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JULY 12, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, JULY 12

~FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

- 5:30 PM (SAT)** †For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 7:30 AM** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM** †Mark C. Savarese
- 9:00 AM (SFC)** Tammy Delacuesta
- 10:30 AM** †Jose Amante
- 10:30 AM (SFC)** Cinzia Pinamouti
- 12:00 PM** †Robert Garcia
- 5:30 PM (SFC)** Patrick Dooley

MONDAY, JULY 13

~Weekday~

- 7:00 AM** †Richard Mawson
- 5:30 PM** †For the Holy Souls – St. Patrick Cemetery

TUESDAY, JULY 14

~St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (USA)~

- 7:00 AM** †Gustavo J. Sosa
- 5:30 PM** †Stephanie Maza

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

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

- 7:00 AM** †Hector Estevane
- 5:30 PM** †Gilbert Villavicencio

THURSDAY, JULY 16

~Weekday~

- 7:00 AM** Cinzia Pinamouti
- 5:30 PM** †Aurora Maria Dragon

FRIDAY, JULY 17

~Weekday~

- 7:00 AM** Diana Seixas
- 5:30 PM** †Bernadine Walther

SATURDAY, JULY 18

~Weekday~

NO MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 19

~SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

- 5:30 PM (SAT)** †Lou Mengoli
- 7:30 AM** For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM** †Frank & †Frances Savarese
- 9:00 AM (SFC)** Noha Kelling
- 10:30 AM** †Manuel R. Lujan
- 10:30 AM (SFC)** †Jesus Michel - Gonzalez
- 12:00 PM** The Ricci Family
- 5:30 PM (SFC)** Trudy Jones



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”
- Mt 13:23

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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

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missionsandiegohistory.org

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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>

Sit with the Mystery

BY ALICE CAMILLE



Storytelling is a time-honored occupation. We may not sit around the tribal campfire anymore to hear what the bards have to say, but we do plop onto the sofa in front of the TV, fire up Netflix on the computer or tablet, or read an old-fashioned novel in bed—with or without an e-reader. That is curious behavior, of course, because there are far easier ways to get information. As a comedian once said: “I took a speed reading course and read *War and Peace* in 20 minutes. It involves Russia.” Those who actually read the 1,200 pages of *War and Peace*—or even stop a few hours to enjoy the movie—are looking for more from Tolstoy than a synopsis of the plot.

When Jesus approached his teaching straightforwardly—in the Sermon on the Mount, in proverbs, or in direct answers to questions—he showed himself capable of getting

right to the point. So why did he more frequently choose to linger and tell so many parables? It wasn’t a time-efficient means of getting the catechetical job done. Many parables can be reduced to a simple sentence: God forgives sinners. God expects us to be generous. But in parable form the long story stands in for the short thesis, and happily so. The story sticks in the memory longer, adhering to the heart or to the gut better than an admonition alone would do.

Yet the longer we sit with a parable, turning it over in our minds, the more facets we uncover. Ambiguities and inconsistencies surface that trouble our desire for simplicity. We want a yes-or-no answer, a God whose rules are easy to understand and which match our sense of justice and order. What we often get with parables is a God who doesn’t add up neatly, a framework for justice that challenges more than it comforts.

When the disciples ask Jesus why he prefers this teaching method when

it is so imprecise, he replies that mystery is the intended result. Those prepared to stop, ponder, and listen will hear. Those looking to chalk up another commandment with which to bludgeon their neighbor or keep their children in line will be disappointed.

Wisdom teachers across the ages might agree, whether Native American elders passing on ancestral myths or gurus offering their tight little koans. The easy answer turns out to be no answer at all. If you’re not willing to sit with a mystery, you don’t get to pierce its secrets. The seed that goes down into the rich soil must burrow a long way, roots pushing through the Earth and incorporating water and minerals to achieve the eventual return to the surface. Only then will the shoot produce its fruit.

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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

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

YOUNG ADULT MASS

The Diocese of San Diego invites you to a Young Adult Mass at The Immaculata Catholic Church on **Sun, July 12** at 6:00 pm. Bishop Felipe Pulido will celebrate Mass. Adoration and confessions begin at 5:00 pm.

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: **July 18**.

- 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**.

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 • Suzanne Elassis
- James Flynn • Sebastian Guerra • Luvimin Lacayanga
- Everilda Markward • Barry Nunns • Miko Pham
- Nick Sokach • Mark Turner
- Victims of Venezuelan earthquake
- 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.



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PARISH SUPPORT

June 25 - July 1, 2026

Plate:	\$6,079.32
Envelope:	\$6,668.00
Online:	\$4,344.50
Total:	\$17,091.82

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.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

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

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.



July 17–19, 2026

EVENTS INCLUDE

Fri, July 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm “St. Didacus Dinner”

in the central courtyard,
featuring a “Taste of Italy”
catered Italian dinner.

*Entertainment by The Hot Pursuit Band
and the famous \$10,000 Draw Down!*

Adults: \$35.00 Children: \$20.00

Gates open at 6:00 pm.
Seating is limited to 175 people.

Sat, July 18, 10:00 am

Blessing of the Animals and reception.

Sun, July 19, 12:00 pm

Anniversary Mass with Blessing of the Bells
followed by a reception.

Dinner tickets are available exclusively online at
missionsandiego.org/festival-of-the-bells

\$10,000 DRAW DOWN

This year’s Festival of the Bells, will once again feature a \$10,000 Draw Down! The winner of the Draw Down – the ticket holder or holders of the last ticket to be drawn – will win \$10,000!

Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each and are sure to sell out. Group or “syndicate” tickets – where two or more people contribute to the price of the ticket – are permitted.

Draw Down ticket order forms are available on the round table in the center of the church, the Visitor Center and Gift Shop, the parish office, and by scanning the QR code below.



Go to missionsandiego.org/festival-of-the-bells or click on the QR Code for more info on the Festival of the Bells, get a Draw Down ticket form, or to purchase tickets for the St. Didacus Dinner.

USHERS NEEDED

The Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá is seeking additional volunteer ushers – both men and women – to assist at our weekend liturgies. As California’s first Mission and a place of pilgrimage, we welcome many visitors each week. Our ushers help extend the Mission’s spirit of hospitality by greeting parishioners and guests, assisting with seating, supporting the collection, ensuring a prayerful flow to the liturgy, and preparing the church for the next Mass. If you re interested in becoming an usher, contact Cecil Boyd at ctnboyd@att.net. Thank you!



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.

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.

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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.

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.

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? Donate to Catholic Relief Services at: crs.org

HOLY MATRIMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Mateo Gonzalez and Grace Rodenbeck
who were married at the Mission San Diego on July 11.

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

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FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Jorge Rodriguez

Funeral Mass took place on **June 26** at St. Mary of the Assumption (Whittier, CA); Interment at Memory Garden Memorial Park (Brea, CA)

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

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.

• **Msgr. Robert J. Ecker**, who ministered in the Diocese of San Diego, died June 3. Msgr. Ecker served as a supply priest at St. Didacus, Immaculate Conception, and at Nazareth House. A funeral Mass was held on June 24 in Montauk, NY,



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**



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

FLOCKNOTE

Keep in touch with parish events via text/email by signing up to get our Flocknote. Sign up by texting “ALCALA” to 84576.



IN MISSION, WE ARE ONE

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

2026 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

Thank you for supporting our diocese and parish!



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