

MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

# ¡Siempre Adelante!



**Social Action Committee  
serves Thanksgiving meal  
to Stella Apartments**

**VERY REV. PETER M. MCGUINE, PASTOR**

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## PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted  
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

~THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY~

**7:00 AM** Tina & Mariano Demarchi

**12:00 PM (SFC)** For the People of the Parish

**5:30 PM (SFC)** †Robert "Spunk" Payne

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

~Advent Weekday~

**7:00 AM** Tina & Mariano Demarchi

**5:30 PM** †Andres J. Escobar

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

~Advent Weekday~

**7:00 AM** Tina & Mariano Demarchi

**5:30 PM** Christy Robb

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

~Advent Weekday~

**7:00 AM** Intention of the Priest

**5:30 PM** †Noel Bartolome

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

~OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (USA)~

**7:00 AM** Tina & Mariano Demarchi

**5:30 PM (SFC)** †Rogelio Marquez

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

~ St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr~

**NO MASS**

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

~THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT~

**5:30 PM SAT** Nick Gonsalves

**7:30 AM** Teresita Villaroya

**9:00 AM** Tim and Anita Schatz

**9:00 AM (SFC)** †Michiko Ito Ushijima

**10:30 AM** †Paul F. McGreevy

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

**12:00 PM** †Sara and †Mark Walker

**5:30 PM (SFC)** †John Gobiecki



## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Tel: (619) 283-7319

### VISITOR CENTER/GIFT SHOP

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

### MSGR. HALTER ARCHIVES

Hours - Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Tel: (619) 283-6338  
tfalcone@missionsandiego.org

### BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

### MARRIAGES

Preparation with priest at least  
9 months in advance.  
Please call the Parish Office

### 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.orgw>

# What Are You Waiting For?

BY ALICE CAMILLE



Christmas is on its way. You can feel it rushing in toward us like a runaway train, uncontrollable and inevitable. It transforms the environment of the church as much as the landscape of the community, not to mention the economic reality of many parishioners. Already folks are taunted by the constant consumer demands to enter into the spirit of the season with each new purchase. Purses are aching with receipts for things no one needs.

Is this hurtle toward the holidays what we want? Is this momentum that catches us what our hopes are pinned on? God knows we need Christmas, wait on it, and look forward to it every winter like the answer to a prayer at the end of a long, weary year. Christmas will lighten our hearts. It will bring the family back together. It will satisfy our hunger for belonging, warmth, cheer, and a multitude of sugar

cookies. For only a few weeks we can be children again, anticipating the impossible good fortune that magically wrapped presents apparently grow on trees.

Such is our modern version of the peaceable kingdom, Isaiah's description of the remarkable hour when wolves and lambs become pals and children need not fear snakes. Whatever elements are necessary for us to experience this blissful harmonic convergence, that's what we expect from Christmas each year.

That's why we have this peculiar phenomenon of the Christmas shop: stores dedicated to selling Christmas 365 days of the year. We want Christmas to come and don't want it to end. Yet even when it arrives, a lot of people experience a deflation of hope, a letdown of unmet expectation. Maybe the loved one didn't come, the hoped-for reconciliation postponed to another year. Maybe the desired gift wasn't offered or received. Maybe we burned the cookies.

When John the Baptist announces the ar-

rival of the kingdom of heaven, he doesn't offer the cookies casually. Repent is the Baptist's first word—not a suggestion but a command. If you repent, you get heaven. You get your heart's desire. If you don't repent, you get nothing. That's serious. The psalmist says it another way: Peace follows justice. You can't have a world at peace unless you first have a just society. Paul says it a third way: You want hope, first you must endure in Christ Jesus.

The world we want is in our grasp. The Christmas we anticipate is absolutely doable. But there are prerequisites. To have the Christmas cookie, there are things we must do: Assemble the right ingredients. Follow the instructions. Take the time to bake the results, not too much and not too little. Be patient. Wait. The delight you seek is almost ready.

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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](http://alicecamille.com).



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Mon, Dec 8** is the Feast of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 am in the Mission Church, and 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm in the St. Francis Chapel.



<b>Mission San Diego</b>	<b>Tue, Dec 9</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
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.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

**Ester Aguilar • James Flynn**  
**Teresa Gobiecki • Jerry Munoz • Barry Nunns**  
**Lizzette Petty • Don Stafford • Linda Valle**

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

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD SCHEDULE



### CHRISTMAS EVE

Wed, Dec 24

**4:00 pm:** Mass in Mission Church and St Francis Chapel (Homily for children and their families)

**7:00 pm:** Masses in the Mission Church (Spanish) and St. Francis Chapel

**10:00 pm:** Mass at Night in the Mission Church

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Thu, Dec 25

**7:30 am:** Mass in the Mission Church

**9:00 am:** Mass in the Mission Church

**10:30 am:** Mass in the Mission Church

**12:00 pm:** Mass in the Mission Church

*Note: There will be only one Mass at 9:00 am and 10:30 am and no Mass at 5:30 pm*

## 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

Nov 20 -26, 2025

Plate:	\$5,754.28
Envelope:	\$9,318.89
Online:	\$5,007.77
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,080.94</b>

*Thank you for your support of our parish!*

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

### QUESTION

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

### ANSWER

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!



## 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 info.

## 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](mailto:crmnflcn2920@gmail.com).



## ANGEL GIVING TREES

This year our annual Angel Giving Trees fundraiser, to supply toys for needy families through our sister parish, Holy Family Parish in Linda Vista, is now in the entrances of St. Francis Chapel and the Mission Church. Please take an angel from the tree, purchase the item and return it by **Sun, Dec 14**. Please do not wrap the gift. Families from Holy Family's list of those needing assistance will choose the gifts for their children. Stella Apartments, a home for those who have been previously unhoused, have asked for twin size blankets. This parish project is sponsored by the Social Action Committee.



## 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 McCollough, 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.



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.*



## 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: **Dec 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 **Jan 7**.

- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Jan 8**.

## BAPTISMS

Welcome to the Christian Family!

**Alessia Janie Lopez**

**Cecilia Isabel Lopez**

**Leticia Noell Suarez**

**Baptized on Dec 7**

*"You have become a new creation and clothed yourself in Christ..."*

## 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, RSVP not necessary. Pay at door: Members \$10 Guests \$15. Annual membership registration: \$20

## VISITOR CENTER & GIFT SHOP

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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 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](http://safeinourdiocese.org) to read about efforts in the Diocese of San Diego to protect children, assist victims, and promote healing.



## HOLY MATRIMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Jamie Da Silva and Madison Mansfield**

who were married at the Mission San Diego on **Dec 7.**

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

## 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).

## 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 week-end of the first Sunday of the month helps greatly. In Dec, coin donations go to Catholic Charities Refugee Center.

## FOLLOW US ONLINE

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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**

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