

MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

~FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT~

5:30 PM SAT †Augusto & †Anicia Castro

7:30 AM Fr. Brandon Moravitz

9:00 AM †Carlos Garcia

9:00 AM (SFC) †Gilfred James Vickers

10:30 AM †Michael Guttersen

10:30 AM (SFC) †José Luis Garay

12:00 PM †Johnny Walker

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

~Advent Weekday~

7:00 AM Tina & Mariano Demarchi

5:30 PM †Kenneth Grubich

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

~Advent Weekday~

7:00 AM Tina & Mariano Demarchi

5:30 PM †Regino Garcia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

~St. Francis Xavier, Priest~

7:00 AM Francisca B. Gamara

5:30 PM †John Indrigo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

~Advent Weekday~

7:00 AM Intention of the Priest

5:30 PM †Carlos Garcia

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

~Advent Weekday~

7:00 AM †Bev Hinkle

5:30 PM †Anita Gomez

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

~Weekday~

8:00 AM Intention of the Priest

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

~SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~

5:30 PM SAT In Thanksgiving

7:30 AM Brandon Williamson

9:00 AM †James Markham, Sr.

9:00 AM (SFC) Intention of the Priest

10:30 AM †Bev Hinkle

10:30 AM (SFC) Intention of the Priest

12:00 PM †Harold Mattison

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



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be
prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son
of Man will come."
- Mt 24:44

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Preparation with priest at least

9 months in advance.

Please call the Parish Office

NAZARETH SCHOOL

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nazarethschool.org

MISSION HISTORY

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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.

All submissions are subject to approval.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Learning to Tell Time

BY ALICE CAMILLE



The demise of the analog clock has probably affected the learning curve a little. But flashing digital displays still don't offer to children or other fine people the precise meaning of time that goes along with merely knowing the numbers. So it's 3-0-2 p.m.: What does that signify, and why should we care? The question of time always comes down to this: What does knowledge of the hour have to do with me?

Time means different things to different people. It also means different things to the same person—but let's take our time with this idea. Ask an indolent person sleeping off the latest six-pack what 3:02 means and he might say, "Time for another beer." A shopkeeper might call it two hours after closing time. A school child running for the bus won't hear the question. A depressed person may sigh: "One hour

is as good as another."

For the average person, 3:02 has many meanings depending on the day. A workday is different from a Saturday. Vacation time and the holiday season seem to change the texture of time altogether. A week in bed with the flu changes the feeling of time, even the pace at which it moves. Waiting in the hospital at 3:02 for word from a surgeon about a loved one is not the same as waiting for the groom two minutes late for the wedding, or waiting for the mail delivery, or waiting for Godot. Maybe we're anxiously anticipating spring break, or perhaps nothing at all, because no future possibilities seem from here to make a difference, to offer hope or rescue.

Being a seer, Isaiah could look to the horizons of time and see a new day dawning. To prophets, time is like a ribbon of road set before us that only requires a certain amount of determined walking to get where we want to go.

The light of the Lord is out there; how badly do you want to see it? Get walking, and you'll arrive to bask in it. Stay put, and you'll never see that day shine forth. Saint Paul, who could certainly dance with the prophets on a good day, imagined that we're all farther down that road to kairos time than we suspect.

How do we want to arrive at the fateful hour: steeped in the current sludge of sinfulness or shimmering in the freshly polished armor of virtue? Meanwhile—we can say meanwhile, because in eternity the perspective is not linear—Jesus says that winding your watch or glancing at your cell phone won't give you the information you need about the advancement of the hour. In the reign of God, it's never 3:02. It's always now.

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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 alicecamille.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 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 **Dec 3**.

- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Dec 4**.

- 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: **Dec 20**.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Columba	Tue, Dec 2	6:00 pm
Our Mother of Confidence	Tue, Dec 2	7:00 pm
Ascension	Fri, Dec 5	6:00 pm
Mission San Diego	Tue, Dec 9	7:00 pm
St. Catherine Labouré	Wed, Dec 10	7:00 pm
St. Agnes	Fri, Dec 12	6:00 pm
Mary, Star of the Sea	Sun, Dec 14	4:00 pm
Sacred Heart, San Diego	Wed, Dec 17	7:00 pm
St. Brigid	Mon, Dec 15	5:30 pm
The Immaculata	Mon, Dec. 15	7:00 pm
St. Mary Magdalene	Tue, Dec 16	7:00 pm
St. Thérèse of Carmel	Wed, Dec 17	7:00 pm

*Mission San Diego will hold its Penance Service
(Evening Prayer followed by individual confession)
on **Dec 9** at 7:00 pm in the Mission Church.*

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Join our faith community by completing a registration form at missionsandiego.org or visit our Visitor Center during regular business hours.

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www.missionsandiego.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

**Ester Aguilar • Victor Dobrawa • Mary Ellen Hopkins
Jerry Munoz • Lizzette Petty • John Sawaya
Don Stafford • Linda Valle • Mark Turner**

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

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. Go to missionsandiego.org/ocia for more info.

CLOTHING DONATION

The Mission San Diego serves as a host site for a Fr. Joe’s Villages donation bin, located in the courtyard, accepting new and gently-used clothing and shoes.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, a Homebound Minister can bring the Eucharist to you. Email Carmen Falcon at crmnflcn2920@gmail.com.

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 and select the “Donate Now” link.

PARISH SUPPORT

Nov 13 -19, 2025

Plate:	\$4,832.07
Envelope:	\$6,043.00
Online:	\$6,627.77

Total: \$17,502.84

World Mission Sunday \$7,487.07

Thank you for your support of our parish!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

QUESTION

When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest?

ANSWER

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast during the “I Confess” of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian’s striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a “humbled contrite heart” or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.



SAVE THE DATE

The **49th Annual Candlelight Musical**

Meditation will take place **Sat, Dec 20** and **Sun, Dec 21** at 7:30 pm in the Mission Church. The Mission Choir, directed by Gene Regard, and accompanied by organist Howard McColough, will be joined by orchestral strings, woodwinds, and percussion. A free offering will be taken and a reception will follow in La Sala. For more info, call (619) 283-7319.



FLOCKNOTE

Keep in touch with parish events via text and email by signing up to receive our Flocknote. Sign up by texting the word “ALCALA” to 84576.

ANGEL GIVING TREES

This year our annual Angel Giving Trees fundraiser will supply toys for needy families through our sister parish, Holy Family Parish in Linda Vista. Trees will be put in the entrances to St. Francis Chapel and the Mission Church beginning **this weekend**. Everyone is welcome to take an angel from the tree and purchase a gift for a needy child. The dates to return gifts this year are **Dec 6-7** and **Dec 13-14**, so if you are out shopping and find a gift you would like to donate, you can purchase it and bring it on **Dec 7** or **14**. We will also be collecting twin size blankets for Stella Apartments, a home for those who have been previously unhoused. Please do not wrap the gifts. This project is sponsored by the Social Action Committee.



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ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND FIRST SATURDAY MASS

MISSION CHURCH

FRI, DEC 5

First Friday Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament (MBS)

7:00 am Mass followed by Exposition of the MBS

7:30 - 11:30 am Exposition of the MBS

11:35 am Benediction of the MBS

with Nazareth School students

5:30 pm Mass for Vocations followed by Exposition of the MBS

6:00 - 6:30 pm Exposition of the MBS

6:35 pm Benediction of the MBS

SAT, DEC 6

8:00 am First Saturday Mass

WEDDING GOWN AVAILABLE

If you know of a bride-to-be who is looking for a pre-owned and generously donated wedding dress, veil or shoes, email Jojo Randle at jrandle@missionsandiego.org for more info.

MEMORIAL BRICKS

Jubilee Circle gives parishioners a unique opportunity to recognize a special person or event with a personalized, engraved brick in our walkway surrounding the Mission Courtyard fountain. Go to bricksrus.com/donorsite/missionsandiego to place your order online. Engraved bricks are \$250.00 each and will be placed in the Spring.



COME SUPPORT THE AMERICAN FILIPINO MINISTRY'S

2025 CHRISTMAS
Fundraising Event

From December 6-7, after each mass, we will be selling handmade Parols (Filipino Star Lanterns) at the Mission San Diego de Alcalá Courtyard or the St. Francis Chapel Patio.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CHURCH

Find us after each weekend mass:
 Saturday at 5:30PM and Sunday at 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12PM, and 5:30PM



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Saturday Dec 6, 2025 9-11am

**St Kieran's Church Hall
 1510 Greenfield Dr, El Cajon, CA 92021**

Questions? Contact Kesa 619-504-7620



Come celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on **Dec 12**. The day will include:

Morning Celebration in California Room

6:30-7:30 am: Las Mañanitas - Song and Prayer.

Mexican pastries and drinks will be provided afterwards in the California Room.

Evening Celebration at St. Francis Chapel

4:00 pm: Play / Obra de Apariciones

4:45 pm: Rosary / Rosario

5:00 pm: Offering of roses to Virgin de Guadalupe.

Please bring your own Roses, which will be blessed during the event.

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Bi-Lingual Mass with Mariachi.

Traditional Mexican pastries and drinks will be provided in the California Room after Mass.

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+.

Contact **Mary Blakemore**: mb92123@san.rr.com

MISSION-AIRES

Join the Mission-Aires for a Christmas Celebration at 11:00 am on **Dec 9**, Tree decorating starts at 10:00 am. We will have a lovely ham lunch. The 4th grade Nazareth School 4th-grade Choir will provide the entertainment. Please donate an unwrapped gift as a donation to the Holy Family Parish community outreach program. All parishioners age 50+ are welcome. Pay at door: Members \$10 Guests \$15. Annual membership registration: \$20

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.

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DISCERNMENT GROUP FOR WOMEN

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 Parish Office Conference Room from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Next meeting: **Sun, Dec 7**. For more info, txt: Jerry Kwasek (619) 742-9591.

BABY CLOTHES NEEDED

Birthingline is in need of clothing warm winter clothes including those 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 Birthingline at (858) 270-2491.

CHILD / 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@sdccatholic.org. Go to safeinourdiocese.org to read about efforts in the Diocese of San Diego to protect children, assist victims, and promote healing.

WEDDING COORDINATOR MINISTRY

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, becoming a wedding coordinator might be the perfect ministry for you. Responsibilities include working with the bride and groom regarding their wedding rehearsal and liturgy. For info, contact Jojo Randle at jrandle@missionsandiego.org.



GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Our Visitor Center and Gift Shop is seeking volunteers. For info, contact Rhonda Sosa at rsosa@missionsandiego.org.

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 Dec, coin donations go to Catholic Charities Refugee Center.

STOCK AND IRA CHARITABLE GIFT DONATIONS

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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 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Assigned goal is: \$92,000

on Church, St. Francis Chapel, and the parish office.

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