

MISSION BASILICA SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

¡Siempre Adelante!



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PRIEST'S INTENTIONS FOR MASS

Masses at Mission Church unless noted
SFC - Saint Francis Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

~TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME~

5:30 PM SAT †Henry Gorski
7:30 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM †Maeve Lyons
9:00 AM (SFC) Bernie Geising
10:30 AM Deceased members
of the Prendergast Family
10:30 AM (SFC) Intention of the Priest
12:00 PM †Frank Bibby
5:30 PM (SFC) †Richard Kramer

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

~Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels~

7:00 AM †Robert Garcia
5:30 PM Intention of the Priest

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

~St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church~

7:00 AM †John Cameron
5:30 PM †Diane Neves

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

~St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin, Doctor of the Church~

7:00 AM †Janet McArtor
5:30 PM †Diana Souder

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

~The Holy Guardian Angels~

7:00 AM †Dorothy Jean Ann Fox
5:30 PM Jason Wise

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

~Weekday~

7:00 AM †Tony Holland
5:30 PM †Barbara Ann Mirales

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

~St. Francis of Assisi~

8:00 AM Intention of the Priest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

~TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME~

5:30 PM SAT †Fred Rouch
7:30 AM Rev. Raymond Philip Napuli
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
9:00 AM (SFC) †Joseph David Izidoro, Jr.
10:30 AM †Katherine Riley
10:30 AM (SFC) †Rogelio Silva Ramos
12:00 PM †James Markham, Sr.
5:30 PM (SFC) †John Jacob Chappell



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’”
- Lk 16:25

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PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

VISITOR CENTER/GIFT SHOP

Rhonda Sosa, Manager
Open daily - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
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

MISSION HISTORY

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.
All submissions are subject to approval.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

To Hell in a Very Nice Basket?

BY ALICE CAMILLE



People in the United States are among the most generous on Earth. We're also among the guiltiest: That is, we feel guilty about our many advantages. But are we actually guilty of anything besides success—and is it a sin, in the end, to be comfortable? That's the lurking suspicion that makes many of us uncomfortable. Somehow we've absorbed the idea that God doesn't like rich people.

Does the Bible make the case against the rich? On the contrary, it's easy to make a defense for the rich. "Blessing theology" fearlessly maintains that prosperity is evidence of virtue. Wealth, health, lots of children, and a long life are biblical signs of God's favor. It's a quid pro quo spirituality that's always been popular and remains intact despite the prevailing economic conditions. Its primary attraction is that it puts all the control for our quality of life in our

hands. We know what to do to make God and ourselves happy in one fell swoop. Blessing theology is the best insurance policy you can buy.

But is it vaporware? In the poem by Edwin Arlington Robinson, Richard Cory glitters when he walks and still puts a bullet in his head. Otherwise physically healthy folks experience depression. People with umpteen children may not enjoy happy families. Not all who reach the age of 90 are glad they did. Material success and satisfaction are not birthed as twins. On the other hand, the mythical relationship between poverty and virtue is likewise fiction. In the parable of Lazarus we see no mention that the man covered with sores is morally superior to the rich man who barely notes him.

What bothers the prophet Amos (who's easily bothered) and what condemns Dives (Latin for "rich guy") is the same fault: not that people are prosperous but that prosperity has led to indifference. Amos never says that folks on beds of ivory chowing down on farm animals

sin by doing so; that is not an indictment against Sealy Posturepedic or a manifesto of vegetarianism (Amos is both a shepherd and a tree farmer!). Nor does Jesus imply that Dives does badly in eternity for doing so well on Earth. The crime that enrages the prophets and consigns Dives to the netherworld is, simply, not caring. The poor suffered, and the comfortable changed the channel.

"I've got mine" can seem like a good life plan. We can extend that to "my family has theirs" or "our nation has ours," but it all comes down to the same dangerous scenario. You know that chasm between where Lazarus is and Dives wants to be in the end? Dives dug that with his own two hands. Too bad it never occurred to him to build a bridge instead.

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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 alicecammille.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, next rosary is **Oct 2**.
- A Pro-Life Rosary is prayed every first Thurs in the Mission Church at 5:00 pm. Next rosary: **Oct 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: **Oct 18**.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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 non-perishable foods to church on the weekend of the first Sunday of the month helps greatly. In Oct, coin donations go to Children of the Immaculate Heart, a home for girls who have been trafficked.

UPCOMING FUNERAL LITURGY

Joe Romero

Tues, Oct 3 • Mission Church, 1:00 pm

Burial to follow at Miramar National Cemetery, 3:00 pm

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

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

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

DOCENT CLASSES

The Mission San Diego will conduct a class in the Fall for prospective docents. Docents are volunteers and are trained in documented history and lead groups on tours of our historic Mission Church and grounds. Classes take place on Saturday mornings from **Oct 4-Nov 8**. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Janet Bartel at janetbartel@aol.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Joe Bartel • Mark Antonio

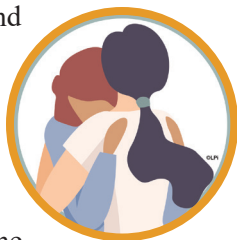
Hernandez Francis Lee • John Sawaya

Don Stafford • Veronica Tavelan • Mark Turner

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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

The Beginning Experience weekend — intended for divorced, widowed and separated men/women — focuses on healing and moving beyond grief in a supportive and caring environment with others that are going through and have gone through the same experiences. The weekend will be held at the beautiful and serene Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside, on **Oct 10-12**. If you know someone experiencing the pain of loss, Beginning Experience can help. For further information contact beginningexperiencesd@gmail.com or Vicki (858) 748-2273.



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 and select the “Donate Now” link.

PARISH SUPPORT

Sept 11-17, 2025

Plate:	\$6,144.10
Envelope:	\$8,167.15
Online:	\$2,880.77
Total:	\$17,192.02

Thank you for your support of our parish!

CATHOLIC Q&A

QUESTION

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

ANSWER

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).



Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (AL, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

HEALING RETREAT

A Healing retreat for after abortion (for Catholic or Catholic-friendly) will be given by Rachel’s Hope on **Oct 3-5**. The event is professionally led and will be held at 4551 Moraga Ave, San Diego. Recognized by the Diocese of San Diego and confidentiality maintained the retreat included a closing Mass. Group Size is limited. Cost \$120; partial scholarships available. Housing provided. “Not judged, not lectured, just healed”. For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022; text (858) 752-9378 or email rachels_hope@juno.com. For more info, go to RachelsHope.org.

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

FRI, OCT 3

**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, OCT 4

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 am

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Santa Rita Abbey, a Cistercian community in the heart of the Arizona desert, invites you to experience the peace and rhythm of monastic life from **Oct 3-5** in Sonoita, Ariz. The weekend is open to women 20-40 years old, who are interested in or discerning religious life. For more info, call (520) 455-5595 or email santaritavocations@gmail.com.

• **Casa de los Pobres** and the **Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady of Peace**, will celebrate with an Italian Festa/Mexican Fiesta on **Fri, Oct 10** at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 2766 Navajo Road in El Cajon. For more info, call (619) 755-7363 or email CasadelosPobresUSA@gmail.com.

BAPTISM

Welcome to the Christian Family!

Levi Giovanni Orosco

Baptized on Sept 27

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

HOLY MATRIMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Humberto Mateo Gonzalez Samaniego
and Montserrat Sanchez**

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Marcus Correnti and Justine Bie

who were married at the Mission San Diego on **Sept 27**.

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

OPEN HOUSE

St. Augustine High School cordially invites students and families to an "Open House" on **Sun, Nov 2**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Learn what the St. Augustine "Experience" is all about, no RSVP necessary. Tours from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm; Presentation (Academics-Boy Specific, Entrance Exam, Retreats, Visual/Performing Arts, Athletics, Financial Aid, Clubs, Student Government) from 12:10 to 1:00 pm; Tours, Q&A and BBQ from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. St. Augustine High School is located at 3266 Nutmeg St, San Diego. For more info, call (619) 282-1203 or go to www.sahs.org.



THE JESUS PRAYER, EXPLAINED

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.



MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

Mission-Aires

Welcoming New Members

The Mission-Aires promote goodwill and fellowship among parishioners of Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá and work closely with all organizations of the parish. We are open to parishioners age 50+.

Meetings every second Tuesday of the month (Sept - June). Doors open at 11:00 am, meeting at 11:30 am. A delicious lunch is served at 12:00 pm.

Yearly dues are \$20; lunch \$10.

Contact Mary Blakemore: mb92123@san.rr.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 2025-26 YEAR
CLASSES BEGAN SEPT 7**

Pre-K to Level 8 Faith Formation

First student: \$168.00 credit card or \$163.00 cash/check

Additional students, same household:
\$139.00 credit card or \$133.00 cash/check

High School Confirmation Preparation

First student: \$226.00 credit card or \$219.00 cash/check

Additional students, same household:
\$179.00 credit card or \$174.00 cash/check

For more information ...

missionsandiego.org/faith-formation

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

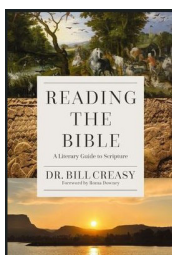
ADULT FORMATION — STUDY IN FAITH

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. 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 18** 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, M.A. Lissahutcheson@outlook.com or call (619) 804-8950.



NEW BOOK ON THE BIBLE

In "Reading the Bible: A Literary Guide to Scripture," Dr. Bill Creasy leads you on an unforgettable adventure book-by-book, Genesis through Revelation. Stemming from his popular course at UCLA, The English Bible as Literature, this work delves deeply into the text of the Bible, unveiling its rich literary genres and ancient Near Eastern origins. Dr. Creasy is a parishioner of the **Mission San Diego de Alcalá** and served on the UCLA English Department faculty for nearly thirty years where he taught his flagship course, The English Bible as Literature. You can visit him at his website, logosbiblestudy.com.



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.

Present this ad and get

10% off

All Items

EXPIRES ON OCTOBER 31, 2025

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.

MEN'S PERSPECTIVE GROUP

Join us in the California Room from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Next meeting: **Sun, Oct 5**. For more info, txt: Jerry Kwasek (619) 742-9591.

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 information.

GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Our Visitor Center and Gift Shop is seeking volunteers. For info, contact Rhonda Sosa at rsosa@missionsandiego.org.

We Have Fresh Baked Dudley Bread!

Sept 27 & 28 after all the Masses

A team of Columbiettes will drive to Santa Ysabel to pick up freshly baked top 6 best-selling flavors of Dudley Bread, Date Nut Raisin, Jalapeno Cheddar, Cinnamon Raisin, Julian Apple Nut, Rosemary and Olive Oil, and San Diego Sourdough.



\$7
per loaf

Funds raised for the Mission parish.

Stop by our table after Mass and pick up a loaf or two of your favorite bread!

Columbiettes of
Saint Junipero Serra
Council 9498



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www.missionsandiego.org

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 to read about efforts in the Diocese of San Diego to protect children, assist victims, and promote healing.

WEDDING COORDINATOR MINISTRY

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 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.

ADVANCING OUR Mission



DIOCESE OF
SAN DIEGO

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.

Or, go to the ACA link on missionsandiego.org

Thank you for supporting our diocese and parish!