

MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

# ¡Siempre Adelante!



## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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## PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted  
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

~THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS~

**5:30 PM SAT** †Rev. James J. McNally

**7:30 AM** Dora Limon

**9:00 AM** †Bob Lucey

**9:00 AM (SFC)** †Vickie McClure-Seal

**10:30 AM** †John and †Anne Tridico

**10:30 AM (SFC)** For the People of the Parish

**12:00 PM** †Virginia Garciano

**5:30 PM (SFC)** †Deborah Gus

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

~Our Lady of Sorrows~

**7:00 AM** Julia Giulianotti

**5:30 PM** †Soana Sekona

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

~Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and  
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs~

**7:00 AM** Theresa Triplett

**5:30 PM** †Rogelio Silva Ramos

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

~Weekday~

**7:00 AM** Irma Villavicencio

**5:30 PM** †Sally Bogovich Bishop

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

~Weekday~

**7:00 AM** †Richard Sobray

**5:30 PM** †Jeni Borja Kisa

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

~Weekday~

**7:00 AM** †Rochelle Dacio

**5:30 PM** Victor Dobrawa

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

~Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest and  
Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions Martyrs ~

**No Mass**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

~TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

**5:30 PM SAT** Intention of the Priest

**7:30 AM** †Timothy Hettinger

**9:00 AM** †Robin Eugene Mello

**9:00 AM (SFC)** †Dolores Simmenson

**10:30 AM** †Denise Vasquez

**10:30 AM (SFC)** †Norma San Martén

**12:00 PM** †Juan Paulo Mattison

**5:30 PM (SFC)** For the People of the Parish



## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
"No one has gone up to  
heaven except the one who  
has come down from heaven,  
the Son of Man." For God  
did not send his Son into the  
world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be  
saved through him.  
- Jn 3:13, 17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 92001, 1998, 1970 CCD

## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
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(619) 283-7319

### VISITOR CENTER/GIFT SHOP

Rhonda Sosa, Manager  
Open daily - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Tel: (619) 281-8449

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Hours - Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Tel: (619) 283-6338  
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### BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

### MARRIAGES

Preparation with priest at least  
9 months in advance.  
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### NAZARETH SCHOOL

Principal: Annalisa Burgos  
Tel: (619) 641-7987  
[nazarethschool.org](http://nazarethschool.org)

### MISSION HISTORY

[missionsandiegohistory.org](http://missionsandiegohistory.org)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tel: (619) 624-0900

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**5:30 PM** Saturday - Mission Church  
**7:30 AM** Sunday - Mission Church  
**9:00 AM** St. Francis Chapel  
(Contemporary Music  
Group every other week)  
and Mission Church  
**10:30 AM** St. Francis Chapel  
(Spanish) and Mission Church  
**12:00 PM** Mission Church  
(Mission Choir)  
**5:30 PM** St. Francis Chapel

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday, 7:00 am & 5:30 pm  
in the Mission Church

### FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00 am in the Mission Church

### HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

See bulletin

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
in the Mission Church or by appointment.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month, 7:30 to 11:35 am  
and 6:00 to 6:35 pm in the Mission Church

¡Siempre Adelante! is inspired by our founder, St. Junipero Serra,  
whose desire to serve was expressed in his motto: Always Forward!

Bulletin submissions must be requested a week or more prior to the desired Sunday.  
Please send requests via email to **Anthony Tarantino** at [atarantino@missionsandiego.org](mailto:atarantino@missionsandiego.org).  
All submissions are subject to approval.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Online: <https://bible.usccb.org>



# The Sign at the Center of our Faith

BY ALICE CAMILLE



Teachers should know more than their students. I think most of us hope that the people who are training us in any capacity have more expertise than those whom they are mentoring. But we've probably all taken courses in which we found out that our teachers were posers, or we've held jobs in which our supervisors had less expertise than we did.

Nicodemus has such a credibility gap. He's a teacher of the people, a member of the Sanhedrin. Yet after hearing Jesus, Nicodemus realizes he's discovered a teacher who knows more than he does. And when Jesus tells him that the way to all truth includes being "born again," Nicodemus misunderstands him, imagining an impossible second physical birth. Nicodemus should not have been so uncomprehending: Judaism itself expected a second birth from those attracted to its teachings. The fact that Nicodemus questions this image implies that he's not

been doing his homework.

Yet there's something redeemable about Nicodemus. He keeps coming back to Jesus even though under cover of darkness, afraid to be known as a disciple. He may be ignorant, but at least he knows that he does not know—which puts him far ahead of the unthinking mobs in the streets. Jesus tells him that second birth means that he has to start over, from scratch, a new beginning, and Nicodemus is prepared to try. This puts him head and shoulders above the multitudes who listen to Jesus politely for an afternoon, chalk up the experience as amusing or interesting, and return to their routines.

Those who stay, like Nicodemus, will have their ignorance challenged, their understanding broadened. They'll learn that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. They'll come to know that Jesus doesn't come to judge and condemn the world, but to rescue it. Those who hang around for the long haul will come to experience the sign at the center of great mystery: the cross of Christ. They will come to appreciate that

a second birth is also a form of death to the old way of seeing and believing and behaving. The cross changes everything. It makes the strange specter of death into an ally toward fuller, more abundant life.

Saint Paul, the best posthumous pupil Jesus ever had, seemed to be born again in a single encounter with the Risen Lord. He perceived how humility leads naturally to glory, how death is the doorway to life. Paul, who, unlike his fellow Pharisee Nicodemus, probably never met the human Jesus nor saw the cross of Jesus, unpacked its tremendous significance and confessed his allegiance to its great saving mystery. If Nicodemus had been born again, he might have crept out of the shadows and become a memorable teacher of the faith. We might be reading his letters to the church today.

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Alice Camille is a religious educator, Scripture commentator, and author of many books including **This Transforming Word** and other titles found at [alicecammille.com](http://alicecammille.com).

## UPCOMING ROSARIES

Make praying the rosary a part of your daily life.

- The Rosary is prayed immediately after the 7:00 am Mass, Mon - Fri, in the Mission Church.
- A Rosary for Peace is prayed every third Sat of the month at 9:00 am. Join fellow parishioners at Nazareth School's Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto to seek the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace. Next rosary: **Sept 20**.
- A Rosary for the Eucharistic Revival is prayed on the first Wed of each month in La Sala following the 5:30 pm Mass. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, next rosary is **Oct 2**.
- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Oct 3**.

## UPCOMING FUNERAL LITURGY

**Frederick "Fred" Rouch**

**Tues, Sept 16** • Mission Church, 10:00 am

Burial to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, **Sept 17**

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

## CROSS ON THE ALTAR

The Crucifix in the reredos of the sanctuary in the Mission Church is quite unique. You may have noticed the corpus has no arms. It allows us to reflect on a poem attributed to St. Teresa of Avila:

Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands but yours, no feet but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which  
Christ's compassion must look out at  
the world,  
Yours are the feet with which He is to  
go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now.



## BLOOD DRIVE

Mark your calendar! As part of our to our community, the Mission San Diego is hosting a blood drive on **Sun, Sept 14** from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. Walk-ins welcome! Please reserve a time to stop by and give the gift of life at [tinyurl.com/5n2j4vyb](https://tinyurl.com/5n2j4vyb).



## PRAYER REQUESTS

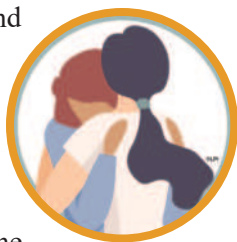
*Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:*

**Joe Bartel • Mark Antonio Hernandez • Francis Lee  
John Sawaya • Don Stafford • Mark Turner**

*Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed by contacting the parish office at (619) 283-7319.*

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

The Beginning Experience weekend — intended for divorced, widowed and separated men/women — focuses on healing and moving beyond grief in a supportive and caring environment with others that are going through and have gone through the same experiences. The weekend will be held at the beautiful and serene Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, on **Oct 10-12**. If you know someone experiencing the pain of loss, Beginning Experience can help. For further information contact [beginningexperiencesd@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperiencesd@gmail.com) or Vicki (858) 748-2273.



## AN ALTERNATIVE TO OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



The Mission San Diego offers an easy-to-use contribution system for both one-time and recurring gifts. Powered by WeShare, electronic giving is safe, secure, and convenient. To learn more and get started, please scan the QR code or visit our website [missionsandiego.org](https://missionsandiego.org) and select the “Donate Now” link.

## PARISH SUPPORT

Aug 28-Sept 3, 2025

Plate:	\$5,978.98
Envelope:	\$8,806.76
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$21,477.73</b>

*Thank you for your support of our parish!*

## CATHOLIC Q&A

### QUESTION

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

### ANSWER

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by “one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.” It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?

**WHISPERING WINDS  
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**

*Fall Brunch*

**October 18, 2025**

**GUEST SPEAKER: YVETTE HELFERS**  
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**St. Michael's Catholic Parish**  
15546 POMERADO RD, POWAY, CA 92064

**8:30 AM** – Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Poway  
**9:00 AM** – Check-in opens at St. Michael's Holy Family Center  
**9:30 AM-12:30 PM** – Brunch Program

**\$45 for WWWA Members    \$50 for Non-Members**

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**Info:** [whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/2025wwwabrunch](https://whisperingwinds.tofinoauctions.com/2025wwwabrunch)

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

• **Retrouvaille Weekend** for troubled marriages will be held from **Sept. 26-28**. The location will be provided upon confirmation. The cost is \$700 per couple. For more info, go to [helpour-marriage-sandiego.org](http://helpour-marriage-sandiego.org). Register at (951) 259-9474 or send an email to [6016r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:6016r@helpourmarriage.org).



• **Santa Rita Abbey**, a Cistercian community in the heart of the Arizona desert, invites you to experience the peace and rhythm of monastic life from **Oct 3-5** in Sonoita, Ariz. The weekend is open to women 20-40 years old, who are interested in or discerning religious life. For more info, call (520) 455-5595 or email [santaritavocations@gmail.com](mailto:santaritavocations@gmail.com).

• **Casa de los Pobres** and the **Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady of Peace**, will celebrate with an Italian Festa/ Mexican Fiesta on **Fri, Oct 10** at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 2766 Navajo Road in El Cajon. For more info, call (619) 755-7363 or go to [CasadelosPobresUSA@gmail.com](mailto:CasadelosPobresUSA@gmail.com)

• **Encounter**, a Spirit-filled evening of inspiring music, prayer and Eucharistic adoration, is held on the second Friday of each month at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Rancho Peñasquitos from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Confession will be available, beginning at 6:30 pm. For more info, contact Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish at (858) 324-0490.

• The **Men's Rosary Crusade** gathers at 9:00 am, every first Saturday of the month, at the corner of 6th and Laurel in Balboa Park. For more info, email [draguez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:draguez@sbcglobal.net).

## HOLY MATRIMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Howard Whang and Kimberly Febus**  
**Alan Baia and Katherine "Peggy" Picano**  
 who were married at the Mission San Diego on **Sept 13**.

*May the Lord continue to bless you all with his life and love!*

## DOCENT CLASSES

The Mission San Diego will conduct a class in the Fall for prospective docents. Docents are volunteers and are trained in documented history and lead groups on tours of our historic Mission Church and grounds. Classes take place on Saturday mornings from **Oct 4-Nov 8**. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Janet Bartel at [janetbartel@aol.com](mailto:janetbartel@aol.com).



## OPEN HOUSE

St. Augustine High School cordially invites students and families to an "Open House" on **Sun, Nov 2**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Learn what the St. Augustine "Experience" is all about, no RSVP necessary. Tours from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm; Presentation (Academics-Boy Specific, Entrance Exam, Retreats, Visual/Performing Arts, Athletics, Financial Aid, Clubs, Student Government) from 12:10 to 1:00 pm; Tours, Q&A and BBQ from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. St. Augustine High School is located at 3266 Nutmeg Street, San Diego. For more info, call (619) 282-1203 or go to [www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org).



## CLOTHING DONATION

The Mission San Diego serves as a host site for a Fr. Joe's Villages donation bin accepting new and gently-used clothing and shoes. The donation bin is located in the central courtyard near La Capilla.

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

With increasing prices and cutbacks from governmental sources for the funding of food pantries, a crisis is growing. Our neighbor, the Stella Apartments, and the food bank at Holy Family Parish in Linda Vista are having difficulty keeping food on their shelves. Your generosity in bringing a couple cans of soup, chili or other non-perishable foods to church on the weekend of the first Sunday of the month helps greatly. In Oct, coin donations go to Children of the Immaculate Heart, a home for girls who have been trafficked.

## MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

### Mission-Aires

### Welcoming New Members

The Mission-Aires promote goodwill and fellowship among parishioners of Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá and work closely with all organizations of the parish. We are open to parishioners age 50+.

Meetings every second Tuesday of the month (Sept - June). Doors open at 11:00 am, meeting at 11:30 am. A delicious lunch is served at 12:00 pm.

Yearly dues are \$20; lunch \$10.

**Contact Mary Blakemore:** [mb92123@san.rr.com](mailto:mb92123@san.rr.com)



## FAITH FORMATION

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For more information ...

[missionsandiego.org/faith-formation](https://missionsandiego.org/faith-formation)

If needed, we can provide you with a payment plan.

## ADULT FORMATION — STUDY IN FAITH

You are invited to a Study in Faith on **A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church**. Purchase a workbook (Cost \$39.95) at [ascensionpress.com](https://ascensionpress.com). Also a Catechism of the Catholic Church, purchased where books are sold, and a Catholic translation of the Bible. The study takes place on **Tuesdays through Nov 18** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the California Room. There is no cost to attend, just your time! To register, contact: Lissa Hutcheson, M.A. [Lissahutcheson@outlook.com](mailto:Lissahutcheson@outlook.com) or call (619) 804-8950.



## VISITOR CENTER & GIFT SHOP

Are you looking for a special gift? Look no further than our own Visitor Center and Gift Shop complete with religious articles, t-shirts, hats, mugs, and more! Gift certificates are also available. Open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Self-guided tours of the Mission grounds begin there as well. For info, call (619) 281-8449.

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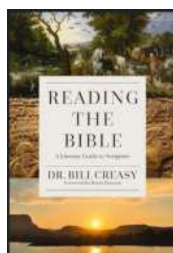
Ever wonder if God is calling you? Would you like to walk alongside other women also discerning? Contact Sister Katia Chavez, SJS at (760) 562-2727 if you are interested.

## MEN'S PERSPECTIVE GROUP

Join us in the California Room from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Next meeting: **Sept 21**. For more info, txt: Jerry Kwasek (619) 742-9591.

## NEW BOOK ON THE BIBLE

In "Reading the Bible: A Literary Guide to Scripture," Dr. Bill Creasy leads you on an unforgettable adventure book-by-book, Genesis through Revelation. Stemming from his popular course at UCLA, The English Bible as Literature, this work delves deeply into the text of the Bible, unveiling its rich literary genres and ancient Near Eastern origins. Dr. Creasy is a parishioner of the **Mission San Diego de Alcalá** and served on the UCLA English Department faculty for nearly thirty years where he taught his flagship course, The English Bible as Literature. You can visit him at his website, [logosbiblestudy.com](https://logosbiblestudy.com) or pre-order your copy at [www.readingthebible.study/](https://www.readingthebible.study/).



## O.C.I.A.

If you are curious about what Catholics believe and are interested in learning more about the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, the "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" is for you! Interested persons are asked to contact Lissa Hutcheson at [lissahutcheson@outlook.com](mailto:lissahutcheson@outlook.com). Go to [missionsandiego.org/ocia](https://missionsandiego.org/ocia) for more information.

## GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Our Visitor Center and Gift Shop is seeking volunteers. For info, contact Rhonda Sosa at [rsosa@missionsandiego.org](mailto:rsosa@missionsandiego.org).

## HEALING RETREAT

A Healing retreat for after abortion (for Catholic or Catholic-friendly) will be given by Rachel's Hope on **Oct 3-5**. The event is professionally led and will be held at 4551 Moraga Ave, San Diego. Recognized by the Diocese of San Diego and confidentiality maintained the retreat included a closing Mass. Group Size is limited. Cost \$120; partial scholarships available. Housing provided. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed". For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022; text (858) 752-9378 or email [rachels\\_hope@juno.com](mailto:rachels_hope@juno.com). For more info, go to [RachelsHope.org](http://RachelsHope.org).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Looking for ways to share your interests with fellow parishioners? The Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes' membership provide opportunities to engage. New members are always welcome. Please visit our information table in the courtyard, **Sept 20 & 21**, or mark your calendars to attend an informational session in La Sala, **Wed, Sept 24** at 6:30 pm.

## FOLLOW US ONLINE

[www.missionsandiego.org](http://www.missionsandiego.org)

## CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, parish employee, or volunteer can be made by calling (858) 490-8353 or by sending an email to [misconduct@sdcatholic.org](mailto:misconduct@sdcatholic.org). Go to [safeinourdiocese.org](http://safeinourdiocese.org) to read about efforts in the Diocese of San Diego to protect children, assist victims, and promote healing.

## HARVEST PICNIC

Children of the Immaculate Heart are hosting a Harvest Picnic on **Sat, Sept 20** from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at St Ephrem Maronite Catholic Church, 750 Medford St, El Cajon. The event is free and helps with the mission of assisting the survivors of sex trafficking. For more info, go to [childrenoftheimmaculateheart.org/events.html](http://childrenoftheimmaculateheart.org/events.html).



## BABY CLOTHES NEEDED

Birthline is in need of clothing for children, women's clothes, maternity clothes, baby food and pacifiers. Items can be brought to the Mission on the first weekend of every month. For more info, call Birthline at (858) 270-2491.

# ADVANCING OUR Mission



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2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

— 1 Peter 4:10.

## 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Our Diocesan-assigned goal is: \$92,000**

Brochures are available in the Mission Church, St. Francis Chapel, and the parish office.

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