

MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

AUGUST 2, 2026

¡Siempre Adelante!

EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, AUG 6

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

~EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

5:30 PM (SAT) Ryan Lentz

7:30 AM †Len Casey

9:00 AM †Claire King

9:00 AM (SFC) Frances Su

10:30 AM Salvador Lopez
& Raul Villagrana

10:30 AM (SFC) For Healing

12:00 PM For the People of the Parish

5:30 PM (SFC) †John Prophete

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

~Weekday~

7:00 AM †Janet Anderson

5:30 PM †Ting Sit Shiu

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

~St. John Vianney, Priest~

7:00 AM †Dolores de Amante

5:30 PM †Edgardo Amante

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

~Weekday~

7:00 AM †Justino Flores

5:30 PM †Jack J. Brennan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

~THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD~

7:00 AM Intention of the Priest

5:30 PM Fabiola & Franz Amante

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

~Weekday~

7:00 AM Steven & Terese Smullen

5:30 PM For Priestly Vocations

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

~St. Dominic, Priest~

No Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

~NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

5:30 PM (SAT) Tom and Pat Utschig

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM †Domingo Martinez

9:00 AM (SFC) Intention of the Priest

10:30 AM Raul Villagrana
& Salvador Lopez

10:30 AM (SFC) Intention of the Priest

12:00 PM †Jio Sta. Maria

5:30 PM (SFC) †John J. Chappell



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them
to the crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.
- Mt 14:19c-20

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tel: (619) 624-0900

MISSION HISTORY

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Principal: Annalisa Burgos
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nazarethschool.org

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>

Neither Angels nor Principalities

BY ALICE CAMILLE



Certain scripture passages can make us feel rather foolish. Listening to the prophet today we realize we've all been

thirsty—and yet have, at times, obstinately and self-destructively refused to “come to the water.” More often than we'd like to admit, we've squandered our resources on “what is not bread” and can't hope to sustain us. “The hand of the Lord feeds us,” the psalmist insists; that doesn't imply that you and I come to the table of plenty to be fed.

Imagine being one of the 5,000 gathered before Jesus at that fateful hour by the Sea of Galilee. Your stomach is growling after a long day of teaching, and food is freely being offered around. Would you pass the basket without taking something from it? What an absurd choice that would be! Yet we do these things and some even more ridiculous. Because the banquet

of God's word is before us, full of rich fare, and we may ignore it. The sacraments are offered lavishly for our help week after week, and we may say: later. The community of faith gathers with its centuries-old deposit of faith, and we may choose to be lone rangers on the God-quest.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Paul asks. Not the deep life-crisis; not a worldly threat; not cosmic powers; and not even death. The only thing that can separate us from Christ is self-will—a thing that Paul does not mention in his list of dangers. Christ will not separate himself from us, but we can choose to separate ourselves from Christ, and it's a relatively simple uncoupling.

“The only thing that burns in hell is self-will”: So asserts the *Theologia Germanica*, an anonymous 16th-century document emerging from the same spiritual movement that produced the mystical theologian Meister Eckhart. Hell doesn't

have many fans these days, at least in its popular rendering as an eternal fiery torment. But when self-will pits itself against God's will, we're about to get burned, no matter what you care to call it. Jesus chose his Father's will above his own and is now united by that common will for all eternity. When we separate ourselves from Christ, we're making a far different choice. That demonstrates the remarkable autonomy of human freedom: You and I can do what even angels and principalities can't do, what even death is unable to achieve. Jesus puts his very life in our hands, but we can refuse it. He passes the basket of plenty, but we can decline the invitation. He offers us love that's stronger than death, but we can, if we insist, look elsewhere.

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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.

FAITH FORMATION

Catechesis is a lifelong process for all levels and all ages.

Ongoing faith formation is essential to help evangelize and transform the world.

We are accepting registrations through the end of Sept.



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**Faith Formation (Pre-K to Level 8), 2026-27
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For more information and fees, go to missionsandiego.org/faith-formation

**REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**

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 **Aug 5**.
- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Aug 6**.
- 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: **Aug 15**.

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:

Joe Bartel • Filipinas Milag Buan
Paloma Bravence • Erin Dalton
Finnley Leigh Dudenhefer • Suzanne Elassis
James Flynn • Sebastian Guerra
Randy Little • Barry Nunns • Robert Pastre
Sara Plaisted • Cynthia Rainbolt
Savannah Smith • Mark Turner
Christopher Wamsley
• Victims of Venezuelan earthquakes
• 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.

ADULT FORMATION — STUDY IN FAITH

The next bible study: **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**, will take place on Tuesdays **Aug 11 - Sept 15** 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.



AN ALTERNATIVE TO OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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PARISH SUPPORT

July 16-22, 2026

Plate:	\$5,699.63
Envelope:	\$6,459.89
Online:	\$7,245.60
Total:	\$19,405.12

Thank you for your support of our parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

The tradition of offering a Mass Intention is a deeply meaningful and ancient Catholic practice. Since the Holy Mass is the greatest and most powerful prayer of the Church, having a Mass offered for a specific intention is a powerful way to intercede for the living, pray for the dead, and give thanks to God.

To request a Mass intention at Mission San Diego, stop by our Visitor Center & Gift Shop and complete a Mass Intention Request Envelope. Requests for a specific date and time should be made at least one month in advance. If no date is requested, the Mass will be scheduled as soon as possible.

In the Diocese of San Diego, the recommended offering for a Mass intention is \$10.00. Offerings received from Mass intentions are given to the priest who celebrated the Mass as part of his compensation. At the Mission San Diego, priest's Mass intentions are announced by way of the Sunday bulletin.

FOLLOW US ONLINE

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MISSION SAN DIEGO *de* ALCALÁ



VISITOR CENTER & GIFT SHOP

— PART-TIME SALESCLERK — NEEDED

The Mission San Diego de Alcalá is seeking a **Part-Time Salesclerk** to assist visitors and support daily Visitor Center and Gift Shop operations. The ideal candidate is friendly, dependable, and able to work independently while providing excellent customer service.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Greeting visitors and assisting with purchases
- Operating the cash register
- Restocking merchandise and keeping displays tidy
- Opening and closing the Visitor Center and Gift Shop as scheduled

POSITION

- Part-time, non-benefited
- Starting pay: **\$18.25/hr**

REQUIREMENTS

- Strong customer service and communication skills
- Dependable, organized, able to multitask
- Able to stand for extended periods and lift 15–30 lbs
- Must be able to work weekends
- 16–19.5 hours per week

If interested, please contact Kay Lentz at

klentz@missionsandiego.org

for an employment application.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT MISSION CHURCH

FRI, AUG 7

**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

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

HOLY MATRIMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Troy Corpuz and Isabella Damian
and**

Anthony Alvarez and Katherine Merritt

who were married at the Mission San Diego on **Aug 1**.

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

BAPTISM

Welcome to the Christian Family!

Andrew Gabriel Gonzalez

Baptized on Aug 2

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

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Our neighbor, the Stella Apartments and the food bank at Holy Family Parish in Linda Vista are having difficulty keeping food on their shelves. Please bring a couple cans of soup, chili or other non-perishable foods to church on the weekend of the first Sunday of the month, it helps greatly. In Aug, coin donations will go to Nazareth School.

Mission-Aires

Welcoming New Members

The Mission-Aires promote goodwill and fellowship among parishioners of Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. We are open to parishioners age 50+. Contact

Mary Blakemore: mb92123@san.rr.com

2026 MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL

As part of the Missionary Cooperation Plan, Cristina Morais will be visiting our parish **this weekend** to speak on the Vincentian Congregation's life-changing ministry in Rwanda. Cristina has dedicated more than 20 years to Catholic ministry as a lay preacher, singer, retreat volunteer, and missionary. Since 2023, she has served as a Rwandan lay missionary with the Vincentian Congregation, helping support the Divine Retreat Centre.



Despite the desire to spread the good news, the Vincentians face extraordinary challenges as they serve their flocks' spiritual needs. Rwanda is 24th on a list of the 100 poorest countries in the world. The Rwandan mission was founded four years ago to spread the good news of the gospel. The mission brings much needed spiritual renewal to the community, particularly as many are still facing the effects of the Rwandan genocide 30 years ago.

The Vincentians serve the local population by providing biblical counseling, preaching of the Word of God, local evangelization and outreach services, with an emphasis on the sacramental life, including eucharistic adoration, Holy Mass, and the sacrament of reconciliation. They offer monthly retreats in Kinyarwanda (local language) at no cost to participants, and offer a monthly 5-day retreat in English, with a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Kibeho. As a young mission, they struggle to accommodate the hundreds of people that walk over 8-12 kilometers to pray at the center.

They are now now constructing a new retreat center that will accommodate 3,000 people. In just 4 years, they have seen immense spiritual growth and transformation in this community, but are still in desperate need of funding to grow.

Contributing just a few dollars goes a long way: \$10 provides a child with a uniform and school supplies; \$35 feeds a family for one month; \$75 feeds a child in school for one year; \$150 supports our orphanage serving refugee children.

Yellow Mission Cooperation Plan envelopes are available in the Mission Church and St. Francis Chapel. Please make checks payable to Office for the Missions. You can also donate by going to helptheimissions.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

• The **Men's Rosary Crusade** gathers at 9:00 am, every first Saturday of the month, at the corner of 6th and Laurel in Balboa Park. All men are welcome. The rosary intentions are for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the conversion of America, for families and for the unborn. For more information, email draguez@sbcglobal.net or call (619) 920-8363.

• Are you looking to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day? Sign up for an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on **Sept 18-20** at Mission San Luis Rey. Food and lodging are provided. Early registration is highly recommended. For more info go to: wwme.org.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ramon and Martha Kaeg

who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on **July 26**.

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

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.

MAINTENANCE WORKER NEEDED

The Mission San Diego has an opening for a part-time or full-time maintenance worker. The candidate must be able to work late-afternoon shifts, including nights and weekends. He or she must also be able to lift 25-50 lbs. Contact Kay Lentz at klentz@missionsandiego.org for more info.

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.



EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

On June 24, two earthquakes struck Venezuela—leaving hundreds dead and hundreds more injured, with numbers expected to climb as rescue teams search collapsed buildings. Thousands of people have been left without safe shelter and are vulnerable to hunger, illness and unsafe conditions. Will you give a gift now to help our sisters and brothers in Venezuela? You may also send donations to support the Church in Latin America. Make your check or money order payable to: "Church in Latin America" USCCB Office of National Collections, P. O. Box 96278, Washington DC 20090-6278. You can also donate to Catholic Relief Services at: crs.org



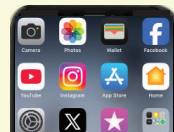
CONGRATULATIONS FR. DAN HOLGREN

Fr. Dan Holgren was the winner of this year's \$10,000 Draw Down! Fr. Dan's entry was the last ticket drawn during the Festival of the Bells "St. Didacus" celebratory dinner. Congratulations Fr. Dan!



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SERRA CLUB DINNER

Come celebrate the anniversary of the death of St. Junípero Serra (Aug 28, 1784) on **Wed, Aug 26** at the Mission San Diego. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Pulido at 5:30 pm in the St. Francis Chapel. A dinner reception will follow in the California Room, \$35 per person. Please RSVP by **Aug 19** to Robin at robin.geiter@gmail.com or (760) 224-6459. All are welcome — come be part of this meaningful celebration, the legacy of a great missionary at California's first mission. Proceeds benefit the priestly formation for the Diocese of San Diego.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Elisa Maria de Llanos

Funeral Mass took place on **July 29** in the Mission Church Interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery

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



MEN'S

PERSPECTIVE — GROUP —

The men's group meets the **first and third** Sunday of the month in the Parish Office Conference Room from **4:00 to 5:00 pm.**

NEXT MEETING:
SUN, AUGUST 2

For more info, txt:
Jerry Kwasek
(619) 742-9591

IN MISSION, WE ARE ONE



DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

Brochures are available in the Mission Church, St. Francis Chapel, and the parish office.

Or, go to the ACA link on missionsandiego.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

Have you ever considered serving as an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá?



We are seeking faithful parishioners who regularly participate in Mass and demonstrate reverence, commitment to God, and dedication to our parish community. If you have been inspired by the joyful and prayerful service of our Eucharistic Ministers, perhaps God is calling you to serve in this important ministry.

Qualified individuals must be: 1) at least 15 years of age; 2) a Baptized and Confirmed Catholic; 3) living an exemplary Christian life and are respected within the faith community; and 4) in a valid marriage in the Church, if married.

Training will be provided for those called to this ministry. If you are interested in learning more or wish to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Nora Smyth at norasmyth619@gmail.com.

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." Let the Lord use your gifts in service to His Church.

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