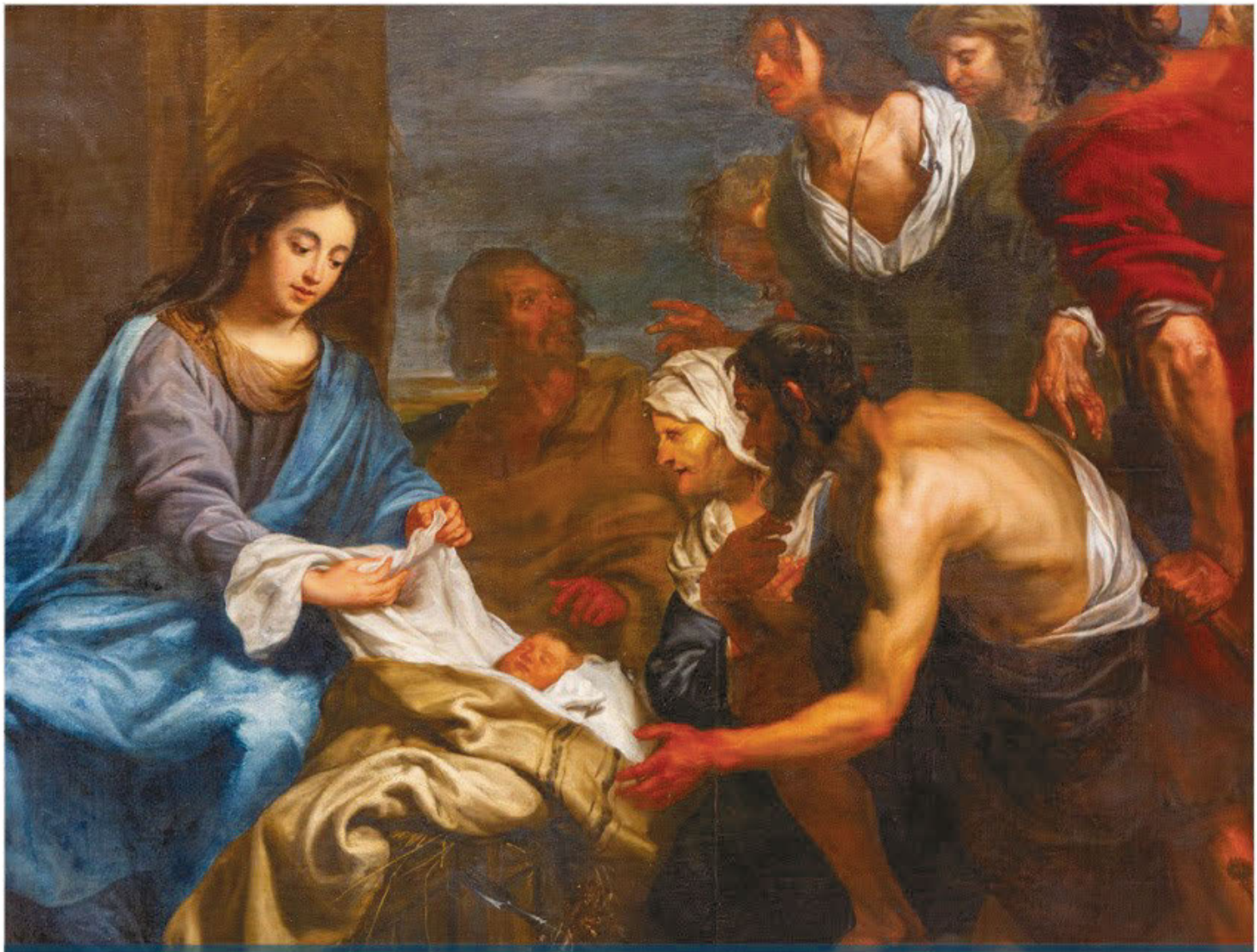

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. - Lk 2:6b-7

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Advent and Christmas
Events at Santa Sophia Church

Children's Nativity and Caroling
Saturday, December 24th at 3:30 pm

Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24th, at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Midnight Mass
Sunday, December 25th, at 12:00 am/Midnight

Christmas Mass
Sunday, December 25th, at 10:00 am

We will not have childcare available during our Christmas Masses

Children's Nativity and Caroling

Join us on Christmas eve, **Saturday, December 24th, at 3:30 pm,** for a special gift in the church. Our very own Santa Sophia Kids Chorale will sing beautiful Christmas carols as we gather for the 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass.

Mass on the First Saturday of the Month

Santa Sophia Church will offer morning Mass at 8:00 am on the first Saturday of each month.

See you on Saturday, January 7th, at 8:00 am.

May God bless the following children as they were baptized at Santa Sophia Church on Sunday, December 18, 2022. Congratulations and welcome to the faith community.

Tyler Weston Kendall
Child of Troy and Melissa Kendall

Terry Emilio Schanbeck
Child of Casey & Claudia Schanbeck

Marlo Gonzalez Ferrer
Child of Sebastian Gonzalez & Lorimar Ferrer

Miranda Alice Cradic
Child of Brian Cradic & Kassandra Morfin

Charis Amiling McKelvey
Child of Charles McKelvey & Leilani Amiling

Malakai Poblete Mejia
Child of Angel De Jesus Poblete Briseno & Xochitl Guadelupe Mejia Aceves

Scripture Readings & Intentions for the Fourth Week of Advent

Date	Readings	Time	Intentions
Saturday, December 24th Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)	Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	†Sophie Ferioli Intentions of Saint Vincent de Paul
Sunday, December 25th Nativity of the Lord (Midnight)	Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14	12:00 AM MIDNIGHT	†James Kelley Courtney
Sunday, December 25th Nativity of the Lord	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18	10:00 AM	†James & Donna Carver
Monday, December 26th Saint Stephen, the First Martyr	FEAST Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22	8:00 AM	†John M. & Mary V Shea
Tuesday, December 27th Saint John, Apostle &Evangelist	FEAST 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8	8:00 AM	†John Sousa
Wednesday, December 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	FEAST 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18	8:00 AM	†David Armando
Thursday, December 29th Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35	8:00 AM	†Derek Ito
Friday December 30th The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	FEAST Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 /Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	8:00 AM	†Mary Jane Barrack
Saturday, December 31st Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Vigil)	Solemnity the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21	4:30 PM	For the people of Santa Sophia Parish
Sunday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Solemnity the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	†Paul Villard †Naeem Mikhail & †Sabiha Yousif

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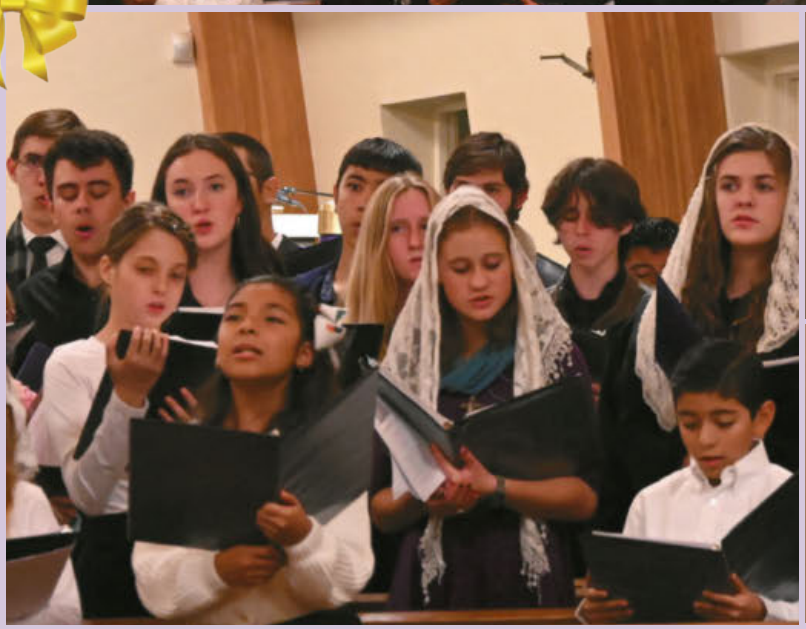
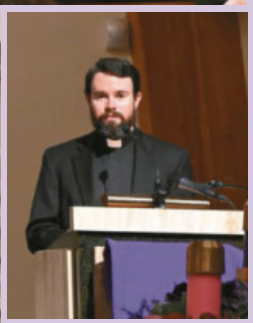
Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 11, 2022





Adore our Lord in the Holy Eucharist

Santa Sophia clergy will expose the Blessed Sacrament from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm during our regularly scheduled confession time on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Mental Health Presentation

The Santa Sophia Homeschool Ministry invites all parents to join us in Prendergast Hall January 5th, at 6:30 pm for a presentation on Mental Health Issues by Jamie Kohanyi, LMFT. Jamie is a licensed marriage and family therapist, Catholic wife, mother of 3, and sometimes-homeschooling mom. Jamie will give advice and strategies to help with a variety of mental health topics, with a focus on addressing the stigma associated with mental health issues. There will also be a Q&A with Jamie after her presentation. Questions can be submitted that evening anonymously or asked openly. With so many children and families suffering in silence on this very important topic, come meet others with similar worries and struggles and to get support. Please stay after the talk for a family Rosary. **You must RSVP for childcare by 1/2/23.** Childcare will be provided in the EDC room starting at 6:15 pm for those who RSVP to homeschoolmin@santasophia.org and let us know how many children.

Collection Report for the Week of			
December 5, 2022-December 11, 2022			**$15,115.92**
$0.02- $5.00	**15**	$50.01-$100.00	**37**
$5.01- $10.00	**26**	$100.01-$150.00	**1712**
$10.01- $25.00	**91**	$150.01- $500.00	**17**
$25.01-$50.00	**46**	$500.01-$2,500.00	**1**
TOTAL CONTRIBUTING HOUSEHOLDS: 244			
Plate	**$1,584.00**	eGiving	**$7,837.92**
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Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

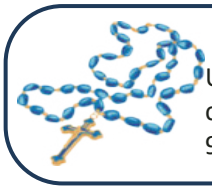
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 19th, 6:30 PM in the CMO

Attention women of the parish, the CDA help women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality. **Come join this amazing sisterhood every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm, in the CMO room**. For more information, please contact **Cristina Stone @ 619-204-5286**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

No Classes on December 27th and January 3rd. We will resume with our regular schedule on Jan. 10th.

Get answers to all of your questions about the Catholic faith. Inquiry sessions are held on **Tuesday evenings**. All sessions will be held in the Catechetical Ministry Office (CMO). If you are ready to take the journey or have questions, please call the **CMO at (619) 463-6011.** You do not have to journey alone.



Rosario Bíblico en Español

Únase a nosotros para nuestro rosario bíblico semanal en español, todos los lunes a las 9:00 am en la Sala DeMoor.

Legion of Mary

Will resume meetings after the New Year. Merry Christmas!

Legion of Mary seeks the glory of God through the holiness of its members by prayers, devotions and adoration. Our mission works are Conversion, Conservation and Consolation**. Questions? Contact Yolanda Cazares at josephc4535@att.net, or at 619-315-5361. More info to follow.**

Walking with Purpose

Walking With Purpose women's bible study is taking a break for the holidays. We will resume our meetings for prayer, fellowship and learning in January with a study of the Letter to the Hebrews. More information to follow. Questions - please contact Jeanne at jeanne.gromer@gmail.com or 619-246-6918.

Catholic Adult Community

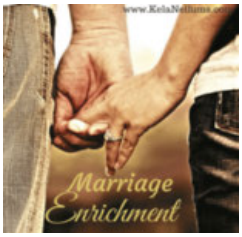
Looking for fun activities to do with other Catholic adults in our Diocese? Check out the calendar of events at the San Diego Catholic Adult Community (CAC) website, **www.sandiegocac.org**. **There are many events for Young Adults, Adults and Active 60+.**

2023 Senior Luncheon

Come bring in New Year cheer with the Santa Sophia Senior Group on **Thursday, January 5th, at 12:00 pm, in the De Moore room.** Lunch is $12 per person. RSVP by January 2nd, call or text Lorraine at 619-597-4384. Hope to see you all there.

Cathedral Catholic High School

Cathedral Catholic High School invites 8th grade students at Santa Sophia to apply for the Dons Class of 2027. Applications are available now, and **due on January 28, 2023**. **Cathedral Catholic will also be hosting the Placement Test on January 28, 2023.** Each student who has applied to attend Cathedral Catholic High School is automatically registered to take the exam. Visit the school's website at www.cathedralcatholic.org for more information.



Marriage Enrichment Series

The Diocesan Office for Family Life is hosting a six-part marriage enrichment series for **ALL COUPLES on Wednesday nights at the Pastoral Center from January 11th-February 15th**. Please join us for presentations from local marriage and family therapists on topics like communication and conflict resolution, forgiveness and rebuilding trust, personality styles, and connecting with your spouse. Husbands or wives are welcome to attend on their own if spouses are unavailable to attend. **Join us on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 pm for the first workshop** on "Re-Connecting with Your Spouse," with USD's Dr. Jennifer Zwolinski. To register, please visit **tinyurl.com/sdmarriageenrichment** or call Belen at 858-490-8299.

Grieving Through the Holidays

St. Therese parish invites those who are grieving to a support group series. Each **Monday, through January 9th from 9:30-11:00 am.** It will be held at the Little Flower room, St. Therese Parish, 6400 St. Therese Way, San Diego. **Please call the ministry center 619-922-6821 or email Joan Bishop at im-nana@cox.net for more information or to register.**

San Diego Walk For Life

Changing Hearts, Saving Lives

Now is the time to begin the work of building a post-Roe America. It is a time for healing wounds and repairing social divisions; it is a time for reasoned reflection and civil dialogue, and for coming together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families, and where every woman has the support and resources she needs to bring her child into this world in love," according to the U.S. Catholic Conference.

Join Cardinal Robert McElroy and Auxiliary Bishop Ramón Bejarano in the SD Walk for Life on **Saturday, January 14th from 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, at the Waterfront Park, SD County Administration Center,** 1600 Pacific Hwy, San Diego, 92101. The walk includes inspiring speakers, free drawings, exhibitors, children's activities, live entertainment and a coffee truck. For more information: www.sandiegowalkforlife.org

Facing an Unwanted Pregnancy?

"You are not alone." That's the message from the staff of the pregnancy resource centers and clinics across San Diego and Imperial Counties that is ready to help any woman facing an unwanted pregnancy — with no judgment. In addition, there is a hotline available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in English and in Spanish to help women facing a crisis pregnancy: **(877) 398-7734**. The organization Options for Pregnancy lists resource centers and clinics across the U.S., plus resources: **https://optionsforpregnancy.com/**

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Pray for our Parishioners:

If you have a friend or relative who is ill or serving in our military and want their name to be added to our parish prayer lists, please call the parish office at 619-463-6629 or send an email to **bulletin@santasophia.org**. **Names in bold are newly added this week.**

- Joseph Jesus Lera
- Donna McWalter
- Tyler Poinktera
- Jolynn Jewett
- Medina Prades
- Bobbie Mattingly
- Mia Boily
- Toma Boily
- Issy Camacho
- Lorraine Sablan
- Nomie Frazzetta
- Tina Sanchez
- Kathy McCoy
- Neil McCoy
- Esperanza Silva
- Pedro Vaca Silva
- Don Weismann
- Joe Aven
- Neil McCoup
- **Cathy Schoen**

Military Service Members

- Juan Pablo Rios Muro, US Navy
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- WO1 Austin McHalek, USMC
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- Adam Grimm BM2, US Navy
- Cpt. Daniel Cobian, US Navy
- LCPL John O'Gara, USMC
- Adrian Sanchez, USAF
- Sonny Almeida, NG
- Lt. Martin Howard

Information Directory

Sacraments: For First Communion and Confirmation classes, please contact Michelle Leyva at the Catechetical Ministry Office at (619) 463-6011 for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm, and by appointment; call Georgene Kruzel at the parish office at (619) 463-6629.

Baptism: Please contact Michelle Leyva at (619) 463-6011 for Baptism preparation information. Parents are encouraged to begin the preparation process before their child is born.

Quinceañera: Please contact Georgene Kruzel at the parish office at (619) 463-6629 before setting the date, time, and location of your Quinceañera.

Adult/Child Religious Formation: Please contact Michelle Leyva at the Catechetical Ministry Office at (619) 463-6011 for more information.

Matrimony: Please contact Georgene Kruzel at the parish office before setting the date, time and location of your wedding. In the Diocese of San Diego, couples should plan on a nine-month (minimum) period of marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: The First Saturday of every month, after the 4:30 pm Mass, and by appointment. In an emergency call the parish office at (619)-463-6629.

Funerals: Please contact Georgene Kruzel at the Parish office at (619) 463-6629.

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Stewardship

Holy Family Sunday

And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

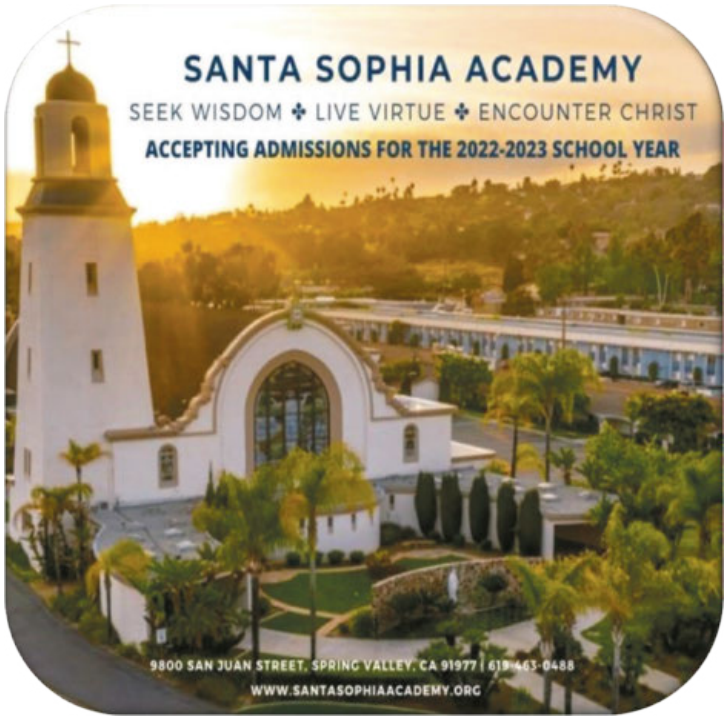
Matthew 2:15

Holy Family Sunday reiterates the Christian belief that despite all the challenges and disappointments of it, we are truly brothers and sisters of Jesus, and of one another. How is that for a Christmas gift? And how in the world can we live up to it?

Daily Prayer for Priests

Jesus, Lord of the harvest, Look with love on this portion of your vineyard. Bless the Diocese of San Diego with more priests to shepherd your people, Priests with hearts like your own. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Amen

Sunday, December 25th-**Rev. Nicholas Clavin**
Monday, December 26th-**Rev. Ronald Cochran**
Tuesday, December 27th-**Rev. Donald Coleman**
Wednesday, December 28th-**Rev. Joseph Collier**
Thursday, December 29th-**Rev. Giles Conwil**l
Friday, December 30th-**Rev. Brian Corcoran**
Saturday, December 31st-**Rev. Edward Corcoran**



This Week at Santa Sophia Parish

----------Monday, December 26th

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

7:00-7:45 am **Confession**-Church
8:00-9:00 am **Mass**-Church

----------Tuesday, December 27th

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

8:00-9:00 am **Mass**-Church

----------Wednesday, December 28th

8:00-9:00 am **Mass**-Church
8:00-4:00 pm **Chapel Open for Prayer**-Children's Chapel
5:00-6:00 pm **Confession**-Church
5:00-6:00 pm **Exposition and Benediction**-Church

----------Thursday, December 29th

8:00-9:00 am **Mass**-Church
8:00-4:00 pm **Chapel Open for Prayer**-Children's Chapel

----------Friday, December 30th

8:00-9:00 am **Mass**-Church
7:00-8:30 pm **Alcohol Anonymous Meeting**-Verhoeven Room

----------Saturday, December 31st

4:30-5:30 pm **Mass (Vigil)**-Church

----------Sunday, January 1st

8:00-9:00 am New Years Day **Mass**-Church
11:00-12:00 pm **Mass w/ incense**-Church

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SUNDAY OFFERING: We invite you to contribute via eGiving. It's easy to set up, environmentally friendly, and provides a more convenient way to give your Sunday offering. To start, scan the QR code or contact **Georgene Kruzel at the parish office (619) 463-6629** for help in setting up a recurring payment.

CALL 9-8-8 FOR HELP: Experiencing a **mental health crisis** and want to talk to someone? Dial 9-8-8 and be connected directly to trained professionals with no busy signals and no hold time.

LET'S BE INSTAGRAM FRIENDS! Connect with us with Instagram @santasophiaparish. You can search for Santa Sophia Parish, or scan this QR code.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE: The diocese of San Diego treats all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel seriously and deals with them in a prompt, confidential manner. To report sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel, including abuse please **call Mary Acosta at (858) 490-8353 or email misconduct@sdcatholic.org.** Situations of recent or ongoing sexual abuse should be reported to local law enforcement.

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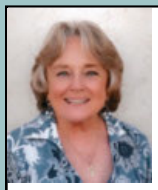
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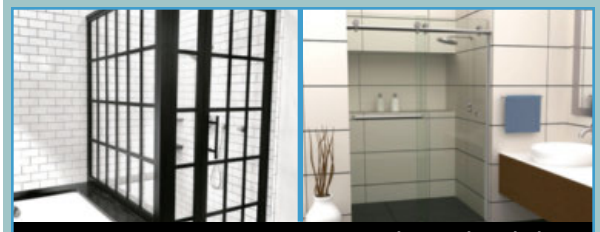
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