

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

4th 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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STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

December 22, 2019

Envelopes Used	109
Envelope Collections	\$ 5,906.00
Plate Collections	\$ 661.04
TOTAL	\$ 6,567.04



GOSPEL READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 4-12, 2020

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Sunday:	<i>Mt 2:1-12</i>	Saturday, Jan 4	9:00 am	Arnold & Ana Basada
Monday:	<i>Mt 4:12-17, 23-25</i>	Saturday, Jan 4	5:30 pm	†Andrew Tompkins
Tuesday:	<i>Mk 6:34-44</i>	Sunday, Jan 5	8:00 am	For the People
Wednesday:	<i>Mk 6:45-52</i>	Sunday, Jan 5	10:30 am	Yessica Young
Thursday:	<i>Lk 4:14-22</i>	Monday, Jan 6	8:00 am	
Friday:	<i>Lk 5:12-16</i>	Tuesday, Jan 7	7:30 am	Rosary
Saturday:	<i>Jn 3:22-30</i>	Wednesday, Jan 8	8:00 am	
Next Sunday:	<i>Mt 3:13-17</i>	Thursday, Jan 9	8:00 am	
		Friday, Jan 10	8:00 am	†Jason Paul Zdunich
		Saturday, Jan 11	5:30 pm	
		Sunday, Jan 12	8:00 am	June Hill
		Sunday, Jan 12	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



M O R E R B P H G G O C I
H P S W A L L S H L C O F
G C O M E L I K E N R V B
L C N K I N G S I L V E R
O A A U M K H O L Y R R I
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THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD

ARISE	BECAUSE	BRIGHTNESS
BRING	CAMELS	COME
COVER	DARKNESS	GATHER
GLORIFY	GLORIOUS	GLORY
GOLD	HOLY	INSTEAD
ISRAEL	KINGS	LIGHT
LIKE	LORD	MAKE
MINISTER	MORE	NATION
PEOPLE	PRAISE	RIGHTEOUS
SILVER	SONS	WALLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Religious Ed Christmas Schedule Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas Season:

Pre-K - Journey (9th Grade):

January 5: No class

January 12: Regular class resumes

Formation:

January 5: Regular class resumes



Monthly Collection Tecate & ECPCC Please leave your donations after all the Masses next weekend, **January 4-5** in the "TECATE TREASURE CHEST" directly behind the church, near the back

door of the multi-purpose room. Drive your car around to the back and it will be just a few steps away. You will be able to access the chest any day of the week. Just remember to close the lid when you are finished. PLEASE do not leave any clothing other than maternity and baby clothing for the ECPCC. Thanks for your support!



Marriage Help!

January 10-12, 2020

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call **951-259-9474** or visit the website: **HelpOurMarriage.com**

"It is my hope that all will feel called to love and cherish family life"
-Pope Francis-

TURNING TOGETHER TOWARDS THE LORD (Part I of IV)

by Father Jay Scott Newman

The custom of priest and people standing together on the same side of the altar is called praying towards the East (or *ad orientem*).

From Christian antiquity, priests and people celebrated the Holy Eucharist by facing together towards the Lord, which meant standing together on the same side of the altar. This ancient and universal practice was lost sight of in the last two generations by the new practice of the priest standing across the altar from the people during the Eucharistic Prayer, a custom almost never before found in the sacred liturgy except for rare instances of architectural necessity, and in the last few years, theologians and pastors have begun to review this innovation in light of the best scholarship and the experience of the Church since the late 1960's.

Before he became Pope Benedict XVI, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger was one of most thoughtful and respected critics of the unintended consequences which flow from the priest and people facing each other across the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer. Ratzinger argued that this arrangement, in addition to being a novelty in Christian practice, has the effect of *creating a circle of congregation and celebrant closed in upon itself* rather than allowing the congregation and celebrant to be a pilgrim people together turned towards the Lord. And *this closed circle, in turn, too easily renders the Eucharist more of a horizontal celebration of the congregation gathered than a vertical offering of the sacrifice of Christ to the Father*. This flattening of divine worship into a self-referential celebration is, in part, why too many Catholics experience Mass as much less than the source and summit of the Church's life, and the remedy for this malady is to open the closed circle and experience the power of turning together towards the Lord.

This can be done primarily in two ways: 1) return to the ancient and universal practice of the priest standing with the people on the same side of the altar as together they face the East of the sacred liturgy, the place from which the glory of the Lord shines upon us, or 2) even when the priest and people remain separated on opposite sides of the altar, place a cross at the center of the altar to allow both celebrant and congregation to face the Lord. Pope Benedict, through his writing and by his example, encouraged priests everywhere to work towards these goals to enrich the experience of divine worship and free us from the danger of solipsism [*extreme egocentrism*] which is contained in self-referential ways of praying, a danger against which we have been repeatedly warned by Pope Francis.

See more at: smcgvl.org/worship/facing-east-to-pray

PASTOR'S PAGE

Today, the Second Sunday of Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany of Our Lord. The word 'epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning "to show forth" [*epi-*, forth + *phainein*, to manifest], it means specifically for us: the showing forth of Christ's divinity. As the divinity of Christ is something not manifest to bodily eyes, The Father chose to employ signs to show forth this divinity which was otherwise veiled in the flesh of Christ [Heb 10:20]. There are many different forms of this epiphany of Christ (e.g. The Baptism of the Lord, The wedding feast of Cana, The Transfiguration), but on this feast during the Christmas season we celebrate those that take place at the time of His birth, those to the: Magi [Mt 2:1]; Shepherds [Lk 2:8]; and Simeon & Anna [Lk 2:25ff]. Because Christ is the "Light of the *Whole World*" The Father chose to manifest the divinity of The Son to some people other than Israelites. What is of importance is that *God reveals to each according to their ability to receive the sign given*, hence God uses different signs for different classes of people. This is because, as St. Thomas teaches "...to man knowledge is imparted logically through a syllogism from something which we know better; so *knowledge given by signs must be conveyed through things which are familiar to those to whom the knowledge is imparted.*" E.g. Signs at an airport, traffic signs, etc. are as simple, yet universal as possible.

Thus to the Magi God revealed via the guiding star [Mt 2:2]. Now as pagans look at the unusual in nature (anomalies), so the wise men saw the rising star and astrological events as a sign of divinity. God reveals through a star for it is fitting for them. God reveals, not to all pagans, but to those who show faith, so that as Christ said, He "...came to call not the righteous, but the sinners..." [Mt 9:13].

To the shepherds, however, God uses not a star but an angelic herald. This is because as Israelites they were accustomed to angelic interventions. Just as the entirety of the Old Law was conveyed through the ministry of angels [Heb 2:2], so too the divinity of Christ is manifested to the shepherds through angels [Lk 2:13]. This is to show, as St. Paul writes, "*He chose the foolish things that He might confound the wise.*" [I Cor 1:25].

To Simeon & Anna moreover, God uses not an angelic herald but the interior inspirations of the Holy Spirit [Lk 2:26]. This is because as intimate friends of God who were in the Temple constantly praising God in prayers, offerings, and fasting, their "Gifts of The Holy Spirit" were most perceptive and receptive, thus enabling them to be accustomed to the inspirations of God, The Holy Spirit.

Finally, lest we be deceived into thinking that astrology is a true form of knowing God, we should reflect upon the fact the guiding star was no ordinary star. For, 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 as the pillar of cloud/fire in the desert of the Israelites fleeing Egypt. 4) The movement was specific to the place of the virginal birth of the Messiah.

Thus in Our Father's Divine Providence we find that 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. The means of salvation will never be wanting to those who turn to God in humble submission for the forgiveness of their sins. Indeed, this is why God comes to us, to visit us, to save us from our sins and our selves.

Therefore we, as Christians, must be receptive to God's manifestations accordingly, as we are disposed – and that is as Baptized in The Holy Spirit! For, as St. Paul preached, "...we walk by faith, not by sight" [II Cor 5:7]. As Christians we should not look to the heavens for celestial events in the stars. Neither should we wait upon apparitions of angels and saints. Rather, we should wait for God as Simeon and Anna did in the Temple, in prayer and in fasting, and thus be solicitous toward the inspirations of God The Holy Spirit in the simplicity of Christian meditation and contemplation. As the psalmist records the Lord's word:

"Be still... and know that I Am God." Psalm 46:10

Christmas Blessings,

Father Tim



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study



Tuesday:
January 7-February 25
9:00 am-11:00 am

AND

Thursday:
January 16-March 5
6:00 pm-8:00 pm

In the Parish Hall

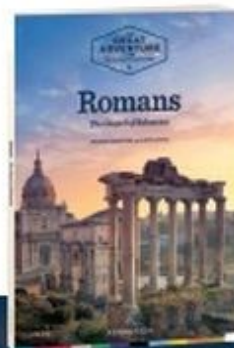
Cost is free; optional Study Guide is
\$26.95 plus shipping.

For more Information contact
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Katrina @queenofangels.org.

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* provides an authentically Catholic way to understand this challenging epistle. Above all, it will help you enter into a more meaningful relationship with Christ.

“Many Catholics fear Romans as a ‘Protestant’ Epistle of Paul, but in this lavishly illustrated and attractive study, Swafford and Cavins present Catholics with a study that is both profound yet accessible—based on the best contemporary scholarship and faithful to the Church’s tradition. I’ve seldom seen Catholic bible study materials this good!”

—John Bergsma, professor of theology at
Franciscan University of Steubenville



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Honoring Queen of Angels Parish Widows

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020;
AFTER BOTH MASSES**

Purchase your Tickets after all Masses

(All proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Family/Widows Assistance Fund.)

Adults: \$8.00, Children, Under 10 years old: \$6.00

Menu

Waffles w/Fruit Toppings & Whipped Cream, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Coffee & Juice



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

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CATHOLIC HOMILIES SHORTEST OF ALL DENOMINATIONS

Washington D.C., Dec 16, 2019 (CNA) By Christine Rousselle

A new analysis from the *Pew Research Center* . . . of nearly 50,000 sermons, given across a variety of Christian denominations during the months of April and May this year, found that . . .

The median length of a sermon was 37 minutes.

Historically black Protestant sermons had the longest median length of **54** minutes,

Evangelical churches falling in between at **39** minute per sermon.

Mainline Protestant sermons were an average of **25** minutes long,

Catholic priests, however, the average length was **just 14 minutes!**

The analysis was published on Dec. 16, and was titled "*The Digital Pulpit: A Nationwide Analysis of Online Sermons.*"

While the terms "homily" and "sermon" are often used interchangeably, they are actually different in nature. A "homily" refers to an explanation or further commentary of scripture during a Mass. A sermon is usually defined as a talk on a religious or moral subject, especially one given by a religious leader during a liturgy. For the purposes of this study, Catholic homilies were counted as "sermons."

Pew took data from 6,431 different church websites to create the analysis. The churches all posted all or part of their religious services online. For this research, "online sermon" was defined as "a portion of a religious service posted to a church website that contains a commentary from the pulpit but sometimes may include other parts of the service as well."

The analysis found that while sermons at historically-black and evangelical churches typically contained roughly the same number of words, the sermons at the black churches were longer in length. The study's authors suggested that this was due to the inclusion of "musical interludes, pauses between sentences or call and response with people in the pews." In analyzing the content of the sermons, *Pew* found that 98% of Catholic homilies included the terms "God" and "Jesus."

Read Full Story at: catholicnewsagency.com/news/catholic-homilies-shortest-of-all-denominations