



Catholic Church

St. Angela Merici

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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)

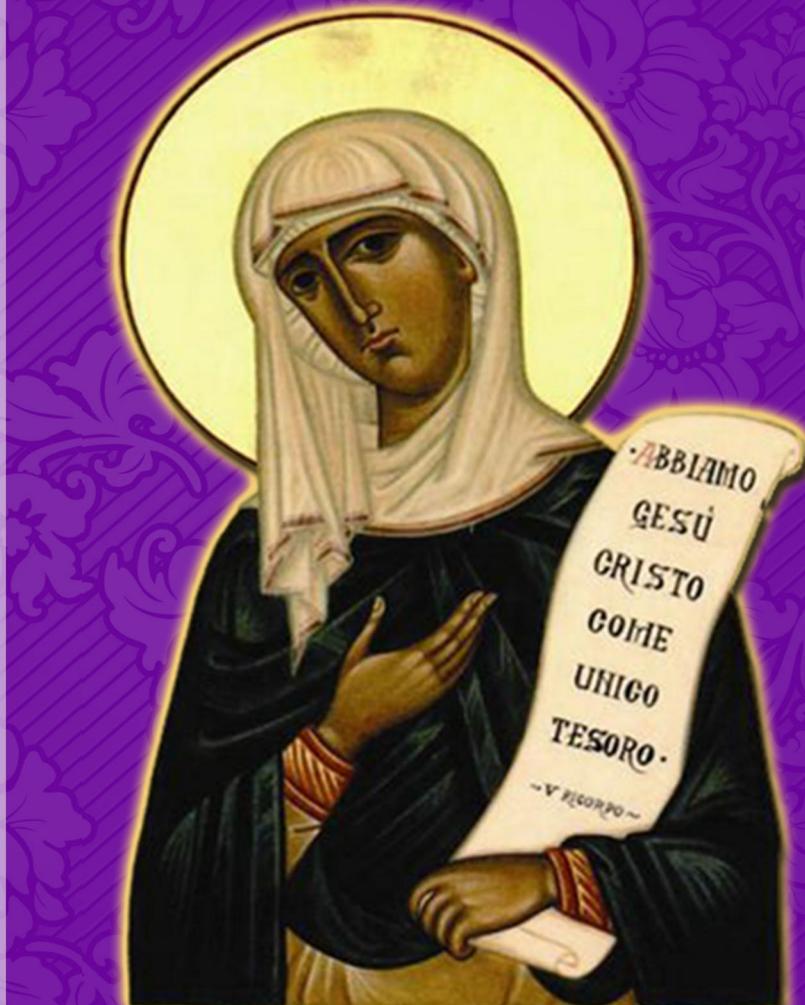
Drive-up Communion

10:00 am

Office Hours

Daily

8:00 to 10:00 am



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020

PARISH UPDATE

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas everyone!

Please remember all Masses are still on the field. Christmas Eve Mass will be at 3pm (with Livestream available online) and Christmas Day at 9am and 10:30am Spanish. Drive-up Communion at the lunch tables will be available following all Masses (Christmas eve from 4 to 4:15pm, Christmas Day from 10 to 10:15am and Spanish from 11:30 to 11:45am).

Advent is a time to prepare for an explosion of God's good graces being poured out from heaven into our souls. The immensity of God's majesty entering into humanity. Unfortunately, this season can easily be overtaken by all the secular trappings of Christmas rather than a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. It's a good time for us to ask ourselves if we're ready to receive such an outpouring of grace, for Jesus to be born anew in us and in the world? 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 who lost a loved one this past year, or possibly someone who's all alone? Perhaps we could choose to forgive a person who hurt us or choose to finally forgive ourselves. Are you ready for Jesus? These are just a few ideas. Please see the Bulletin and below for a couple more ideas we can incorporate into our Advent and Christmas plans.

Currently all Masses, baptisms, funerals, weddings, confessions, Faith Formation classes, etc. can only occur outdoors. Our regular Sunday Masses are on the field at 9:00am, 10:30am in Spanish and 4:00pm with drive-up communion immediately following each Mass. Our livestream online Mass is Sunday at 7:45am.

If bad weather (rain, wind etc) occurs, you are encouraged to view our 7:45am livestream Mass online 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, maintain safe 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 8 am Mass from 8:30 to 9:30am, before the 6pm Mass from 5 to 6pm and Saturday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:45pm.

Christmas joy and blessings to all, Fr Dave



SUNDAY REFLECTION

I wrote this reflection a little over two weeks ago. At the time, we were being warned the COVID-19 virus was getting increasingly worse; the numbers of cases every day were surging rapidly and the available spaces in hospital rooms were becoming sparse. Our governor was on the verge of shutting most everything down.

Things have never looked so bleak. Many people are out of work, and many will be out of a place to live. People are scared. Things seem darker than ever before. We look at the Gospel today and we see Mary scared and confused as she listens to this messenger from God, the angel Gabriel. We hear Gabriel say the words Jesus himself would say so many times during his public life: do not be afraid. Mary, do not be afraid. It is the Holy Spirit that enables, cradles, and lives within Mary from the moment of the conception of Jesus through her entire life.

The question is always what are we called to do to live this Gospel, to anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Savior. If we only look at December 25 as simply the "birthday of Jesus," we've missed the point. We are called to see Christmas as the indwelling of God into each of our lives, the Redeemer who brings light into our darkness, who invites us into the mystery of the unconditional love of the Father. Because we are about to celebrate the beginning of the journey to the great Paschal Mystery, Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we are led by the same Holy Spirit who came and dwelt within the very essence of Mary's being.

This is why Mary is able to get past her confusion and fear. It is the Holy Spirit alive in our very being, who enables us to go outside of our comfort zone and meet the Lord Jesus in those who are pained, broken, and bring light into their lives. Which is what we are called to do. The angel Gabriel tells us, as he told Mary, God has found favor with us! From the moment of our baptism, the Holy Spirit has made his dwelling place in our very being. Grace, the life of God, is within us. We cannot, we must not, keep the grace of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, hidden within us and not share this grace with those who are most in need.

How can we do this in practical ways since we are so inhibited by this awful virus? We might not be able to physically go up to someone we know who needs us, but we can call them, we can send them a note or an email. We can tell them we are praying for them. As I've mentioned before, there are people who are in such ordeals, they can't even pray. Let's let them know we are saying their prayers for them. We know very well who those individuals are in our lives.

We may be limited physically, but our phone is there, our email is there and the mail is there. Let's use those. I also urge you to go to Bustedhalo.com. This website has great ideas on how to bring light into the lives of those who need it most. This site also guides us on our journey to Bethlehem and beyond. May the Holy Spirit enable us to say with Mary, "Be it done unto me according to your will." Remember, the angel may have departed, yet the Holy Spirit is always with us.

Deacon Mike

ST. ANGELA MERICI CHURCH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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.



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.

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 posses to fulfill that 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.

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 adjust it for you.

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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K N I G H T S O F C O L U M B U S



WE WELCOME OUR NEW PRESIDENT OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

My name is Pawel (Pavel) Kalczynski, 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) Kalczynski

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

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.stangelabreachurch.org.

JANUARY CLASSES ON-LINE

Confirmation II - Monday's, January 4 & 25 at 7pm

Confirmation II - Sunday's, January 10 & 31 at 2pm

Christmas Service Events

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

IGNITE Youth Ministry cordially invites to join us at in celebrating the birth of JESUS

Thursday, December 24
at 3:00pm on the field

- ★ Bring your chair, mask, family, friends as we share the GOOD NEWS!!



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, Julius de Guzman Ang Siew Mui, Jim Ditota, Jack Coleman, Liza Anderson, Christopher Gomez, Patrick Laverty

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 12/21

8:00 AM John Pohlen Sr. †
6:00 PM Bogart Torres †

Tuesday 12/22

8:00 AM Tom Durkin †
6:00 PM Esteban Sainz Torres †

Wednesday 12/23

8:00 AM Steve Allevato
6:00 PM Arturo Torres Quintero †

Intentions to be read at Mass 12/24

Diana Woodbury
Anne Mary Golcher †
Irene Duran †

Intentions to be read at Mass 12/25

James de Grasse †
Genevieve de Grasse †

Saturday 12/26

9:00 AM Katherine Miller †

Intentions to be read at Mass 12/27

Katherine Miller †
Renato Lacsun †
The Community of SAM
Luis Covarrubias †
Marcella Thornhill
Geri Dostalik
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.