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FEBRUARY 22, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT



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**Mass with
Anointing of the Sick**
Feb 14, 2026

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

~FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT~

5:30 PM SAT †Bob Schneider

7:30 AM †Napoleon Albino Baguisi

9:00 AM †Simeon Castillo

9:00 AM (SFC) †Josefina P. Bandong

10:30 AM Brian Stack

10:30 AM (SFC) †Jorge M. Pineda

12:00 PM †Robert Garcia

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

~Lenten Weekday~

7:00 AM †Anne Yckopec

5:30 PM †Viviana Villarina

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

~Lenten Weekday~

7:00 AM Eamon McDonald

5:30 PM †Renato Fernandez
and †Diosdado Ebron

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

~Lenten Weekday~

7:00 AM †Leslie G. Nimmo

5:30 PM †Bonnie Thordahl

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

~Lenten Weekday~

7:00 AM Intention of the Priest

5:30 PM †Annabelle Bleza

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

~Lenten Weekday~

7:00 AM Susana Vicuña

5:30 PM Intention of the Priest

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

~Lenten Weekday~

NO MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

~SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT~

5:30 PM SAT †Bob Crosette

7:30 AM Intention of the Priest

9:00 AM †Kay Danikas-Raymond

9:00 AM (SFC) †Raymond O'Donovan

10:30 AM †Raymond Altmeyer

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

12:00 PM †Tony and †Jack McGuire

5:30 PM (SFC) †Shirley Shevlin



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
- Mt 4:8-9

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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>

At Your Service

BY ALICE CAMILLE



Which would you choose: a debate with the tempter of souls or the sublime company of angels? Most nice people do not hesitate to voice their preference for the latter. That reflex, though, comes too easily, the “right answer” instead of the true one. The reality is, humanity has fundamentally and regrettably chosen the infernal side of the debate—and we choose it again, oh, at least once an hour.

The first conversation in the Bible is with God. God blesses the first couple in chapter 1 and gives the first commandment—thou shall not eat of that tree!—to the man in chapter 2. Yet neither man nor woman seek the companionship or council of God again in the story. They actively hide from their Maker in fact. It is God who seeks them out, significantly after their free betrayal of the sole commandment.

We imagine God might have inter-

rupted the woman’s tête-à-tête with the serpent or insinuated the divine presence between the woman and man before the great betrayal was complete with the transfer of the forbidden fruit. Respecting human freedom, God remains silent through both transactions. God, who speaks first in the story, awaits a response from us. Original sin is the unhappy result.

We still have choices to make daily: to embrace the guardians of heaven or to dicker with demons. When we choose violence, prejudice, judgment, falsehood, idolatry, or infidelity, we’re breaking commandments that deny us access to the blessings God freely bestows on us and wants us to have. Each time we cause harm to our neighbors or ourselves, we’re disregarding that primary commandment of Jesus to demonstrate our love for God in loving people. Every hour of history the solution is the same: Talk to God. Listen to the divine word. But each hour far too many of us incline an ear to that “Pssst! Hey buddy!” coming from the tempter’s direction.

In the synoptic gospel tradition, Jesus reenacts the Genesis moment of crisis—though not in a lush garden surrounded by creature comforts. No, Jesus stands in a wilderness, hungry and weary from fasting. And unlike the first couple who had each other for support, Jesus is alone. The evangelists show us Jesus effectively in the same position we are today: suffering the result of a fallen world that is no paradise, where each of us endures the profound isolation and hunger that is the literal fruit of sin. The debate with the tempter begins—but something is different this time. Instead of being swayed by his sweet lies, Jesus clings to the word of God. The devil finds such company intolerable. When he departs, the landscape is flooded with angels, and desert becomes a paradise. Good news as we enter the Lenten desert ourselves!

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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.

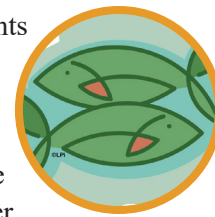
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed communally on the Fridays of Lent in the Mission Church at 6:15 pm, except on the first Friday when they follow Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Lent is fast approaching and the Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will again offer Friday fish dinners. Dinner tickets for adults are \$20.00, youth (under 11) \$10.00. Adult beverages of wine and beer tickets are \$5.00. Clam chowder is available for \$5.00. Dinner is served between 6:00 and 7:30 pm in the California Room on Fridays through **Mar 27**.



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gene Calbow

Funeral Mass on **Tue, Feb 24**, 9:30 am
in the Mission Church;
Interment at Miramar National Cemetery

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

BAPTISM

Welcome to the Christian Family!
Miriam Cabrini Lozano

Baptized on Feb 21

“You have become a new creation and clothed yourself in Christ...”

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Terry Baltes • Erin Dalton

Teresita Mendoza Espinosa

James Flynn • Mike Gallivan

Barry Nunns • Baby Banks Griffin Ricci

Gil • Susan Redelings • Mark Turner • Joey Umali

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

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 **Mar 4**.

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

- 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: **Mar 21**.



AN ALTERNATIVE TO OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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PARISH SUPPORT

Feb 5-11, 2025

Plate:	\$6,024.71
Envelope:	\$9,029.00
Online:	\$6,286.60
Total:	\$21,340.31

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CATHOLIC Q&A

QUESTION

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

ANSWER

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of San Diego is seeking a compassionate Registered Nurse to serve as a Clergy Care Manager, supporting the health and well-being of our priests. This role collaborates closely with clergy and diocesan leadership to coordinate healthcare needs, provide guidance on medical planning, and connect priests with appropriate resources. Ideal candidates will have an active California RN license, strong care-coordination experience, and a heart for service within the Church. For more info or to apply, please visit www.sdcatholic.org, or apply directly by visiting tinyurl.com/2smumvrd.

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ARE YOU REGISTERED?

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

• A **Beginning Experience Weekend** for those divorced, widowed or separated will be held **May 1-3** at Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. The weekend 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. For info, contact beginningexperiencesd@gmail.com or Vicki (858) 748-2273.



• **Two Become One: Marriage Mystagogy** meets on the **first Monday of every month** at 6:30 pm at the Diocese's Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr, San Diego, for fellowship and practical, hands-on tools to help you in your marriage. Couples of all ages and stages are welcome. Sessions and topics will reflect the ongoing formation of newly married couples after the wedding. For more info, call (858) 490-8256.

• **Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary Free Lent Morning of Reflection** will take place on **Sat, Mar 7**, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Point Loma. Refreshments and social start at 8:30 am with the program from 9:00 -11:00am. The Theme is "The Mysteries of Lent: A Journey with Mary." Our speakers will be Cathy Sperrazzo and Mattie Scull. For more info call or text Laurie Mikolaycik at (619) 820-5028.

EXPLORER DAY

LEARNING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD

An informational session for men interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood will be hosted by the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr. Marc Gandolfo, at St. Francis Center for Priestly Formation on the campus of the University of San Diego, on **Sat, Mar 28**, 8:30 am – 4:15 pm. If living a life of service for Christ and the people of God is attractive to you, take advantage of this invitation. To register, contact Fr. Peter or Fr. Dan in the parish office or via the parish website. Or call the St. Francis Center at (858) 490-8389.



MEN'S PERSPECTIVE GROUP

Join us in the Parish Office Conference Room from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Next meeting: **Sun, Mar 1**. For more info, txt: Jerry Kwasek (619) 742-9591.



BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Last week's blood drive, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, was another success. Thanks to the generosity of donors, 32 units of blood, which has the potential to save up to 96 lives was collected. A single blood donation can save up to three lives because whole blood is often separated into three primary components: red blood cells, platelets, and plasma. This allows one donation to provide essential treatments for multiple patients, such as those recovering from trauma, individuals undergoing cancer treatments, or mothers during childbirth. The next blood drive will be held **Sun, Sept 13**.

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.

REQUEST YOUR 2025 STATEMENT OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS



Scan the QR code or visit missionsandiego.org/tax-letter-request to have a Statement of Charitable Contributions sent to you via email.

ADULT FORMATION — STUDY IN FAITH

You are invited to a study **The Bible Timeline: 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 11 - Sept 15; 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. Lissahutcheson@outlook.com or call (619) 804-8950.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Mission San Diego de Alcalá is offering an opportunity for baptized adult Catholics who have yet to be confirmed to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Adult Confirmation Preparation is intended for persons who are already baptized Catholics, have received First Eucharist, are at least 18 years old, and are already committed to the practice of their Catholic faith. Open to registered parishioners of the Mission San Diego (or parishioners of other parishes with the written permission of their pastor). Please inquire with Fr. Dan Holgren by **Mar 3**. Weekly catechetical meetings are on Tuesdays and continue for eight weeks.

Confirmation will be celebrated on **Tue, May 26**. For more info, contact Fr. Dan Holgren at dholgren@missionsandiego.org.



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.

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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O.C.I.A.

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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

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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 March, coin donations will go to Noah Homes – a home in Spring Valley for adults with disabilities.



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.

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 safeinourdioocese.org to read about efforts in the Diocese of San Diego to protect children, assist victims, and promote healing.



**IN MISSION,
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2026 Annual Catholic Appeal



DID YOU KNOW?

Lent is a time of grace to grow in our spiritual life through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Jesus rejected temptation with the commandment to worship and serve only God.

Did you know that our diocese supports the spiritual needs of 24,000 incarcerated men and women in our region? Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal makes this possible.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our Diocesan-assigned goal is: \$94,000

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Thank you for supporting our diocese and parish!



DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

As previously announced by the Diocese in 2022, at the conclusion of a three-year visitation, the Apostolic See (*specifically the then-Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life*) by means of a Decree dated 13 May 2022 and approved in forma specifica by Pope Francis, suppressed the religious institute formerly known as the Trinitarians of Mary. With this suppression, the former members of the Trinitarians were automatically dispensed from their vows and are no longer permitted to present themselves as religious. There is no right of appeal, and the Trinitarians have ceased to exist as a religious institute recognized by the Catholic Church.



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