

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am
First Friday Mass & Devotion: 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.
Sunday Morning: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Sunday Evening: 5:15 P.M.

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 5:30 P.M.

Penance: For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM, For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

Baptisms & RCIA: *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org.

Weddings: By appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

Funerals: *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



History of Immaculate Conception Parish

It was here in Old Town that Father Junipero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

WE PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS

27	8 AM	Weekday †Issac Driscoll	RP
28	8 AM	Saints Simon and Jude †Dale Q. Pearson	RE
29	8 AM	Weekday †Wanda Richmond	RP
30	8 AM	Weekday †Elizabeth Driscoll	RP
31	8 AM	Weekday †Arthur Smith	RP
1	8 AM	All Saints Day †Marceline Smith	RP
	5:15 PM	People of Immaculate Conception	RP
2	8:30 AM	All Saints Novena	RE
	10:00 AM	†Manuel Gonsalves	RP
	11:30 AM	†Marie Beth Methot	RE
	5:15 PM	†Veronica Altermatt	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

October Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

Mission. That World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

3rd	David Exner North American College Rome,
3rd	Brian Frice Mt. Angel Seminary OR
4th	Bernardo Lara Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Oscar Lopez, Mt. Angel Seminary OR
2nd	Nathan McWeeny Mt. Angel Seminary OR
1st	Eric Tamayo North American College Rome
3rd	Corey Tufford North American College Rome,
3rd	Derek Twilliger Mt. Angel Seminary OR
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

27	Rev. Lawrence Goodwin, CJM
28	Rev. John Gorman
29	Rev. John Grace, OSA
30	Rev. Theodore Gryga
31	Rev. John Gubbins
1	Pope Francis
2	†Bishop Cirilo Flores

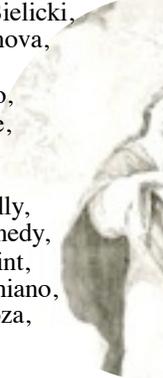
PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1-10; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rv 7:2-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jesus, we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill, afraid or worried. Amen

Ann Bethel,	Patricia O'Grady,
Ann Marie Bielicki,	Ellen Quigley,
Ismael Casanova,	Lupe Riccio,
Bob Curry	Mary Jane Tiernan,
Joanne Daleo,	Marguerite Vorst,
Albina Farrie,	Floyd Watson,
Julie Fish	Marie Whitman,
Esther Fitch	Martha Zamudio,
Margaret Kelly,	Carlos Amaya,
Patricia Kennedy,	Fred Levine,
Dorothy Kleint,	Al Weaver,
Deena Marchiano,	Ed Oleata,
Dena Mendoza,	Mike Rodriguez
Jean Miller,	Lisa Becerra



PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus, protect all who serve our country.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander,	Robert Clinton Long, MC2;
Natalie Augustine,	Sgt. Adriana Matizel;
Major Jerry Bloomquist,	Wendell Miculob,
Col. Mike Bodkin,	LTJG Joe F. Morales, USN;
Danny Carpenter, USMC,	LCPL Matthew A. Pena;
LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN;	Sgt. Richard Pierce;
Cpl. Samuel James Comer,	Sgt. William Paul Powers and
Daniel Dinglebeck, USN, PFC	Cinco,
David Eley, USMC,	CPL Wilson Santiago;
Micah Emery,	Alfred Tello;
Sgt. Christopher Escalona,	Ricky Thibeault;
Capt. Pedro Esquivel,	Tony Tulloss;
1Lt. Cortez Fabia,	PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd
Juan Carlos Galazza;	Marine Aircraft Wing.
SSGT. Vincent Charles Lucario;	

†PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED†

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

Brandon Blaine Bielicki,	Robert McMahan,
Georgene Bielicki,	Kianna Meade,
Elizabeth Cantoni,	Julia M. Ocampos
Salvador Carrillo,	Ernie Proo,
David Diaz	Joan Schmittin,
Stephen Falley,	Karina Sosa,
Norm Henkels,	Clyde Southern, Jr.,
Helen Kennedy,	Mariana S. Tadena
William Kennedy	Margie Gautier
Jirair Khalatian,	Patrick Piggot
Mary Lynch,	Rodney Serrano
Bette June Marciel,	Concepción Garza
	Richard Solís Moreno

ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE ON THE SYNOD

— *Father John Trigilio*

FROM THE PASTOR

The Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas, often said: *Concede parum, nega frequenter, distingue semper* (never affirm, seldom deny and always distinguish). This is prudential advice we can and must apply today as we digest what the Synod of Bishops is doing, what is claimed to be being done and what will be done afterwards.

First of all, using the *via negativa*, a synod is not an ecumenical council. Only an ecumenical council and/or an ex cathedra papal decree on faith and morals are considered extraordinary magisterium.

Synods are considered ordinary magisterium, just as are papal encyclicals. Their teachings are infallible *only* when they affirm a teaching on faith and morals that has been consistently and perennially taught by Holy Mother Church over the centuries. *Humanae Vitae* and *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* are ordinary magisterial documents which contain infallible teachings since they reiterate what the Church has always believed and held *quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus creditum est* (everywhere, always and by all).

That being said, the current Synod of Bishops, being an exercise of the ordinary magisterium, would only issue infallible teachings if those teachings were already what the Catholic Church has always taught. They cannot undo or create doctrines.

Non-infallible statements would fall into the category of non-definitive, theological speculations and pastoral prudential judgments.

When Pope Benedict XVI was still Cardinal Ratzinger and prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), he clarified that synods are by their nature (de facto) advisory and consultative. They are not synonymous with ecumenical councils presided over by the bishop of Rome. Synods are not parliaments, either. They are opportunities for open discussions and sharing of opinions, but truth is not defined nor determined by majority rules, even if it's

among successors of the apostles. (*Questions about the Structure and Task of the Synod of Bishops*, in Joseph Ratzinger, *Church, Ecumenism, Politics: New Essays in Ecclesiology*. New York: Crossroad, 1988)

Hence, synodal decrees do not possess the same magisterial authority as do statements from an ecumenical council or from formal papal decrees, either. No need to worry that any doctrines or dogmas are in jeopardy, no matter what any particular cardinal or bishop says.

When you read the actual *relatio* [report] of the synod, as opposed to what the secular press claims the episcopal body said, you see a more than subtle difference. While discussions and dialogues have spanned the gamut of theological opinions (from arch-conservative traditional to ultra-liberal progressive) most of what has been decided (to be suggested to the Roman Pontiff) has been pastoral responses instead of doctrinal and moral teachings.

The synod is *not* asking the Holy Father to permit cohabitation, divorce and remarriage without annulment, nor for same-sex unions. What it is suggesting is that a pastoral approach be used to encourage people in these relationships to repair their irregular and sinful situations while at the same time providing spiritual encouragement for them to persevere in that journey. In other words, just as we often have divorced and invalidly married couples attend Mass and register in parishes, likewise, we have co-habiting couples do the same.

If a homosexual couple were to register and attend a local parish, they would be under the same moral and doctrinal norms as everyone else. The sacraments, especially Holy Eucharist and Matrimony, are reserved to those who are canonically free to receive them. It is not a denial of Holy Communion, rather a postponement until such time as the individual person and couple are in full communion with all the Catholic Church's moral and doctrinal teachings and disciplines. Persons in such circumstances, though, deserve mercy and attention whenever and wherever possible. We should be approachable for counsel and advice without any fear of altering Catholic faith and morals.

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AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

October 19, 2014

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord.

Total Collection...\$3,732.12

Envelope:\$2,225.00

Plate:\$1,507.12

Total contributing households: 102

Total registered households: 390

5:15 Sat	\$ 570.00
8:30 Sun	\$1,103.00
10:00 Sun	\$1,080.00
11:30 Sun	\$ 530.12
5:15 Sun	\$ 499.00

EXPENSES (week of October 13-17)

Employee Pension	\$ 375.55
Music Ministry	\$ 1,573.20
Payroll	\$ 1,880.80
Payroll Service	\$ 46.45
Payroll Tax	\$ 1,246.48
Priest Pension	\$ 844.96
Property Insurance	\$ 965.34
Supplies-Ministry	\$ 234.22
Supplies-Office	\$ 16.15
Workers' Comp	\$ 106.92

TOTAL: \$ 7,290.07

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Continues on November 2 from 9:45 - 10:45. Immaculate Conception offers Family Catechesis in the brides' room of the hall to prepare children and parents in the faith. Classes meet every two weeks.

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below, and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

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STREET _____

CITY/ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

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THANK YOU

Parish Evangelization Opportunity

“Night Fever 2”

(Night Fever 1 touched the hearts of 300 people.)

Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day, after Mass

Our church will be open until 10 p.m. There will be exposition of the blessed Sacrament. We will give passers by a candle and invite them to come in and pray. Visitors will leave a lit candle in the Sanctuary. Confession will be available.

If you would like to help, please email Ann Fitzmorris, afitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org or call 858-490-8226.

ALL SOULS DAY

Immaculate Conception will once again set up a remembrance table for deceased loved ones. If you wish to include a photo (framed if possible) in the display, please drop it off in the Parish Office during the week.

We will also participate in Old Town's Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) festivities and keep the church open until 10 p.m. on November 1 and until 9 p.m. on November 2. We need volunteers from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. to greet our visitors and to help maintain a prayerful atmosphere in the church proper. Please contact Elena Orozco or the parish office if you can volunteer.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

“Getting to Know More About God”

See flyer in today’s bulletin regarding program to explore highlights of the story of Abraham: God’s lesson in faith.

Parish Calendar

October

- 26 Quarters & Cans Sunday
- 28 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
Getting to Know More About God 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Centering Prayer 7:00 p.m.

November

- 1 All Saints Day & Night Fever 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Old Town Day of the Dead
Parish Evangelization 6:15-10:00 p.m.
- 2 All Souls Day
Old Town Day of the Dead
- 3 IC Seniors Luncheon 11:00 p.m.
- 4 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 5 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Centering Prayer 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Quilting Boutique 9:00 a.m.
Parish Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- 11 Parish Finance Council 4:30 p.m.
Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 12 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 19 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Centering Prayer 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Collection for National Needs
- 25 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.

Centering Prayer

The Immaculate Conception Centering Prayer Group welcomes newcomers to attend and learn the method of Christian contemplative prayer.

Thursday Evening-October 30
Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall
7:00-8:30 pm

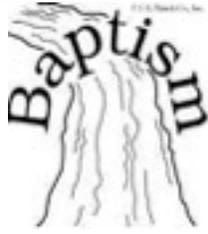
THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1615 This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy - heavier than the Law of Moses. By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, he himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to "receive" the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life.

1616 This is what the Apostle Paul makes clear when he says: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her," adding at once: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church."

1617 The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath, which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



2014 Baptism Schedule

Class: November 3
Baptism: November 8

The Baptism preparation classes are held in Serra Hall on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm.

The Baptisms take place in the church on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 pm.

Please contact Deacon Bob Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org

Quarters and Cans Sunday

During our second collection this Sunday, all money collected will be used here at Immaculate Conception to assist our brothers and sisters who come to us in need. Your generous donations will continue to be used to help feed, and in some cases assist those who are in need of our help with rent and utilities. The parish also provides gas and grocery cards. Resource information is also available so people can access public and private agencies that can help with their needs.

Food items collected will be taken by our volunteers to the Catholic Charities Food Resource Center. Please make sure these items are in non-breakable containers, unopened, and the dates have not expired. There is always a need for the following items:

- Canned goods including vegetables, fruit, chili, tuna fish, spam, chicken, beef, beans, soups, and spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter, jelly, and honey
- Cereals, pasta, rice, and beans
- Any paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, cups, napkins, Kleenex tissues, baby wipes,
- Hygiene items such as shampoo, soaps, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, mouthwash, disposable razors, shaving cream, lotions and feminine products.
- Plastic, paper or reusable grocery bags for carrying the above

Thank You

40 Days for Life

Through November 2, you are invited to join other Christians in the 40 Days of prayer and fasting to finally put an end to abortion. The 40 Days for Life campaign is a national endeavor.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

22. God's word is unpredictable in its power. The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps (Mk 4:26-29). The Church has to accept this unruly freedom of the word, which accomplishes what it wills in ways that surpass our calculations and ways of thinking.

23. The Church's closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; "communion and mission are profoundly interconnected". In fidelity to the example of the Master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. The joy of the Gospel is for all people: no one can be excluded. That is what the angel proclaimed to the shepherds in Bethlehem: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people (Lk 2:10). The Book of Revelation speaks of "an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people (Rev 14:6).

LOVE OUR PRIESTS Prayer Group



Please join us
for a special Mass honoring
**REVEREND
EDWIN TUTOR**
PASTOR
ASCENSION PARISH
SAN DIEGO, CA

I am the Good Shepherd, I know my sheep, and mine know me.
John 10: 7-10

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: ASCENSION PARISH
11292 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92124-1524



Father Edwin Tutor is the new pastor at Ascension Parish. He is originally from the Philippines. He was incardinated into the Diocese of San Diego in 2007.

Father Edwin will share his interesting journey to the priesthood and how he arrived in the USA.

**THE MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN
INFORMAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Bring a friend & a dish to share!

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Pastoral responses are precisely that. They are not a denial or dilution of dogma. They are medicinal, remedial and therapeutic ways to assist people who have made imprudent or even immoral judgments have a conversion of heart. Just as Our Divine Lord never condoned sin, He likewise loved the sinner. His love was Divine Mercy. That also entailed a call to conversion: 'Go and sin no more.'

The synod's statements found online at the Vatican are significantly different from what most of secular press claim has been said and, worse yet, what is being officially taught. They are not magisterial decrees *per se*. Homosexual marriage and homosexual activity, pre-marital and extra-marital sex, divorce and remarriage without annulment are not being tolerated or approved. The pastoral approach, however, to evangelizing and ministering to these folks is what is being contemplated. Not *carte blanche*, but something practical and achievable.

Streamlining the annulment process by eliminating or circumventing the automatic appeal to the court of higher instance is a prudential suggestion, but one that is not necessarily prudent. No one wants to return to the situation where lower tribunals granted decrees of nullity only to have a higher court overrule them. Instead of emphasizing the end of the process we need to examine the beginning instead.

A better strategy is to better prepare couples for Holy Matrimony. Twelve months Pre-Cana is only a starting point. Mentoring with couples in the parish who have a valid and healthy marital relationship is also beneficial. Emphasizing the marriage above and beyond the ceremony is also needed. Too many weddings are elaborately planned, but the lifelong covenant of marriage is placed on the back burner.

Recent studies have shown a phenomenon where most married couples who split up do so before the fourth or fifth year of marriage. Providing accessible, affordable and practical counseling is a goal every diocese should embrace.

There will always be marginalized, lukewarm and part-time Catholics who attend Mass occasionally or infrequently who may be in an invalid marriage or living together. Persons with same-sex attraction may have succumbed to the invalid civil union and civil marriage recourse. Pastorally seeing and treating all of them as children of God and as brothers and sisters in Christ in need of moral and spiritual guidance is what the Church is about. Not denying or watering down the faith, but with mercy, encouraging them to amend their lives and rectify their relationships.

The synod is nothing to fear, nor is it something to worry about. Suggestions will be made after discussions have ended. Implementation will be at the discretion of the pope and how he responds is his prerogative. Prudential judgments are not doctrine or morality, but the fullness of authority resides with the bishop of Rome. We Catholics believe the Holy Spirit will prevent any false teaching to ever be imposed upon the faithful. Only Sacred Scripture has the guarantee of divine inspiration. Human beings, even those who shepherd the church, are not perfect and some can even be influenced by politics and other factors.

Synods do not demand an assent of faith, nor do they require complete obedience. They do deserve respect and consideration, however, and this can be done only when we the faithful read the actual documents and keep them in their proper context alongside all that has already been formally taught and held.