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JULY 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH 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 27

~SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

**5:30 PM SAT** Fred Rouch

**7:30 AM** †Patricia Cote

**9:00 AM** Lucena L. Prietos

**9:00 AM (SFC)** †June Thomas

**10:30 AM** Intention of the Priest

**10:30 AM (SFC)** Maria Garibay

**12:00 PM** †Pasquale and †Joan Perrone

**5:30 PM (SFC)** For the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, JULY 28

~Weekday~

**7:00 AM** Erna Claveria

**5:30 PM** †Estelita Reyes

### TUESDAY, JULY 29

~Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus~

**7:00 AM** †Bob Geiser

**5:30 PM** †Romeo Claveria

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

~Weekday~

**7:00 AM** †Timothy Hettinger

**5:30 PM** †Jack Jowett

### THURSDAY, JULY 31

~St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest~

**7:00 AM** Angela McCarron

**5:30 PM** Intention of the Priest

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

~St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop,  
Doctor of the Church~

**7:00 AM** Intention of the Priest

**5:30 PM** Intention of the Priest

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

~Weekday~

**8:00 AM** Sharon Economon

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

~EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

**5:30 PM SAT** †Adele and †Joseph Nahas

**7:30 AM** †Connie Franklin

**9:00 AM** †Vito Ferrantello

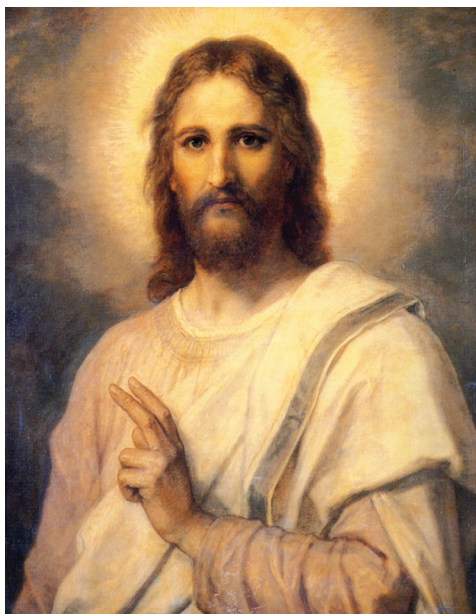
**9:00 AM (SFC)** †Pfc. Michael P. Halpin

**10:30 AM** Intention of the Priest

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**12:00 PM** †James Markham, Sr.

**5:30 PM (SFC)** For the People of the Parish



## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

### VISITOR CENTER/GIFT SHOP

Rhonda Sosa, Manager  
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Tel: (619) 281-8449

### MSGR. HALTER ARCHIVES

Hours - Tuesday & Thursday  
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

### NAZARETH SCHOOL

Principal: Annalisa Burgos  
Tel: (619) 641-7987  
[nazarethschool.org](http://nazarethschool.org)

### MISSION HISTORY

[missionsandiegohistory.org](http://missionsandiegohistory.org)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tel: (619) 624-0900

### 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](mailto:atarantino@missionsandiego.org).  
All submissions are subject to approval.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Online: <https://bible.usccb.org>

# A Survival Kit for Mortals

BY ALICE CAMILLE



Asking for help is a curiously difficult thing to do. Once we're no longer kids, we take a distinct pride in being self-sufficient. Back in

college I remember signing a lease on a basement apartment for the summer. It was a bargain: only \$12 a week. But it came with a plumbing problem: Each time it rained, the water flooded up to my knees. Needless to say, the mold was acute. Mushrooms grew in the bathroom. But I would not complain to the absent landlords nor would I dream of asking my parents for a bailout. I was going to live with my choices, even if the consequences were insanely undesirable.

We joke about being unable to ask for directions while hopelessly lost. We allow debt to grow over our heads but refuse to call the financial counselor. Our marriages chill to the point of freezing, but we don't seek the as-

sistance of couples counselors. We're lonely but won't leave the house. We know we're drinking too much but won't visit AA. We're unwell but won't see a doctor. We sin and don't go to Confession. Pride keeps us from taking a single step out of the misery in which we find ourselves mired.

So we can understand how the folks in Sodom and Gomorrah got in way over their heads and didn't have the sense to cry for mercy. Abraham, who didn't even live in those cities, was the only person willing to make the case for their pardon, for the sake of the innocent. He asked and asked, bargaining God down on the number, and God relented each time.

Abraham, however, never asked for fewer than 10 innocents. He relied on the goodness of others too much, and so two cities wound up in ruins. If only someone in Sodom had been asking, too! If only one person on each block would seek mercy for our modern cities, perhaps fewer of them

would suffer social degradation and ruin. Maybe we should have designated Prayer Watch reps in each neighborhood to guarantee the safety of the populace.

Ask, Jesus says, and you will receive. The problem lies in that too many of us refuse to ask. Pride won't allow us to admit there's a problem or that it's our problem and not someone else's. Pride won't take the risk of appearing weak, foolish, or wrong—yet mortality ensures that we're frail, lacking in knowledge, and error-prone. We deny our nature when we deny these things, and we put ourselves in jeopardy—and the people we care about most in jeopardy, too—when we refuse to ask for the help we need. Don't settle for a snake when what you really need is a fish..

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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](http://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 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, the next rosary is **Aug 6**.
- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Aug 7**.
- 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 16**.

## ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Join our faith community by completing a registration form at [missionsandiego.org](http://missionsandiego.org) or visit our Visitor Center during regular business hours.

## ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND FIRST SATURDAY MASS MISSION CHURCH

**FRI, AUG 1**

**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 followed by Exposition of the MBS

**6:00 - 6:30 pm** Exposition of the MBS

**6:35 pm** Benediction of the MBS

**SAT, AUG 2**

**First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am**

## FOLLOW US ONLINE

[www.missionsandiego.org](http://www.missionsandiego.org)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:*

**Joe Bartel • Larry Digesti • Connie Ewens  
Sebastian Guerra • Kevin Holland • Orlando Icasiano  
Sandra Lopez • Jason Plaisted • Meghan Smith  
Fred Rouch • John Sawaya • Don Stafford**

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

## VETERAN'S RETREAT

"Coming Home" is a free single-day retreat for veterans and adult family members of veterans, or active duty military. The retreat will be held **Sat, Aug 9**, from 9:00 am and end with an optional closing Mass at 5:00 pm, at the Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside. The retreat is facilitated by Father Ed McKenzie, a Franciscan priest in residence at the Mission. Father Ed is a Vietnam combat veteran and father of two sons, one of whom is a combat veteran, as well. Veteran's issues have always been close to his heart. Fr. Ed suffers the effects of PTSD and moral injury and speaks from a "firsthand" experience about this plague that veterans suffer. He describes himself as a "wounded healer." The retreat is free, but you must register at <http://bit.ly/46cyO9Y>



## AN ALTERNATIVE TO OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



The Mission San Diego offers an easy-to-use contribution system for both one-time and recurring gifts. Powered by WeShare, electronic giving is safe, secure, and convenient. To learn more and get started, please scan the QR code or visit our website [missionsandiego.org](http://missionsandiego.org) and select the "Donate Now" link.

## PARISH SUPPORT

July 10-16, 2025

Plate:	\$5,907.85
Envelope:	\$7,577.12
Online:	\$3,567.09
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$17,052.06</b>

*Thank you for your support of our parish!*

## CATHOLIC Q&A

### QUESTION

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

### ANSWER

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.

## NAZARETH SCHOOL NEWS

Nazareth School, serving children from Preschool through Eighth Grade, is now enrolling for Fall 2025. Conveniently located next to Mission San Diego, Nazareth School provides a nurturing, faith-filled environment where young learners grow academically and spiritually. Guided by the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth, we offer a strong Catholic education, one-to-one technology, sports, music, clubs, and a warm, welcoming community. Come see why families love Nazareth School! Call (619) 641-7987 or visit [nazarethschool.org](http://nazarethschool.org) for more information. (Preschool License #376700726)



## TEXAS FLOODS

Torrential rains and devastating flash flooding have brought disaster to parts of central Texas, with more than 100 killed as the search for the missing continues. Please donate today — all funds will support local recovery.

Join us in praying for those suffering. To donate, go to [CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://CatholicCharitiesUSA.org).





# 2025 FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS IN REVIEW



## FAITH FORMATION

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For more information ...

[missionsandiego.org/faith-formation](https://missionsandiego.org/faith-formation)

If needed, we can provide you with a payment plan.

## ADULT FORMATION — STUDY IN FAITH

You are invited to a Study in Faith on **A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church**. Purchase a workbook (Cost \$39.95) at [ascensionpress.com](https://ascensionpress.com). Also a Catechism of the Catholic Church, purchased where books are sold, and a Catholic translation of the Bible. The study takes place on **Tuesdays through Nov 11** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the California Room. **The class will not meet July 29 and Aug 26.** There is no cost to attend, just your time! To register, contact: Lissa Hutcheson, M.A. [Lissahutcheson@outlook.com](mailto:Lissahutcheson@outlook.com) or call (619) 804-8950.



## 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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## 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.

## DRAW DOWN WINNER

Congratulations to parishioner **Carla Ingle** (see cover) the winner of this year's \$10,000 Draw Down. Carla's number was the last to be selected during Friday evening's "St. Didacus" Dinner.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

• Please join us for the next **"Love Our Priests"** Mass at **10 am on Sat, Aug 2** at Ascension Catholic Parish in Tierrasanta. Come meet **Fr. Edgar Serrano**. This popular, priest will be sharing his journey to the priesthood with a brief history of what led him to serve God in the Church. We follow with a pot-luck luncheon. For info, contact [jeanlaskey@outlook.com](mailto:jeanlaskey@outlook.com)



• **St. Elizabeth Steton** Catholic Church in Carlsbad is hosting a **"Coping with Life Alone"** program on **Sat, July 26** from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm for widowed, divorced and separated people going through a loss of a spousal relationship. Cost of \$50 includes meal, snacks and drink. For info, call Vicki (858) 748-2273 (no texts).

## 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](mailto:lissahutcheson@outlook.com). Go to [missionsandiego.org/ocia](https://missionsandiego.org/ocia) for more information.

## GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Our Visitor Center and Gift Shop is seeking volunteers. For info, contact Rhonda Sosa at [rsosa@missionsandiego.org](mailto:rsosa@missionsandiego.org).





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## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

With increasing food 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 (**Aug 2-3**) helps greatly. Coin donations go to Mission San Diego Religious Education. Please support the SAC's effort to reach out to help our brothers and sisters in the community.

## BABY CLOTHES NEEDED

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

## CHILD AND 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](http://safeinourdiocese.org) to read about efforts in the Diocese of San Diego to protect children, assist victims, and promote healing.



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 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."  
 — 1 Peter 4:10.

## 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Our Diocesan-assigned goal is: \$92,000**

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

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