 1993, Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Chuck Schumer co-sponsored the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA); it was signed by President Bill Clinton. This was a major victory for religious liberty. But now Pelosi and Schumer regret their vote, even to the point of supporting the Equality Act, knowing full well that it exempts itself from RFRA! This is perverse. There could be no more serious undercutting of religious liberty than what they are proposing.

It would mean that Catholics, evangelicals, Orthodox Jews, Mormons, Muslims and many other religious communities could not raise religious liberty objections to any of the aforementioned rights of transgender women. In effect, religious entities would be secularized. Currently, Catholic hospitals can legally refuse to perform abortions. Under the Equality Act, they would either lose federal funding or be forced to get into the abortion business. That is because refusing abortion services would be declared "pregnancy" discrimination. Without the religious liberty protections afforded by RFRA, virtually every religious institution—from houses of worship to schools—would be expected to fall in line with this radical legislation. Catholic schools, for instance, would be expected to change their teachings on sexual ethics to suit the radical LGBT agenda.

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March 10, 2021

On a beautiful August day in the year 1996, I walked into the Religious Education office here at Queen of Angels to register my two sons for Religious Education classes. We were fairly new to Queen of Angels, having moved here the previous year. We love the little white Church.

I met with Jack McGill, the DRE at the time. Boy, was he charming. We got the boys registered for classes and, then he asked me if I have some time to VOLUNTEER for him. I said sure, not knowing what it all that entailed. I told him that I could do office things for him and that I know how to do calligraphy. He was delighted, and asked me to come to the first weekend of Rel Ed classes. My job was to call parents whose child/children didn't show up for classes. My office was the portable building that is no longer standing, currently the cement patio.

Father Matt had just arrived to be the new Pastor after Father Hal retired. Father Matt hired a full time office manager, and then asked me in 1997, if I would ever be interested in a part time position. I had my sons at Alpine Elementary during the day, I said okay as long as I could work around their schedules. That is when I became the office assistant.

I have to thank Father Matt for all the training and skills that I learned in those first couple of years!

Father Matt, Father Gil, Father Ed, Father Brendan, Father Devdas, and finally Father Tim, have all been wonderful to work with. They all have taught me a lot over the years.

I started as a volunteer, then office assistant and finally the office manager.

I have entered your sacraments into our church registers, entered your loved ones names into the book of the dead (praying for each one as I go), and had fun at picnics, dinners, and festivals over the years. I enjoyed celebrating baptisms and weddings, and cried when we lost our dear parishioners.

My sons are now grown and living in Arizona, and after 24 years it is time to retire and ride off into the Arizona sunset and enjoy my golden years. The young fellas that brought us to Queen of Angels for Rel Ed are both in their 30's. Wow time flies! John Michael who served as an altar server for many years here, is a police officer, and Thomas who used to sing with Miss Julie in the children's choir is a dentist.

Until we Meet Again; Blessings to All,

Dorie Arietta
Office Manager, Until March 25th

NOTICE FOR EMPLOYMENT

Our bookkeeper, Dorie Arietta, is retiring after 24 years in the office. We wish her every blessing and happiness in this new chapter of her life!

We are therefore actively looking for a replacement. If you have office skills and want part-time employment with a friendly environment, and an excellent boss, please enquire at the parish office M-F, 9am-2pm. 619-445-2145

Blessings,

Fr. Timothy

