



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)

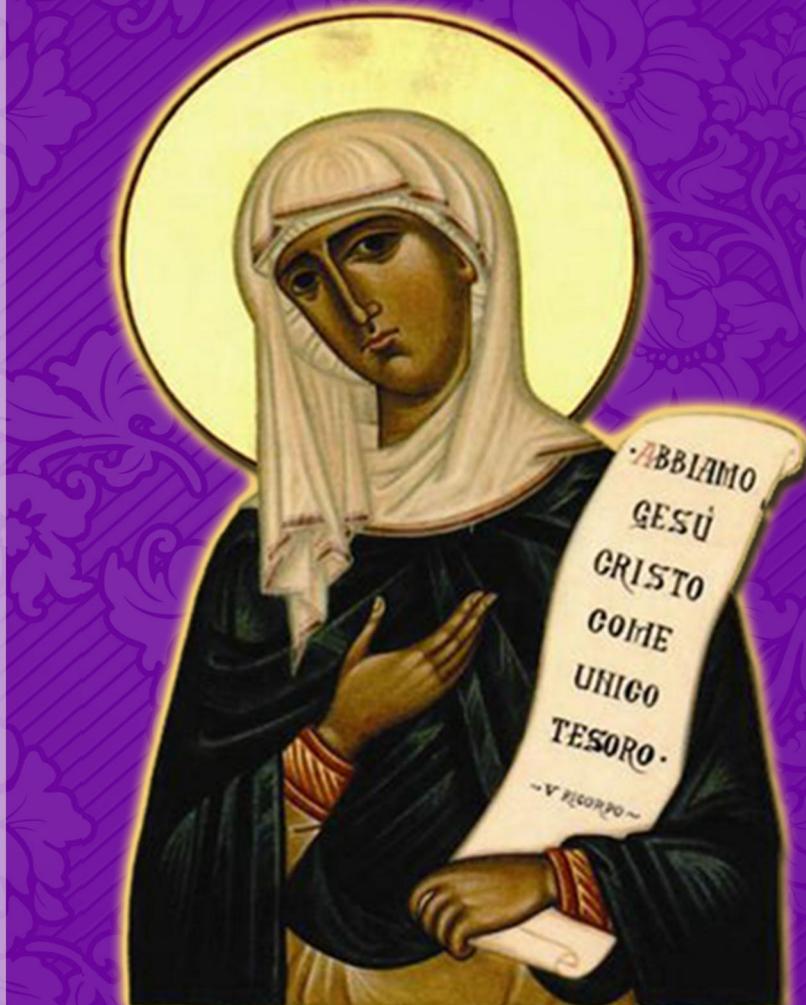
Drive-up Communion

10:00 am

Office Hours

Daily

8:00 to 10:00 am



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2020

PARISH UPDATE

Happy Advent. Good News! Although Governor Newsom has announced more restrictive Covid measures, our Mass schedule remains the same with everything outdoors. Please remember Christmas Eve Mass will be at 3pm on the field (with Livestream) followed by drive-up Communion and Christmas Day at 9am and 10:30am Spanish. Drive-up Communion will be provided after both Masses.

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.

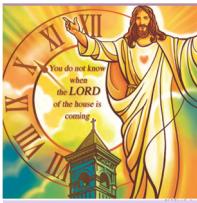
There are practical remedies for this: spiritual and corporal works of mercy. As we buy gifts for our loved ones, we can also buy for those in need. Planning meals can include gifts of food for our ACT office or Bread of Angels. As we decorate our homes, we can make an even bigger deal about adding a 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, etc. can only occur outdoors. Sunday Masses are on the field at 9:00am, 10:30am in Spanish and 4:00pm. Please remember our Christmas Eve Mass will be at 3pm on the field (with livestream) and drive-up communion, immediately following Mass. On Christmas Day Mass will be at 9 and 10:30am in Spanish. Drive-up Communion at the lunch tables will be Christmas Day following both Masses at 10 and 11:30am. Our live stream Mass is Sunday at 7:45 am.

If bad weather (rain, wind etc) occurs, you are encouraged to view our 7:45 am live stream Mass at <http://stangelabreaching.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 4:40 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 8 am Mass from 8:30 to 9:30 am, before the 6pm Mass from 5 to 6 pm and Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:45 PM.

Advent blessings to all, Fr Dave



SUNDAY REFLECTION

LIFE'S CHALLENGES BRINGS HOPE AND JOY AS THE "LIGHT" OF JESUS' BIRTH BRINGS US SALVATION

Longtime friends of ours from the Chicago reminded us recently of why we need God in our lives. During especially difficult times, as our current situation is, we need to see the "Light" of what John the Baptist talks about in John's Gospel this Sunday. To protect the identity of our friends I will refer to them as Anthony and Alice, have shown us how to overcome unimaginable adversities by their trust in God through joyful hope, prayer, and thankfulness.

Anthony and Alice have a history of major medical issues. Since the middle of their 50 plus years of marriage there have been multiple surgeries, numerous stays in the hospital, and long rehabilitation periods. This year was no different. Anthony has been in and out of the hospital since late winter. Alice also had an out-patient surgery earlier this year and due to complications, ended in a month-long rehabilitation. In the meantime, Anthony's brother and sister-in-law died from Covid-19 within 10 days of each other. Due to the pandemic and their health issues, neither Anthony nor Alice were able to be there.

Yet, as Alice shared these tragedies, the difficulty in trying to cope and anger at the lack of care at times, she also talked about how hers and Anthony's faith in God are getting them through this period of joyful hope with prayer and thanksgiving of how the family has pulled together. She is mirroring St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians about these three basic Christian attitudes that serve as a foundation for holiness and bring discernment in challenging times.

In today's first reading, Isaiah is talking to the Israelites returning home from their 70-year captivity in Babylon to a land destroyed and desecrated which will need to be rebuilt. He tells them to "rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul" because God is renewing the covenant with them to provide "glad tidings for the poor, healing for those who mourn, liberty for captives and prisoners and a jubilee year for all."

It is in St. John's Gospel where we begin to understand through John the Baptist's humility how we need to be in sync with God so He can shine down His light on us during the good and trying times we face. No one on this earth can console us like God can because He is aware of everything everyone is predisposed to in their lives; the good and the bad. It is for that reason we must become less, so Jesus can be more; as Pope Francis writes in his "Gospel of Joy" we can bring the joy of Jesus to the entire world.

This week, let us look deep into our hearts and souls and ask ourselves: How do I experience God as the "joy of my soul"? When was there a time in my life I experienced deeply the faithfulness of God? How does the way I live my life testify to the "Light" of Christ? We may not be able to duplicate the sharing of Alice in what she and Anthony face. But, if we can see something of God's presence in our lives, we might begin to understand why the "Light" of Christ's salvation helps us to overcome and appreciate the challenges we tackle to help others realize God's love is always there for us.

Deacon Jim Merle

ST. ANGELA MERICI CHURCH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

7:45am Mass Live-stream (closed to the public)
9:00am Field, 10:30am Field (Spanish), 4:00pm Field
Drive-up Communion following all Masses

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, 10:30am Field (Spanish), 4:00pm Field
Drive-up Communion following all Masses

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
Drive-up Communion following all Masses

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:00am Field, 10:30am Field (Spanish)
Drive-up Communion following all Masses

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, 10:30am Field (Spanish), 4:00pm Field
Drive-up Communion following all Masses

JANUARY 1 - 3, PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS!

Friday, January 1, New Years Day

9:00am Plaza (One Mass Only)

* If you wish to listen from your car tune in to 106.9FM

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 after all field Masses.** 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 after Mass.** 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 before Christmas with our final meeting. Join us **Thursday morning December 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 Plaza.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS ONLINE ON YOUTUBE!

Your FREE December Children's Liturgy Bulletins are NOW available to download from the church website! Print your special 4 page Children's Weekly Sunday Bulletin with coloring pages/games/Bible discussion. All four Sundays in December can be printed now (20 pages total) from the Weekly Sunday Children's Liturgy on YouTube at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHnmwq1ybFQo9ere3BZ7l7Q> you can find the link on the church website.

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.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PRESIDENT OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

My name is Pawel (Pavel) Kalcynski, and I have just been elected president of St. Angela Merici Parish's Pastoral Council. Since Pastoral Councils were recommended by the Second Vatican Council, their role has been evolving; and the number of councils in the U.S. has been growing. There are 18,000 parishes across the country have pastoral councils. The role of our council is to assist the pastor in pastoral planning. The pastor presides over the council and may seek the councilors advice. The councilors represent the parishioners and offer wisdom to the pastor whenever he chooses to seek counsel.

As a member, I have witnessed the true dedication and passion with which the councilors advise the pastor on all matters. As the new president, I promise to lead the members of St. Angela's Pastoral Council so they continue, to assist Fr. Dave in exercising his pastoral care of the parish. If you have questions or comments, you may contact the council via email at: pastoral.council@stangelabreachurch.org.



Nick Pulone

Nick and his wife Jennifer have been active members of St. Angela Merici Parish since 1996. They have two children, Joey and Katie. Joey is an altar server and Katie assisted with the children's masses. Nick has been on the Pastoral Council for the past 15 years and served as president for the past 5 years, and he is also serving as an extraordinary minister of the Most Holy Eucharist. Nick has been in the insurance industry for the past 40 years, with the last 20 years building and developing Aero General Insurance Services. Jennifer is a special education teacher at Landell Elementary School.



Pawel (Pavel) Kalcynski

Pawel (Pavel) and his wife Maggie are immigrants from Poland and have been active members of the St. Angela Merici Parish since 2007. Their two daughters, Melita and Olivia, graduated from the parish school. Pawel is currently serving as president of the Pastoral Council. He is also serving as an extraordinary minister of the Most Holy Eucharist, minister of the sick and homebound, and altar server scheduler. Pawel is a professor in the College of Business and Economics at CSUF. He conducts scholarly research and teaches graduate classes in information systems and decision sciences.

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

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

COATS FOR KIDS

Did you know many children throughout California go without a coat each winter? In 2009, Coats for Kids began to provide winter coats to low-income families unable to provide their kids with this winter essential. This allows councils across North America the opportunity to purchase new discounted winter coats for children and to distribute them to children in need in their local communities. In 2019 California councils had over 4,500 coats distributed to the needy.

Provide warmth for children in need during the cold winter months. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure no child goes without a coat during the winter season. Through the dedication of the Knights of Columbus - Council #9511 new winter coats will be distributed to those children in need.

Donation: The Knights will be collecting monetary and/or Coat donations at School Picnic Table Area after every Mass on Sunday December 13 & 20

Pope Francis put it in perspective when he said, "true charity requires courage: let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need." With the help of Knights of Columbus councils, you can use this program to make a difference for children in need.

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FAITH FORMATION



ADULT 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 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 there!



CONFIRMATION

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

DECEMBER CLASSES ON-LINE

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

Youth Ministry ADVENT Series

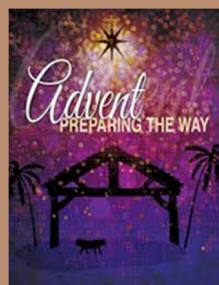
- ★ Gift Wrapping Donation (1) shift at Gift-Wrapping
- ★ Experience an Advent Calendar with your FAMILY
- ★ Read one chapter of LUKE daily thru December 24

Youth Ministry ADVENT Series

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, Michael Loya, Joseph Gonzales, Marcos Mosqueda, Daveda Jo Galleger, Nicholas Maldonado, Emma Macaraeg, Virginia Malvaney, Angel Ang, Patrick Laverty, Ang Siew Mui, Jim Ditota, Jack Coleman, Liza Anderson, Christopher Gomez

THE DECEASED OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Michael Spies, Phil Keifer, Emma Chaverria, Joe Calderon, Alberta Curry, Daniel Gilbert, Margaret (Peggy) Bell, Jesus Carraseo, Virginia Salandanan, Rose Nelson, Floyd Braun, Delicia Maras, Beatrice Hernandez

OUR COMMUNITY EUCHARIST INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	12/14	Friday	12/18
8:00 AM	Francis J Schafer Sr. †	8:00 AM	Flora Carvanto and
6:00 PM	Thomas Davis †		Esperanza Mercene †
Tuesday	12/15	6:00 PM	Jennifer & Rebecca Schafer †
8:00 AM	Jose Hernandez †	Saturday	12/19
6:00 PM	Denise Ullrich	8:00 AM	Addison & Andrew Bolognesi
Wednesday	12/16	5:00 PM	Alfredo Luna †
8:00 AM	Jahja & Elizabeth Gotama †	Intentions to be read at Mass 12/20	
6:00 PM	Margaret Hernandez	Alfredo Luna †	
Thursday	12/17	The Community of SAM	
8:00 AM	Lydia & Sam Spampinato †	Ofelia Torres †	
6:00 PM	Josette Temple †	Teofila Bagnol †	
		Nick Lo Cascio	
		Tom Becker †	

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.