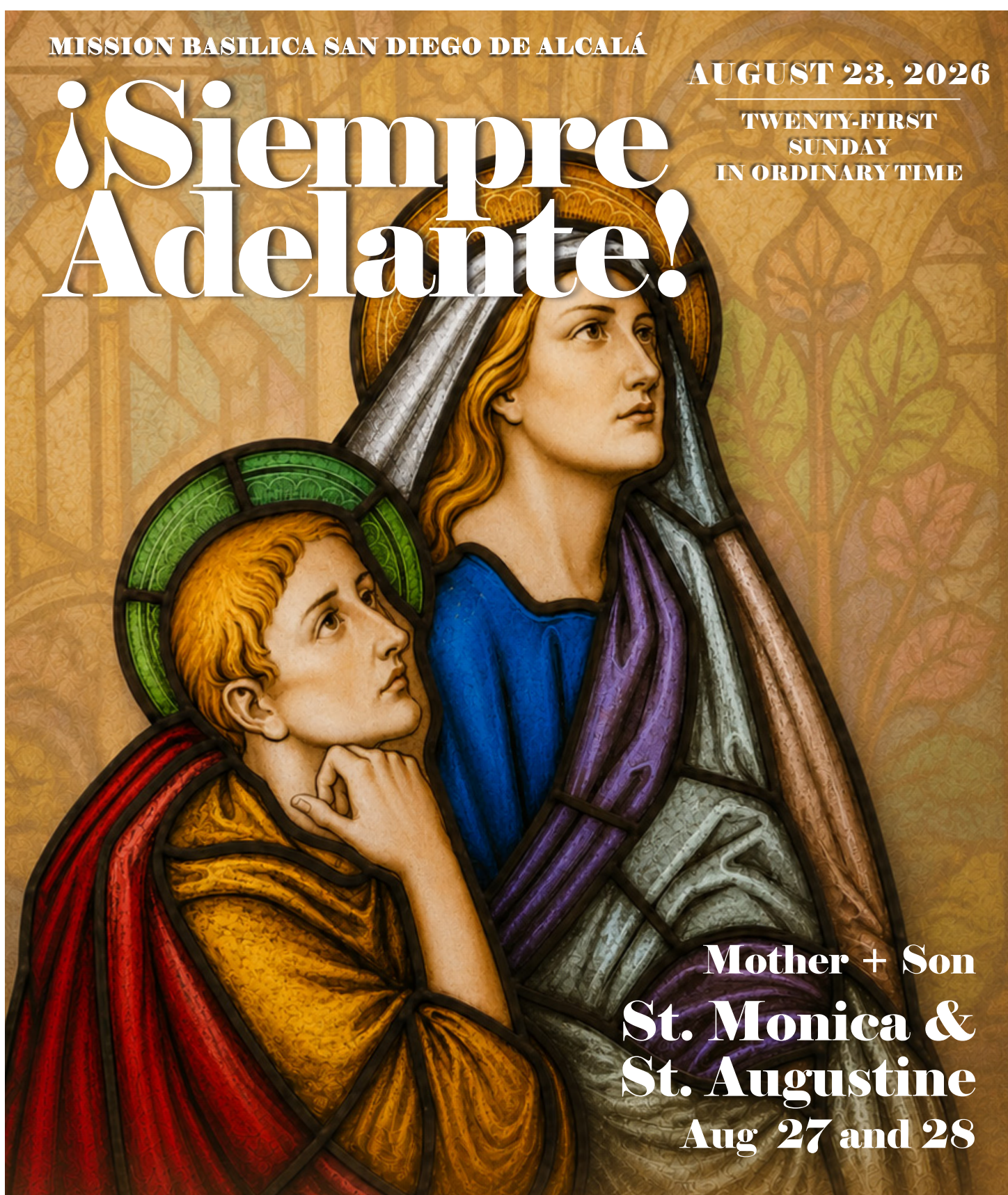


MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

AUGUST 23, 2026

¡Siempre Adelante!

TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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**St. Monica &
St. Augustine**
Aug 27 and 28

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

~TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME~

5:30 PM (SAT) †Macawaris Mangondato
7:30 AM †Leslie G. Nimmo
9:00 AM †Lt. Col. Gabriel Estrella
9:00 AM (SFC) For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM Raul Villagrana
& Salvador Lopez
10:30 AM (SFC) Nikolajs Bogdanovs
12:00 PM †Francis & †Joan Riley
5:30 PM (SFC) †Thomas M. Black

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

~ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE~

7:00 AM Steven Smullen
5:30 PM †Thomas M. Black

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

~Weekday~

7:00 AM †Thomas M. Black
5:30 PM †Pablo Sobingsobing

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

~Weekday~

7:00 AM †Thomas M. Black
5:30 PM †Rosa Olvera

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

~St. Monica~

7:00 AM †Thomas M. Black
5:30 PM Declan Mullins

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

~St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church~

7:00 AM †Bill Wheeler
5:30 PM Perrin & Lydia Wright

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

~The Passion of St. John the Baptist~

NO MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

~TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME~

5:30 PM (SAT) †Maureen Bibby
7:30 AM David's & Ewa's
Family and Friends
9:00 AM †Mary Kolazar
9:00 AM (SFC) †Magno & †Francisca
Pasadilla
10:30 AM Raul Villagrana
& Salvador Lopez
10:30 AM (SFC) †Rogelio G. Silva Ramos
12:00 PM †Lourdes Llave
5:30 PM (SFC) For the People of the Parish



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on
earth shall be bound in
heaven; and whatever you
loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven."
- Mt 16:19

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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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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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>

Getting a License to Drive

BY ALICE CAMILLE



Our God is very much into “forever.” Maybe if you’re an eternal Being you appreciate not having to do things twice. The

everlasting and abundant nature of God’s many attributes—goodness, kindness, justice, mercy, truth, power, glory, holiness—ensures that when God does a thing, it stays done. So, too, with God’s word which, once uttered, takes effect and remains in force.

Human beings, by contrast, have the tendency to be fickle and partial in what we say and do. Our efforts are rarely more than 90 percent, often more like 50-50. We’re committed to people and ideals up to the point of personal cost; from there it gets dicey which way we’ll go. It’s not that we’re false when we speak. It’s just that we lose our early resolve, or change our minds when the effort becomes greater than we imagined. So promises are revoked; labor

becomes halfhearted; marriages fail; holy young priests become cynical older ones.

Saint Paul admits to the Romans that mortals just can’t fathom God’s way. God is ageless and deep, and we’re not. Rather than seeing that as cause for despair, the realization inspires Paul to praise. Knowing who God is and who we are—distinguishing divine nature from our human one—makes it all the more astonishing that God chooses to love and forgive us. To which we like Paul must respond: To him be glory forever!

Acceptance of our weakness leads to the twin spirits of awe and humility. Denial, meanwhile, will certainly drag us in the direction of arrogance and ruin. We’ll go the way of Shebna, taken down a peg in his mastery of the palace. He’s replaced by Eliakim—who will go the same way by the end of the chapter. We meet Saint Peter today at a crucial crossroads of self-awareness. He’s blurted out the true identity of Jesus, a thing he hardly knew until he said it. Jesus

pronounces him blessed for that. The temptation for Peter is to believe he’s smarter than everyone else for having guessed the right answer. The challenge is to embrace the reality that he’s been divinely inspired.

Recently I saw a stained-glass window portraying Peter receiving the keys of the Kingdom. Instead of the usual oversize skeleton key he’s traditionally handed in such images, the artist chose to render the presentation unmistakably as car keys. At first you’re tempted to scoff at the anachronism. Then the religious imagination takes over. The Kingdom is not a static idea: not a place to get to, but a path to walk—or perhaps a road to navigate? Once Peter gets the keys, he’s give divine license to drive. For every new driver, it’s a sobering responsibility.

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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.



**REGISTER NOW
FOR 2026-27 YEAR
CLASSES BEGIN SEPT 13**

**Faith Formation (Pre-K to Level 8), 2026-27
Confirmation Preparation (High School), 2026-27**

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 **Sept 2**.
- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Sept 3**.
- 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: **Sept 19**.

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
Finnley Leigh Dudenhefer • Suzanne Elassis
James Flynn • Sebastian Guerra • Randy Little
Maria Inez Martin • Bernardo Orozco Olivares
Sara Plaisted • Cynthia Rainbolt • Savannah Smith
Mark Turner • Chris Wamsley
• Victims earthquakes and natural disasters
• 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

Aug 6-12, 2026

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Envelope:	\$10,343.00
Online:	\$6,102.63
Total:	\$23,010.14

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.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the Christian Family!

Matthew Mora Magante

Baptized on Aug 16

Alejandro Jesus Lopez-Ayala

Emily Juliette Lopez-Ayala

Alan Andrew Berrier

Baptized on Aug 22

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

BLOOD DRIVE

As part of our to our community, the Mission San Diego is hosting a blood drive on **Sun, Sept 13** from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm in the California Room. Please reserve a time at mysddb.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/85687.

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.



ST. MONICA AND ST. AUGUSTINE**Holiness Runs in the Family**

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

**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.

POOR BOX

The Mission San Diego's "poor box" is located in the wall of the Mission Church, near the main courtyard door. Money collected helps support our Social Action Committee and other charities that benefit the poor.



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, SEPT 6

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

Bringing men together for healthy discussions on how to be the best version of themselves

CATHOLIC Q&A**QUESTION**

In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.

ANSWER:

Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.

MISSION-AIRES

The Mission-aires will host their first lunch of the season on **Tue, Sept 8** at 11:30 am in the California Room. Wear your Red, White and Blue and bring a Book for our Book exchange to celebrate Literacy Month. A speaker from the San Diego Library will give a presentation. Lunch will be baked chicken thighs, baked beans, corn and fresh fruit. All parishioners age 50+ are welcome, RSVP not necessary. Lunch \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Yearly membership cost is \$20.

**BABY CLOTHES NEEDED**

Birthingline 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. Diapers are also greatly needed in sizes 4, 5 and 6. For info, call (858) 270-2491.

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 **World-wide 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.

• **Retrouvaille** is a Catholic ministry for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retreats in Spanish (**Sept 18-19**) and English (**Sept 25-26**) will be held in San Diego County. For more info, go to helpour-marriage-sandiego.org.



BINGO NIGHT

FREE BINGO GAMES, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
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SEPTEMBER 12
6:30 PM

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Join CIH for our **2026 Fall event!**
We're so grateful for your ongoing support for survivors of sex trafficking. We hope to see you at this fun evening!

SCAN FOR MORE INFO



SAVE THE DATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OKTOBERFEST

The Knights of Columbus are once again bringing an authentic German experience to Mission San Diego with their annual Oktoberfest on **Sat, Oct 3**, in the California Room. Enjoy delicious food from award-winning Bekker's Catering — the No. 1-rated caterer in the U-T Readers Poll in 2016 and No-3 in the San Diego Business Journal for gross catering sales in 2024 — along with entertainment from a lively three-piece oompah band. Details and pricing coming soon!



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.



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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 Sept, coin donations will go to Stella Apartments, housing for formerly homeless adults.

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. Please be advised, this bin is for clothing and shoes ONLY.



ARE YOU REGISTERED?

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

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 later this year.



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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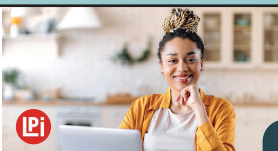
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