



St. Angela Merici

Catholic Church

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We, the family of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, welcome all to our parish of spirit-filled worship. We celebrate our love for Jesus and our diversity through faith formation, evangelization, and service.

The Pastoral Ministry

Rev. David Klunk

Administrator

Rev. Francis Ng

Parochial Vicar

Deacon Benjamin Flores

Deacon Mike Shaffer

Our Parish Deacons

Rev. Dan Mc Sweeney S.S.C.C

Sunday Ministry

Rev. Bruce Patterson

In Residence

Celebration of the Eucharist

Daily Mass

8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Sunday

7:45 am (Church for 1st 100),

9:00 am (Outdoor),

10:30 am Spanish (Outdoor),

4:00 pm (Outdoor)

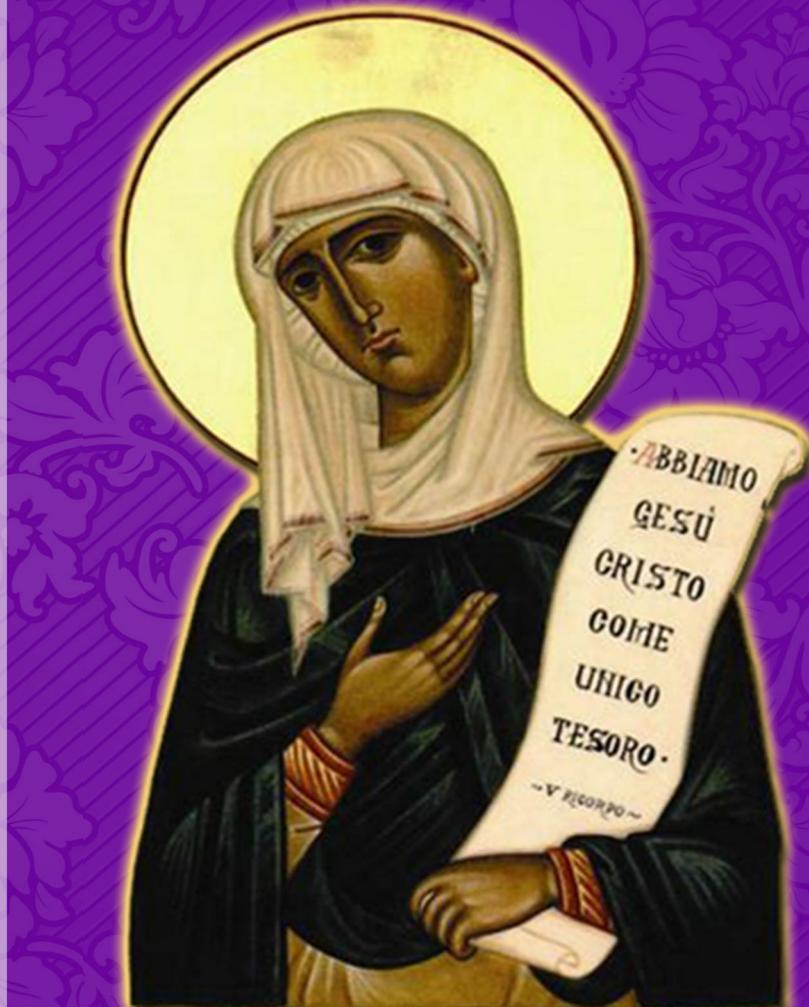
Drive-up Communion

10:00 am

Office Hours

Daily

8:00 to 10:00 am



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

PARISH UPDATE

Happy Advent everyone.

Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus to be born anew in our hearts and in our world. In the scriptures, Our Lord tells us to be watchful, to wait, and to prepare the way of the Lord because Christmas will be here before you know it. In the midst of this very busy season we can feel swamped and overwhelmed with all there is to do to prepare for Christmas. Gift buying, decorating our homes, planning meals, putting up the Christmas tree, aligning calendars, shopping, and coordinating travel plans, etc. and it can consume us.

Advent can easily be overtaken by all the secular trappings of Christmas rather than a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. Now is a good time for us to ask ourselves what we're really doing to prepare? We all know Jesus should take precedence during this time, but the truth is we get caught up in the tasks of the season and sometimes we don't give Jesus the attention he deserves.

There are practical remedies for this: spiritual and corporal works of mercy. As we buy gifts for our loved ones, we can also buy for those in need. Planning meals can include gifts of food for our ACT office or Bread of Angels. As we decorate our homes, we can make an even bigger deal about adding a nativity scene to the mantle. This can include a special prayer time and an ongoing place for family prayer with all gathered around the manger. How about sending a Christmas card to someone you don't get along with or someone who lost a loved one this past year or someone who's all alone? What are we going to do differently this year to prepare for Jesus? Please see the Bulletin and below for a couple more ideas we can incorporate into our Advent plans.

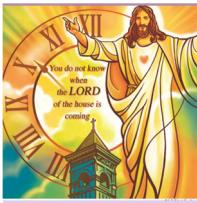
Currently all Masses, baptisms, funerals, weddings, confessions, Faith Formation classes, meetings, etc. can only occur outdoors. Sunday Masses are on the field at 9:00am, 10:30am in Spanish and 4:00pm. Governor Newsom may announce even more restrictive measures, so please stay tuned.

If bad weather (rain, wind, etc.) occurs, you are encouraged to view our 7:45 am live-stream Mass at <http://stangelabreachurch.org/mass/> and receive Communion at the covered lunch table area from 10 to 10:15am. At all times please wear your mask, keep social distancing, and before receiving Communion, please make sure to sanitize your hands.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:40pm in the plaza. There will be at least 3 priests available.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available in the Church Monday to Friday following the 8am Mass from 8:30 to 9:30am, before the 6pm Mass from 5 to 6pm and Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:45pm.

Advent blessings to all, Fr Dave



SUNDAY REFLECTION

HOMECOMING: YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW!

When I think of homecoming, it's about high school and college football games returning to their home field after playing multiple road games and all the pomp and circumstance therein involved. Time is now on hold with the Covid-19 pandemic, and not knowing if there is a game or if there is even anyone at school to watch and celebrate the outcome. The Second Sunday of Advent is about homecoming but looked at from various perspectives.

Our first reading from the Deutero (meaning "second") Isaiah from Chapters 40 to 55, offers words of comfort to the people of Israel. They have completed their time of exile in Babylon after 70 years and are now returning to their homeland occupied by foreigners; with destruction of all they knew and held sacred. It is with mixed feelings and much trepidation they come home. Yet, these chapters prophesize, with great assurance, God has forgiven their sinfulness and in reference to Jesus, who will be born nearly 600 years later, their suffering and glorification will be fulfilled through the birth, passion, and resurrection of Christ, their Messiah.

St. Peter's Second Letter addresses the second coming of Jesus, not as our Savior, but in judgment of us at the end of time by providing us with a new heaven and earth. The Christians believed that Jesus would return before the Apostles died as part of the continuity of what they saw as fulfillment of their salvation. As the Letter indicates, God's timing and humanity are not the same. God in His love and mercy wants to provide patience to those who need to better understand, believers need to remove obstacles which prevent a relationship with Him. He calls them to instead act with justice and truth, and be at peace to be saved.

St. Mark's Gospel combines Isaiah's revelation of God's promise to rebuild and restore relationship with Israel with St. John the Baptist, who comes to "Prepare the Way of the Lord;" who has come to offer salvation to all who He has created. Those who currently follow John need to purify themselves by repenting of their sins and converting their life to one of holiness. Without that, they will not recognize Jesus as the Son of God.

As baptized Catholics, we should be able to see ourselves in all three perspectives written above. The Isaiah reading reminds us though many of us have been away from church physically because of the pandemic, live-streaming helps us stay connected with our liturgy. During these trying times, it's also good to be in contact with other parishioners through brief chats until we return to full worship. In our second reading, we don't know when we can come home to be one with our faith community. It is all the more important for us to be patient as we continue to have faith, hope, and love in God who is always there to take care of us. We need to remove any obstacles, which keep us apart from our relationship with the Lord, by focusing on the positive aspects of resiliency during this separation.

Finally, in our Gospel, we wait in anticipation for the birth of Jesus as a reminder to us God's plan is still in place and to be one with our Lord in thought, word and deed. Now may be the time for us to increase our daily personal holiness by reading scripture or praying the Liturgy of the Hours (prayer of the Church). Another option may be to practice Lectio Divina, a traditional monastic approach to scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.

Homecoming with God is not a game. It is a daily process of being connected in positive ways as we spend time with God to get to know Him better, understand His ways and do all we can to be the holy person He created us to be.

Deacon Jim Merle

ST. ANGELA MERICI CHURCH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 5

8:00am Mass on Plaza

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation on Plaza

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

7:45am Mass Live-stream (closed to the public)

9:00am Field, 10:00am Drive up Communion, 10:30am Field (Spanish) 4:00pm Field *

Monday, December 7, Immaculate Conception Vigil

6:00pm Mass on Plaza

Tuesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception

8:00am and 6:00pm Mass on Plaza

Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:45am Las Mañanitas on the Field

7:00am Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation on Plaza

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

7:45am Mass Live-stream (closed to the public)

9:00am Field, 10:00am Drive up Communion, 10:30am Field (Spanish) 4:00pm Field *

Saturday, December 19

8:00am Mass on Plaza

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation on Plaza

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45am Mass Live-stream (closed to the public)

9:00am Field, 10:00am Drive up Communion, 10:30am Field (Spanish) 4:00pm Field *

December 24- 27, Parish Merry Christmas, Office Closed

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

3:00pm Live-stream Mass (closed to the public)

3:00pm Field Mass, 4:00pm Drive up Communion *

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:00am Field, 10:00am drive-up Communion, 10:30am Field (Spanish) *

Saturday, December 26

9:00am Plaza (One Mass Only)

Sunday, December 27, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:45am Mass Live-stream (closed to the public)

9:00am Field, 10:00am drive-up Communion, 10:30am Field (Spanish) 4:00pm Field *

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

We are asking each family in our St. Angela Merici Parish to come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In the prayer for the consecration to the Holy Family, we ask for the intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

Action Steps:

- * The Consecration to the Holy Family will be celebrated at mass on the Feast of the Holy Family, which is the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day.
- * Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it as a family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.
- * We suggest each family pray together every day of the week before the consecration. Choose a time and place to pray. Consider praying a simple prayer, the rosary together, a reading from the Bible, or an Advent activity.
- * The Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer should be prayed at each family prayer session. Consider saying the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be or a favorite Family Prayer. Let each member of the family participate in leading the prayer.
- * We encourage each family to intentionally fast from something ahead of consecration. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God.

We also encourage each family member to go to confession and receive the sacrament of reconciliation before the consecration. Families are reminded devotion to the Holy Family continues throughout the year and we should strive to resemble their ideal model of a loving family. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Angela Merici Council #9511

DEACON JIM MERLE

Deacon Jim Merle has opened a blog to share "A Catholic Deacon's Perspective" on Sunday's Gospel and readings, as it pertains to our current living as seen through the eyes of a Catholic deacon who for the last 15 years has served Catholics in words and deeds per his ordination. The intention is to help all those who read it to find the purpose for which God created them and in turn to use the God-given gifts and talents they possess to fulfill their purpose.

You are invited to join me weekly as we journey on the road of Emmaus to reveal how to have an intimate relationship with God in our minds, hearts and soul. To do this please access the blog at: <https://dcnjim.blogspot.com/> by subscribing. To follow, on the top right-hand corner under "Follow by Email", enter your email address to subscribe. You will receive a weekly email by Friday morning, with a link to read the newest post.

PARISH

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

The 7:45am Mass is now only live-stream. We will no longer have Mass in the church due to the worsening pandemic. We still have the 9am field Mass, 10:30am Spanish field Mass and a 4:00pm field Mass. Drive-up Communion is available from 10:00 to 10:15am. Please bring what you need for outside Masses, or tune into St. Angela's field Masses on the FM dial at 106.9. **The field Masses are broadcast live to cars in the parking lot. Listen to our Mass and come up to receive Holy Communion on the field or at our drive-up communion at 10am.** Please always wear your mask, keep social distance, and please sanitize your hands to receive the Host in your hand; step six feet aside before lifting your mask to consume the consecrated Host.



ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Review, study discuss, the Sunday scriptures for Advent in an online Zoom setting for the 4 weeks before Christmas Beginning November 26. Join us **Thursday mornings, November 26, December 3, 10 & 17 from 9:30 to 11 am.** For information or to sign-up and receive a Zoom invite contact please contact **Nilo Niccolai at nniccolai@fullcoll.edu.** No materials required except access to the scriptures and ability to access the Internet. We hope to see you there.

FUNERAL PLANNING



If you are planning a funeral, please call our Funeral Coordinator, **Denise Bittel at (714) 269-3362,** Denise will help you to schedule the Mass and gravesite service. Funerals will be held on the field.



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



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ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is an easy and convenient way to give to St. Angela Merici Church. It is especially important for those in our community unable to join our Masses.

Just follow these easy steps:

- ◆ Go to our web site at www.stangelabreachurch.org
- ◆ On the directory click on "Donations", select "Onlinegiving"
- ◆ This will take you to a secure registration site
- ◆ Choose "church fund"
- ◆ Enter your donation amount
- ◆ Select the frequency of your donation and "Continue"
- ◆ Fill out your personal information
- ◆ Enter "Payment Method"
- ◆ Create a "Password"
- ◆ Click "Process"

Once you have registered please keep your password for adjusting your donation in the future. Thank you in advance for considering online giving as a way to support St. Angela Merici without interruptions.

We are grateful for those of you registering for online giving! Your continued support of our community is greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office and let us know if you would like to discontinue receiving envelopes. We will gladly take you off of our mailing list, saving you unnecessary mail and us the additional expense. Just leave a message at (714) 529-1821 and we will make that adjustment.

ACTS of Kindness Advent Project

November 29 to December 24

Last year our St. Angela Merici parish community offered 36,732 acts of kindness to family, friends and community. Please join us again this year in sharing our kindness with others.

Especially in these difficult times we all need to give and receive kindness every day. Let's use uplifting words to brighten the day of family and friends, doing favors for neighbors, offering goods for the ACT office, volunteering to do extra chores at home, calling a friend or family member, or remembering others in our daily prayers. You can make others feel appreciated every day.

Please participate by offering your PLEDGE of 3 Acts of Kindness daily. Kindness is contagious, many people you touch will turn around and be kind to someone else.

Please fill out your pledge card and send by email to ellievpage@yahoo.com

ACT of Kindness ADVENT PROJECT PLEDGE CARD

adult _____

child/student _____

I PLEDGE 3 ACTS of KINDNESS daily

FAITH FORMATION



Have you thought about becoming Catholic or want to finish your sacraments? Even in these difficult times we still have God and his son Jesus to guide and transform us. Our faith journeys may be different, but we

share a common love for Christ. Let us take heed of St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice." (Phil. 4:4)

Please join us **VIA ZOOM** (until further notice) at our upcoming sessions:

December 13 & 20* 10:30 – 11:30AM

January 3, 10, 24, 31* 10:30 – 11:30AM

*dates/times subject to change

Please contact: **Andrea Draper at amd.stangela@gmail.com to obtain the Zoom Meeting information.** Please feel free to email any questions you may have.

When inquiring please include your **Name, Phone, and Age.**

Thank you and see you on **December 6!**



CONFIRMATION

Registration for Confirmation I and II can be found on our church website at: www.stangelabreachurch.org.

DECEMBER CLASSES ON-LINE

Confirmation I - Monday, December 7 from 7 to 8:15pm

Confirmation II - Sunday, December 13 from 2 to 3:15pm

Youth Ministry ADVENT Series

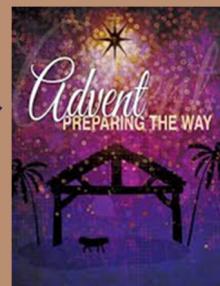


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Thursday,
December
3, 10 and 17

7:00 to 8:30pm

Keep an eye on your
email or Instagram
for Zoom Link. More info
to follow





LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ST. ANGELA MERICI COMMUNITY EXTENDS ITS PRAYERS
AND CARE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, AND THOSE IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES:

Marie Smith, Jovi Dizon, Michael Loya, Joseph Gonzales, Marcos Mosqueda, Daveda Jo Gallego, Michele Harvey, Nicholas Maldonado, Emma Macaraeg, Rose Nelson, Robert Velasco, Bill Bradish, Cynthia Durkin, Virginia Malvaney, Angel Ang, Patrick Laverty, Ang Siew Mui

THE DECEASED OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Michael Spies, Luis Covarrubias, Phil Keifer, Emma Chaverria, Joe Calderon, Rosalie Vaccarello, Alberta Curry, Margaret (Peggy) Bell, Jesus Carraseo, Philip Moors, Virginia Salandan

OUR COMMUNITY EUCHARIST INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12/7	Friday	12/11
8:00 AM	Dr. Noli Susa †	8:00 AM	Cezar & Dominga Estrada †
6:00 PM	Peggy Bell †	6:00 PM	John Gessin
Tuesday	12/8	Saturday	12/12
8:00 AM	Alex & Janet Dorantes	8:00 AM	Tsuyuki & Estrada Families † & Liv
6:00 PM	Debbie Zimmerman	4:00 PM	Amy Becker Rudd †
Wednesday	12/9	Intentions to be read at Mass 12/13	
8:00 AM	Anita Schumski †	Amy Becker Rudd †	
6:00 PM	Jose Uy Jr. †	Alex & Janet Dorantes	
Thursday	12/10	Lloyd Smith †	
8:00 AM	Deidre Allevato †	Mike Spies †	
6:00 PM	Nixon Buchanan	The Community of SAM	

ROSARY & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Continue daily prayers. Try to find a quiet and calm place and offer thanks and praise to Our Lord

CONNECTING - WELCOME!

NEW? VISITING? INTERESTED?

Are you visiting for the first time? Would you like to know more about the wonderful ministries and activities at Saint Angela Merici Parish and School? Please check our Parish and School Website: www.stangelabreachurch.org.

REGISTER!

Are you a Catholic or non-Catholic attending Eucharist at Saint Angela Merici, but have not registered? Join us!

WHY REGISTER?

Saint Angela Merici is a vibrant parish, offering many avenues for ministry. Connecting with other parishioners for personal as well as community spiritual growth opportunities. We would love to get to know you and talk about our various activities, groups, and events at our parish and school. Please pick up a Registration Form by the Baptismal Font or go online to register at www.stangelabreachurch.org. We look forward to connecting with you!



Recently the Bishop's office sent an update regarding dispensation from attending Sunday Mass in person during the pandemic.

Who does the Bishop foresee possibly making use of the dispensation from physically attending Sunday Mass?

- Those who are over the age of 65 (although someone over 65 is definitely welcome to attend Mass in person).
- Those who have an underlying health condition.
- Those who are truly fearful that they might contract the virus; in this case, "truly fearful" is defined as those who have not gone out to a restaurant or visited people with whom they do not live, since March 2020.
- Those who are sick, including those who have tested positive for the coronavirus, and those who were exposed for 15 consecutive minutes or more to one who tested positive for Covid-19.
- Those who risk getting sick due to inclement weather, or for whom it is exceedingly burdensome to attend Mass outside due to governmental restrictions.
- Those unable to attend due to severe governmental restrictions on the number of congregants allowed at Mass (inside or outdoors).

What is expected of a Catholic who makes use of the dispensation for a legitimate reason?

Since the Bishop has no authority to dispense from a Divine Law, in this case, the commandment requiring us to keep the Lord's Day holy, one may consider the Divine Law fulfilled if, from 4 p.m. the Saturday before or on Sunday itself he/she:

- Watches a Sunday Mass on television or via livestream, or;
- Spends at least thirty minutes in prayer, by saying the Rosary, reading the Scriptures or participating in another pious activity.

Is there anything else I should know?

Yes, the faithful are expected to adhere to the expectations laid out in canon 222 §1, that is, "to assist with the needs of the Church." Financial support of a person's parish is essential whether that person physically attends Mass or not. (Updated by the Bishop's office on November 23).

During the coronavirus (Covid-19) there are two options for confession:

1) We are in very extraordinary times, and the Church in her mercy offers alternatives to the norm of confessing to a priest due to the gravity of the situation faced in practically all parts of the world. Therefore, the norm regarding confessions is the following:

"Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness and accompanied by the will or firm desire to confess, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (CCC 1452)."

An act of perfect contrition requires:

1) The love of God above all things. 2) The sincere desire for forgiveness. 3) The ardent commitment to receive the sacrament of reconciliation when available.

Using this information, the faithful can be assured that the mercy of Christ has not abandoned them in a time of particular need. No one will be held accountable by God for sins for which one is truly sorry and which would have been confessed, had the opportunity been present. Thus, in the present circumstances, and even without sacramental confession, the solace of the Church is offered for any who have fears or anxieties about the need for confession. By one's own Act of Perfect Contrition, the person can receive an assurance of the forgiveness of their sins. Remember that this applies when Sacramental Confession is not possible and does not, in any way, diminish the ultimate need for Sacramental Confession.

2) Tier 1 (purple category), Confession in person is located in the church plaza on Saturday's from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Please adhere to social distancing and wear a mask

LASER-COM COVER SHEET

We would like to request half of our regular weekly bulletin amounts for the time being. Thank you!

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REQUESTS & COMMENTS:

ATTENTION:

For any concerned issue please call Noel Ross at 949-922-6450 or email: bulletin.stangela@gmail.com.

Thank you.