

MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

MAY 10, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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APOSTLE, MAY 14

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 10

~SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER~

- 5:30 PM (SAT) †Laura Maria Bernal
- 7:30 AM †Jack Tinker
- 9:00 AM For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM (SFC) †Margaret Larsen
- 10:30 AM †Ester Villaroman Alfaro
- 10:30 AM (SFC) Maria Guadalupe Valadez
- 12:00 PM †Ester Romero
- 5:30 PM (SFC) Mother's Day Novena

MONDAY, MAY 11

~Easter Weekday~

- 7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 5:30 PM †Ester Ana Soledad

TUESDAY, MAY 12

~Easter Weekday~

- 7:00 AM †Gloria Quinto
- 5:30 PM Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

~Our Lady of Fatima~

- 7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 5:30 PM †Luke Barker

THURSDAY, MAY 14

~ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE~

- 7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 5:30 PM †Juliet Mariano

FRIDAY, MAY 15

~Easter Weekday~

- 7:00 AM Mother's Day Novena
- 5:30 PM †Marcia Peniche

SATURDAY, MAY 16

NO MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 17

~THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD~

- 5:30 PM (SAT) Mother's Day Novena
- 7:30 AM †Gloria Quinto
- 9:00 AM †Lourdes T. Everts
- 9:00 AM (SFC) †Christine McDonnell Haas
- 10:30 AM †Xavier & †Rita McDonnell
- 10:30 AM (SFC) †Rebeca Lopez Valadez
- 12:00 PM Mother's Day Novena
- 5:30 PM (SFC) For the People of the Parish



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept." John 14:16-17

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
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Please call the Parish Office

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Preparation with priest at least
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Principal: Annalisa Burgos
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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.org>

The Spirit is a-movin'

BY ALICE CAMILLE



John Henry Newman puzzles over the mystery of why Jesus left his friends after reuniting with them in the Resurrection. Things couldn't be the same between them, he suggests, after the "awful truth" of the divinity of Jesus was revealed to their formerly imperceptive imaginations. "What had been, could not be again," Newman writes rather sadly. No one can see God and live, so once they were quite clear about who their friend was, Jesus must vanish from their sight.

With all respect to Newman, a pastor friend of mine has a simpler explanation born of his own experience of embracing and surrendering parishes. "After a while, the same charisma that enables you to lead these people in the first place gets in the way of them being able to move forward themselves. So you have to step aside, for their sake. They have to let you go to come into their own."

This theory dovetails with Jesus' own observation that if he did not leave, the Advocate could not come. The plan was never to abandon the nascent church or let the disciples fend for themselves as sheep among wolves. The plan was for the disciples to become an army of good shepherds, to lead more sheep into the safety of the fold. The only weakness in this arrangement, of course, is that no disciple is fit to assume the place of Jesus. Even Peter, the most worthy character of the bunch, is a far cry from the close communion Jesus had with his Father. How to bridge that chasm?

If you look at salvation history altogether, the problem with humanity has always been the wedge that sin drove between God and us. The Incarnation covered the distance, bringing the substance of God's divinity near again. With the Risen Lord ascending, that immanence would be lost but for the arrival of the Advocate. If Jesus provided the ultimate bridge between humanity and

divinity, this indwelling Spirit supplied the Chunnel.

Maybe Newman is insightful in pointing out that the glorified Christ is not the same as Jesus, friend and teacher. The intimacy of Incarnation could not be replaced with the Resurrected Lord. Sacramental intimacy in Eucharist would provide Real Presence, but a relationship to a sacrament is not identical to a relationship with a person. That is why Peter and John must revisit the Samaritans with prayer for the Spirit even after Philip brought them the seemingly sufficient trifecta of gospel, healing, and Baptism. Without the Spirit to lead it forward, a community might spin its wheels or remain on a circular track of spiritual self-satisfaction. In this church, movement is everything. You can't follow if you're standing still.

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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 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: **May 16**.
- 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 **Jun 3**.
- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Jun 4**.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

**Paloma Bravence • Diane Cabrera
Suzanne Elassis • Jose de la Garza
Randy Little • Sammie Montali • Nick Sokach
Mark Turner • Joey Umali • Christopher Wamsley
Deployed personnel serving in our
Armed Forces and their families**

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

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

A Novena of Masses will be celebrated at the Mission San Diego **May 10-18** for both living and deceased mothers. Special cards and envelopes are available in the Mission Church and St. Francis Chapel. Completed envelopes may be returned to the Visitor Center and Gift Shop or by way of the usual collection baskets no later than **Sun, May 10**.



HOLY MATRIMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO Carlos and Jassive Cardenas

who were married at the Mission San Diego on **May 4.**
May the Lord continue to bless you both with his life and love!

MISSION-AIRES

Join the Mission-Aires at 11:30 am on **Tues, May 12** as they celebrate the Blessed Mother with a May Crowning. A Mexican feast will follow celebrating Cinco de Mayo with a guitarist, Nico Hueso. All parishioners age 50+ are welcome, RSVP not necessary. Pay at door: Members \$10 Guests \$15. Annual membership registration: \$20.



SINGERS WANTED

The Mission Choir is recruiting singers. Those interested must be committed to Thurs. night rehearsals and 12:00 pm Sunday Masses. If interested, contact Rebecca Pirtle at (619) 832-4917 or Gene Regard at generegard2@gmail.com.

AN ALTERNATIVE TO OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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PARISH SUPPORT

April 23-29, 2026

Plate:	\$5,111.03
Envelope:	\$7,470.00
Online:	\$4,304.77
Total:	\$16,885.80
Annual Lenten Collection	\$3,958.64

Thank you for your support of our parish!

CATHECHIST CLASSES

A **Basic Catechist Formation Certification Course** will be held from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm twice a month — on Saturdays — from **Jun 13 – Sep 26** at Mission San Diego de Alcalá. This is intended for the certification of new catechists and are designed for individuals entrusted in passing on the faith, those who desire to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith, or anyone interested in serving as a minister within their parish or community. The registration fee is \$75 Those interested should call (858) 490-8237 or visit sdcatholicdisciples.net.

SAVE THE DATE

The Festival of the Bells will be held from **July 17-19.**

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, GO TO square.link/u/TUO3h22W

WAS JESUS IN HELL AFTER HE DIED?

BY LISA MERSEREAU

In the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim that "He (Jesus) descended into Hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead." Some of you, or your children, might be wondering why Jesus would descend into Hell after he died. This is what the Catechism of the Catholic Church has to say on the subject:

§632 The frequent New Testament affirmations that Jesus was "raised from the dead" presuppose that the crucified one sojourned in the realm of the dead prior to his resurrection. This was the first meaning given in the apostolic preaching to Christ's descent into hell: that Jesus, like all men, experienced death and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. But he descended there as Savior, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there.

§633 Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell" – Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek – because those who are

there are deprived of the vision of God. Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into "Abraham's bosom": "It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior in Abraham's bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell." Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.

§634 "The gospel was preached even to the dead." The descent into hell brings the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfillment. This is the last phase of Jesus' messianic mission, a phase which is condensed in time but vast in its real significance: the spread of Christ's redemptive work to all men of all times and all places, for all who are saved have been made sharers in the redemption.

§635 Christ went down into the depths of death so that "the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live." Jesus, "the Author of life," by dying destroyed "him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and [delivered] all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage." Henceforth the risen Christ holds "the keys of Death and Hades," so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth."

IN BRIEF

§636 By the expression "He descended into hell," the Apostles' Creed confesses that Jesus did really die and through his death for us conquered death and the devil "who has the power of death" (Heb 2:14).

§637 In his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. He opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him.

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

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. Three, six-week blocks (taking place on Tuesdays) remain (**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, DMin, Lissahutcheson@outlook.com or call (619) 804-8950.

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.

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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EXPIRES ON MAY 31, 2026

AROUND THE DIOCESE

• Our Mother of Confidence, 3131 Governor Dr, San Diego, will host a Festa! / Fiesta! Italiana/ Mexicana on **Thu, May 14**. Mass begins at 6:00 pm; dinner and a short program begin at 7:00 pm. The night will include an evening of prayer, music and food celebrating **Casa de los Pobres and the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady of Peace**. All are welcome. RSVP by emailing: CasadelosPobresUSA@gmail.com.

• Bishop Michael Pham invites all families to join him in celebrating our Catholic faith as we are **“One Body in Christ”** on **Sat, May 23**, at Cathedral Catholic High School, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd, San Diego. This annual event, which celebrates the mosaic of cultures and languages that bring our faith to life in our diocese, starts with Mass at 11:00 am followed by a festival where Catholic communities will share their history and culture with free food samplings and musical entertainment. Everyone is invited to this extraordinary celebration of the universality of our Church.

• Rachel's Hope is putting on a **Healing Retreat after Abortion** from **May 29-31** at St. Mary’s, 102 East 13th Ave. Escondido. This event is recognized by the Diocese of San Diego and confidentiality is maintained. Group size is limited. Cost \$130; partial scholarships available. For info, call or text Andrea Finch, (619) 244-5021 or RachelsHope.org.

• **John Paul the Great Catholic University** invites you to attend the blessing of their new Creative Arts Complex in Escondido by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone on **Sat, Jun 13** at 1:30 pm. This state-of-the-art facility will support students in film, acting, design, and more, forming artists to impact culture for Christ. All are welcome to tour the campus and celebrate what God is doing through Catholic higher education in the arts. To RSVP for free, please visit jpcatholic.edu/go/grandopening

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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.

San Diego State University
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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.

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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.

BABY CLOTHES NEEDED

Birthline is in need of clothing, 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 Birthline at (858) 270-2491.

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.

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2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

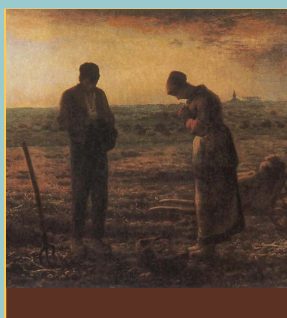
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