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JANUARY 4, 2026

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OF THE LORD

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

~THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD~

5:30 PM SAT Intention of the Priest

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM Maria and John Pini

9:00 AM (SFC) †Napoleon Albino Baguisi

10:30 AM †Bill Medigovich

10:30 AM (SFC) Intention of the Priest

12:00 PM †Sandy Luebben

5:30 PM (SFC) †Jan and †Marianna Madeja

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

~St. John Neumann, Bishop~

7:00 AM †Barbara Cabangun

5:30 PM †Bill Medigovich

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

~Christmas Weekday~

7:00 AM †Chad Salazar

5:30 PM Darlene Lombardo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

~Christmas Weekday~

7:00 AM †Jade Brian Wilson

5:30 PM Jamie Javelosa Williams

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

~Christmas Weekday~

7:00 AM †Sally Veazey

5:30 PM Jessica F. Simbahan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

~Christmas Weekday~

7:00 AM Gregory and Linda Hewett

5:30 PM Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

~Christmas Weekday~

No Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

~THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD~

5:30 PM SAT †Sam Beamon

7:30 AM †Sharon Holland

9:00 AM The Deceased Members
of the Estrepa Family

9:00 AM (SFC) †Louie Panza

10:30 AM Aiden Schatz

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

12:00 PM †Patricia Ann Sine

5:30 PM (SFC) †Jan and †Marianna Madeja



PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

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10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

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Preparation with priest at least
9 months in advance.

Please call the Parish Office

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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>

To See More Clearly

BY ALICE CAMILLE



It's hard to make progress when you can't see where you're going. That is true whether you're navigating down a foggy highway, lost in a forest, feeling your way through a power outage, or just bumbling through life in general. None of us knows what lies around the next bend on this journey, for ourselves personally or for our families, our community, nation, and world. Who could have predicted half of the developments that led to where we are today?

Despite the unknowability of the future, shedding a little light on the subject helps. We can't know everything, but we can seek as much information as is available to assess the next step. When we don't have a road map, we have to get better at reading the signs around us: Which way is the sun setting? Does moss really grow only on the north side of trees? If it's too dark to use our eyes,

can our ears and hands do the "seeing" for us? If our relationships have become so convoluted that we don't know how to communicate anymore, can we find a guide to lead us forward? When our days have lost their meaning, do we know which way to go to get more?

Isaiah once predicted that Jerusalem would become a light for the world, a place of sought-after wisdom and splendor, worthy of international acclaim. This destiny would come about not through the city's own merits but because of the glory of God shining out from it. Today, sadly, Jerusalem is known more for radiating violence and insoluble problems, although pilgrims of three world religions still travel there in hopes of glimpsing some of the glory. The mystery of unity across ancient divisions that was announced in Ephesians has indeed been revealed—and, seemingly, rejected. We humans like our prohibitive walls too much to tear them down.

But we can't point a finger at Jerusalem without finding ourselves before a mirror

of our own intolerance and defensiveness. The darkness that hides the mystery of humanity's oneness begins very locally, in your heart and mine. If we want to find our way out of that darkness, we have to take the journey toward Epiphany: that is, to bow before the Real Presence of God for ourselves.

We have to follow the star through the gloom of prejudice, stereotypes, political spin, personal comfort zones, and self-interest. We have to risk the danger of change, as those intriguing Magi did, crossing borders that kept them safe and heading into territory that was unfamiliar and potentially unwelcoming. We have to bring our resources with us, prepared to set them down and walk away. Sometimes we need much more than our eyes to see rightly.

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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.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Mission's Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual "Tootsie Roll" drive on **Jan 10-11** after all Masses. The Columbian Foundation raises funds to support people with intellectual disabilities. Each year, our Council supports Noah Homes as our charity. Noah Homes, located in Spring Valley, strives to provide exceptional residential care and choices for adults with developmental disabilities within an inclusive community, grounded in Catholic values. For info, contact Fred Hall at fghall4sd@hotmail.com.



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.



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: **Jan 17**.
- 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 **Feb 4**.
- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Feb 5**.



GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

**Ester Aguilar • Teresita Mendoza Espinosa • Mike Gallivan
James Flynn • Teresa Gobiecki • Jerry Munoz
Barry Nunns • Lizzette Petty • Don Stafford • Mark Turner**
*Names remain listed for four weeks and can be renewed
by contacting the parish office at (619) 283-7319.*

MISSION-AIRES

Join the Mission-Aires at 11:30 am on **Jan 13** for their monthly luncheon. Wear your favorite sports attire to support you favorite team! We will have hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and apple pie. Our speaker will be from the Sons of The Revolution, speaking on his lineage going back to the Revolutionary War. All parishioners age 50+ are welcome, RSVP not necessary. Pay at door: Members \$10 Guests \$15. Annual membership registration: \$20

WEDDING GOWN AVAILABLE

If you know of a bride-to-be who could make use of a generously donated wedding gown (size 4 – 6/small), a cathedral veil and white satin shoes (size 8), please email Jojo Randle at jrandle@missionsandiego.org.

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PARISH SUPPORT

Dec 18-24, 2025

Plate:	\$6,429.93
Envelope:	\$15,533.89
Online:	\$5,037.77
Total:	\$27,001.59

Thank you for your support of our parish!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP

Married couples are invited to kick off the year strong by learning communication and conflict resolution skills in a fun and interactive way with CoupleTalk. CoupleTalk is the latest release of Relationship Enhancement, which is backed by decades of research to be one of the most effective relationship and marriage education programs available. Sessions will be held on Tuesday nights starting **Jan 20 through Feb 24** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr, San Diego. Sessions are completely free, including workbooks, and childcare. There is a \$100 gift card incentive for qualifying couples who complete the entire program. Couples can register at usrelationships.org/diocesesd/.

WEDDING COORDINATOR

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.

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CATHOLIC Q&A

QUESTION

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

ANSWER

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.



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.



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.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORKSHOP

Mission San Diego de Alcalá will host a restorative justice workshop on **Sat, Jan 31** in the California Room from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bishop Ramon Bejarano will be the guest speaker. The workshop will cover the following topics: problem solving; conflict resolution and the restorative justice circle; and working toward acceptance and peace in our families, our neighborhoods, and our world. Come, listen to others, share their experiences and change the world through restorative justice. No cost to attend. RSVP's not necessary. All are welcome! This event is sponsored by Mission San Diego's Social Action Committee.



OPEN HOUSE

Nazareth School, serving students from Preschool through Eighth Grade and located beside the historic Mission San Diego de Alcalá, invites you to our Open House on **Sun, Jan 25**, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Enjoy refreshments as you tour our classrooms and campus, [meet the staff,] and experience our faith-filled community where students grow in knowledge, service, and the love of Christ.

HEALING RETREAT

Rachel's Hope is conducting a retreat for those needing healing post abortion from **Jan 30 to Feb 1**. Professionally led, the retreat will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church, 102 East 13th Ave. Escondido. Recognized by the Diocese of San Diego, it is confidentiality maintained and group size is limited. Cost \$130; partial scholarships available. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed." For info/registration call or text Andrea Finch, (619) 244-5021 or visit RachelsHope.org.

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.

ADULT FORMATION — STUDY IN FAITH

You are invited to a **Study a Journey through the Story of Salvation**. Join us as we explore the sweeping narrative of God's plan of salvation, from Creation, to Christ, to the Church today. This engaging Bible study provides a clear, accessible, and prayerful walk through the entire story of Scripture. Whether you are new to Bible study or continuing your faith journey, this series will help you see the unity of God's Word and deepen your love of Christ. Purchase a workbook (Cost \$39.95) at ascensionpress.com/collections/the-bible-timeline-the-story-of-salvation-2025. Also a Catholic translation of the Bible. The six-week course takes place on Tuesdays (**Jan 13 - Feb 17; Apr 14 - May 19; Aug 4 - Sep 8; Oct 13 - Nov 17**) 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. Lissa-hutcheson@outlook.com or call (619) 804-8950.



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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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, Jan 18**. 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.

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Are you interested in participating in a health program that includes free exercise classes at Mission San Diego de Alcalá?

SDSU is also conducting research on health and physical activity and need study participants.



Scan the QR Code to see if you are eligible to participate in the study portion of Faith in Action.

ibach.faithinaction@sdsu.edu

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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 Jan, coin donations go to Holy Family Food Bank.



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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A new mural of recently canonized St. Carlo Acutis was unveiled **Nov. 15** at **John Paul the Great Catholic University** in Escondido. The unveiling was preceded by a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration, accompanied by the opportunity to venerate a first-class relic of the saint and view a mini-exhibit on Eucharistic miracles. Adorning one of the exterior walls of John Paul the Great Catholic University's academic building, the mural was designed by Keyana Harrod, a member of the university's graduating class of 2023. St. Carlo Acutis, who was canonized on Sept. 7, was an Italian teenager who used his computer savvy to create a website about Eucharistic miracles before dying from leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

— *The Southern Cross*



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