

The Catholic Church of the  
**Immaculate Conception**

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**November 09, 2014**

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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](mailto: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

|    |          |   |    |
|----|----------|---|----|
| 10 | 8 AM     | <b>St. Leo the Great</b><br>All Souls Novena              | RP |
| 11 | 8 AM     | <b>Saint Martin of Tours</b><br>Fred Levine, SI           | RE |
| 12 | 8 AM     | <b>Saint Josaphat</b><br>†Carol Shearer                   | RP |
| 13 | 8 AM     | <b>Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini</b><br>Mike Rodriguez, SI | RP |
| 14 | 8 AM     | <b>Weekday</b><br>Escalante Family, SI                    | MT |
| 15 | 8 AM     | <b>Saint Albert the Great, BVM</b><br>†Joseph Daleo       | MT |
| 16 | 5:15 PM  | Maguire Fitzpatrick, SI                                   | MT |
|    | 8:30 AM  | †Richard and Kristan Wagner                               | RP |
|    | 10:00 AM | People of Immaculate Conception                           | RE |
|    | 11:30 AM | Chris DiEdoardo, SI                                       | RE |
|    | 5:15 PM  | †Pete R. Escalante  | RP |

## APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**November** Intentions of the Holy Father  
**Universal:** That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.  
**Evangelization:** That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.

## PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

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| 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

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| 10 | Rev. William Headley, CSSP |
| 11 | Rev. Ronald Hebert         |
| 12 | Rev. Scott Herrera, LC     |
| 13 | Rev. Alfredo Heyrosa       |
| 14 | Rev. Michael Higgins, TOR  |
| 15 | Rev. Kilian Holland        |
| 16 | Rev. Richard Hopkins       |

## PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Ti 2:1-14; Ps 37:3-20; Lk 17:7-10  
 Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 16:7-10; Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; s 119:1-18; Lk 17:26-37  
 Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-; Lk 18:1-8

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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| Ann Bethel,<br>Ann Marie Bielicki,<br>Ismael Casanova,<br>Bob Curry<br>Joanne Daleo,<br>Albina Farrie,<br>Julie Fish<br>Esther Fitch<br>Lydia Castillo Herrera<br>Margaret Kelly,<br>Patricia Kennedy,<br>Dorothy Kleint,<br>Deena Marchiano,<br>Dena Mendoza,<br>Jean Miller, |  | Patricia O'Grady,<br>Ellen Quigley,<br>Lupe Riccio,<br>Mary Jane Tiernan,<br>Marguerite Vorst,<br>Floyd Watson,<br>Marie Whitman,<br>Martha Zamudio,<br>Carlos Amaya,<br>Fred Levine,<br>Al Weaver,<br>Ed Oleata,<br>Mike Rodriguez,<br>Lisa Becerra,<br>Maguire Fitzpatrick<br>Tony Jenkins |
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## PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

*Jesus, protect all who serve our country.*

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

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

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| Brandon Blaine Bielicki,<br>Georgene Bielicki,<br>Elizabeth Cantoni,<br>Salvador Carrillo,<br>Stephen Falley,<br>Norm Henkels,<br>Helen Kennedy,<br>Jirair Khalatian,<br>Mary Lynch,<br>Bette June Marciel,<br>Kianna Meade,<br>Julia M. Ocampos<br>Ernie Proo, | Joan Schmittien,<br>Karina Sosa,<br>Clyde Southern, Jr.,<br>Mariana S. Tadena<br>William Kennedy<br>Robert McMahon,<br>David Diaz<br>Margie Gautier<br>Patrick Piggot<br>Rodney Serrano<br>Concepción Garza<br>Richard Solís Moreno |
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## THE FIVE PATHS OF REPENTANCE

—*St. John Chrysostom*

### FROM THE PASTOR

Would you like me to list also the paths of repentance? They are numerous and quite varied, and all lead to heaven.

A first path of repentance is the condemnation of your own sins: Be the first to admit your sins and you will be justified. For this reason, too, the prophet wrote: I said: I will accuse myself of my sins to the Lord, and you forgave the wickedness of my heart. Therefore, you too should condemn your own sins; that will be enough reason for the Lord to forgive you, for a man who condemns his own sins is slower to commit them again. Rouse your conscience to accuse you within your own house, lest it become your accuser before the judgment seat of the Lord.

That, then, is one very good path of repentance. Another and no less valuable one is to put out of our minds the harm done us by our enemies, in order to master our anger, and to forgive our fellow servants' sins against us. Then our own sins against the Lord will be forgiven us. Thus you have another way to atone for sin: For if you forgive your debtors, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

Do you want to know of a third path? It consists of prayer that is fervent, careful and comes from the heart.

If you want to hear of a fourth, I will mention almsgiving, whose power is great and far-reaching.

If, moreover, a man lives a modest, humble life, that, no less than the other things I have mentioned, takes sin away. Proof of this is the tax-collector who had no good deeds to mention, but offered his humility instead and was relieved of a heavy burden of sins.

**Thus I have shown you five paths of repentance; condemnation of your own sins, forgiveness of our neighbor's sins against us, prayer, almsgiving and humility.**

Do not be idle, then, but walk daily in all these paths; they are easy, and you cannot plead your poverty. For, though you live out your life amid great need, you can always set aside your wrath, be humble, pray diligently and condemn your own sins; poverty is no hindrance. Poverty is not an obstacle to our carrying out the Lord's bidding, even when it comes to that path of repentance which involves giving money (almsgiving, I mean). The widow proved that when she put her two mites into the box!

Now that we have learned how to heal these wounds of ours, let us apply the cures. Then, when we have regained genuine health, we can approach the holy table with confidence, go gloriously to meet Christ, the king of glory, and attain the eternal blessings through the grace, mercy and kindness of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Gifts of Treasure**  
November 2, 2014

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

**Total Collection...\$5,011.99**  
Envelope: .....\$3,664.00  
Plate: .....\$1,347.99

Total contributing households: 109  
Total registered households: 390

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| 5:15 Sat  | \$ 434.41  |
| 8:30 Sun  | \$1,869.97 |
| 10:00 Sun | \$ 907.00  |
| 11:30 Sun | \$ 547.68  |
| 5:15 Sun  | \$ 427.43  |
| Mailed in | \$ 825.00  |

**EXPENSES** (week of October 27-31)

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cable                        | \$ 106.95           |
| Diocesan Tax                 | \$ 4,264.24         |
| Health Ins. (pastor & staff) | \$ 1,389.01         |
| Music Ministry               | \$ 1,127.58         |
| Payroll, incl tax            | \$ 3,528.29         |
| Payroll Service              | \$ 46.45            |
| Pension                      | \$ 196.66           |
| Workers' Comp                | \$ 100.82           |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                | <b>\$ 10,760.00</b> |

**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.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Centering Prayer**

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

Thursday Evening-November 20  
Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall  
7:00-8:30 pm

**Street Level of  
Fr. Serra Hall  
619-297-3426**

**Serra Gifts...**



Open 7 days a week  
Monday - Friday 9:00 -4:00  
Saturday 10:00 to 4:00  
Sunday 9:30 to 3:00

Serra Gifts offers a beautiful assortment of religious items for your home, and for your family and friends


Gifts for special occasions  
New items arrive weekly  
Remember, your purchases help to support our parish

**Now available: Re-usable shopping bags with Immaculate Conception logo.**

**THANK YOU**

**FAMILY CATECHESIS**

Continues on November 16 from 9:45 - 10:45. Immaculate Conception offers Family Catechesis in the brides' room of the hall to prepare children and parents the faith. Classes meet every two weeks



**2014 Baptism Schedule**

**No baptisms are scheduled for the remainder of 2014.**

**2015 schedule will be published in December.**

Please contact Deacon Bob Fitzmorris at [rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org)

**SPECIAL THANKS**  
to  
**TIM AND ELLEN MENDEZ**  
for sponsoring the delicious Filipino Dinner held in October.

Thank you also to the crew who helped make that evening a success:

Lee Baesler  
Betsy Bogle  
Julie and Roy Clayton  
Anita Rivera  
Penny and Mike Sampo  
Marie Wagner  
Ben and Beth Zanin

## AROUND THE PARISH

### Parish Calendar

#### November

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|----|--|---|
| 11 | Parish Finance Council<br>(Closed session)<br>Gentle Stretch Class<br>Getting to Know More About God | 4:30 p.m.<br><br>5:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Choir Practice<br>RCIA   | 5:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                  |
| 16 | Quarters & Cans Sunday<br>Family Catechesis  | 9:45 a.m.                               |
| 18 | Gentle Stretch Class   | 5:00 p.m.                               |
| 19 | Choir Practice<br>RCIA   | 5:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.                  |
| 20 | Centering Prayer   | 7:00 p.m.                               |
| 23 | Collection for National Needs  |   |
| 25 | Gentle Stretch Class   | 5:00 p.m.                               |
| 26 | Choir Practice   | 5:30 p.m.                               |
| 27 | Thanksgiving Day<br>Parish Office and Gift Shop Closed   |   |
| 28 | Day After Thanksgiving<br>Parish Office Closed - Gift Shop Open                                      |   |
| 30 | Family Catechesis  | 9:45 a.m.                               |

#### December

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|----|---|------------------------|
| 1  | I.C. Seniors luncheon   | 11:00 a.m.             |
| 2  | Pastoral Council Meeting<br>(Closed session)  | 6:00 p.m.              |
| 3  | Choir Practice<br>RCIA  | 5:30 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. |
| 4  | Taize Service   | 7:00 p.m.              |
| 8  | Feast of the Immaculate Conception<br>(Holy day of obligation)  |                        |
| 10 | RCIA  |                        |
| 12 | Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe<br>Mexican chocolate & Pastries after 8 am. Mass<br>Christmas Concert and Dinner | 6:00 p.m.              |

### NIGHTS ON FIRE — THANK YOU

To all of our Immaculate Conception parishioners and their friends who opened the church in welcome to Old Town to come to Jesus, offer a prayer, and light a candle on November 1, second Nights on Fire event.

#### DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Thanks also to those who worked to open the church for Día de los Muertos. ¡Gracias!

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

**1536** Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. It includes three degrees: episcopate, presbyterate, and diaconate.

(On the institution and mission of the apostolic ministry by Christ, see above, no. 874 ff. Here only the sacramental means by which this ministry is handed on will be treated.)

#### I. WHY IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED "ORDERS"?

**1537** The word *order* in Roman antiquity designated an established civil body, especially a governing body. *Ordinatio* means incorporation into an *ordo*. In the Church there are established bodies which Tradition, not without a basis in Sacred Scripture,<sup>4</sup> has since ancient times called *taxeis* (Greek) or *ordines*. And so the liturgy speaks of the *ordo episcoporum*, the *ordo presbyterorum*, the *ordo diaconorum*. Other groups also receive this name of *ordo*: catechumens, virgins, spouses, widows, . . .

**1538** Integration into one of these bodies in the Church was accomplished by a rite called *ordinatio*, a religious and liturgical act which was a consecration, a blessing or a sacrament. Today the word "*ordination*" is reserved for the sacramental act which integrates a man into the order of bishops, presbyters, or deacons, and goes beyond a simple *election, designation, delegation, or institution* by the community, for it confers a gift of the Holy Spirit that permits the exercise of a "sacred power" (*sacra potestas*)<sup>5</sup> which can come only from Christ himself through his Church. Ordination is also called *consecratio*, for it is a setting apart and an investiture by Christ himself for his Church. The *laying on of hands* by the bishop, with the consecratory prayer, constitutes the visible sign of this ordination.

**PARISH & COMMUNITY**

*Awesome Fabric Arts Group  
of Immaculate Conception Church*  
is hosting the  
**3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**  
**Sunday, November 9**  
**8:30 am to 12 noon**  
**Serra Hall**

Quilts, aprons, table decor, totes and much more!  
Have breakfast and do a little shopping too!

**Parish Pancake Breakfast**

**Delicious pancakes with all the fixings are available in Serra Hall after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses.**  
**Only \$5 per person, includes coffee and orange juice**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Christmas  
Candlelight  
Concert  
& Dinner**

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

December 12, 2013

Concert Music presented by  
Immaculate Conception Choir  
at 6:00 pm in the church  
Cocktails and dinner to follow in the hall.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CABRILLO COUNCIL #2891**

**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

Support the Knights today in their fundraising project which supports people with intellectual disabilities.

Additionally, they will have **Keep Christ in Christmas** cards available for sale in the courtyard.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis**

...24. An evangelizing community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be. It is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance. Evangelization consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time. Faithful to the Lord's gift, it also bears fruit. An evangelizing community is always concerned with fruit, because the Lord wants her to be fruitful. It cares for the grain and does not grow impatient at the weeds. The sower, when he sees weeds sprouting among the grain does not grumble or overreact. He or she finds a way to let the word take flesh in a particular situation and bear fruits of new life, however imperfect or incomplete these may appear. The disciple is ready to put his or her whole life on the line, even to accepting martyrdom, in bearing witness to Jesus Christ, yet the goal is not to make enemies but to see God's word accepted and its capacity for liberation and renewal revealed. Finally an evangelizing community is filled with joy; it knows how to rejoice always. It celebrates every small victory, every step forward in the work of evangelization. Evangelization with joy becomes beauty in the liturgy, as part of our daily concern to spread goodness. The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving.

**COULD YOU NOT SPEND ONE HOUR?** ...this Tuesday evening 11/11/2014 in the Parish hall from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, "Getting to Know More About God". We'll explore "Salvation History in one Sentence / Sowing God's Word Anew".

"Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'"

Just as Jesus foretold, those who hear the word of the kingdom but do not understand it have what was sown snatched away from their heart by the evil one. (Matt. 13:19) Satan has successfully sown the subtle blasphemy that God foreordained that Jesus had to die: even that Jesus came to die on the Cross.

Jesus came to call sinners? Jesus came to redeem and save the race of man by His life of obedience, knowing that He would suffer and die on the cross, he ultimate testament to God's love! The death of Jesus was only possible and actually happened because of man's free will, not an act foreordained by God who values obedience more than death. God made good use of that death by incorporating it into His already abundantly sufficient plan to redeem the race of man. Scripture affirms that Jesus makes men righteous by His obedience!

Frank Sheed provided this cautious answer to the puzzling question of why Jesus died:

"... there was something in what Our Lord had to do which made His dying the best way to do it", and "... human nature must do all it could".

Questions: James (Jim) Harris, 619 276 5764

**FALSE SPIRITUAL PEACE**

—*St. Dorotheus, Abbot*

The man who finds fault with himself accepts all things cheerfully – misfortune, loss, disgrace, dishonor and any other kind of adversity. He believes that he is deserving of all these things and nothing can disturb him. No one could be more at peace than this man.

But perhaps you will offer me this objection: “Suppose my brother injures me, and on examining myself I find that I have not given him any cause. Why should I blame myself?”

Certainly if someone examines himself carefully and with fear of God, he will never find himself completely innocent. He will see that he has given some provocation by an action, a word or by his manner. If he does find that he is not guilty in any of these ways, certainly he must have injured that brother somehow at some other time. Or perhaps he has been a source of annoyance to some other brother. For this reason he deserves to endure the injury because of many other sins that he has committed on other occasions.

Someone else asks why he should accuse himself when he was sitting peacefully and quietly when a brother came upon him with an unkind or insulting word. He cannot tolerate it, and so he thinks that his anger is justified. If that brother had not approached him and said those words and upset him, he never would have sinned.

This kind of thinking is surely ridiculous and has no rational basis. For the fact that he has said anything at all in this situation breaks the cover on the passionate anger within him, which is all the more exposed by his excessive anxiety. If he wished, he would do penance. He has become like a clean, shiny grain of wheat that, when broken, is full of dirt inside.

The man who thinks that he is quiet and peaceful has within him a passion that he does not see. A brother comes up, utters some unkind word and immediately all the venom and mire that lie hidden within him are spewed out. If he wishes mercy, he must do penance, purify himself and strive to become perfect. He will see that he should have returned thanks to his brother instead of returning the injury, because his brother has proven to be an occasion of profit to him. It will not be long before he will no longer be bothered by these temptations. The more perfect he grows, the less these temptations will affect him. For the more the soul advances, the stronger and more

powerful it becomes in bearing the difficulties that it meets.

**WHY ARE WE TROUBLED?**

My brethren, let us consider how it can happen so often that someone hears something unpleasant and goes away untroubled, as if he had not heard it; and yet sometimes he is disturbed and troubled as soon as he hears such words. What is the cause of this inconsistency? Is there one reason for it or many? I recognize several, but one in particular is the source of all the others. As someone has put it: it all comes from the person’s state of mind at the time.

If someone is engaged in prayer or contemplation, he can easily take a rebuke from his brother and be unmoved by it. Or again, his affection toward a brother may be a strong reason; love bears all things with the utmost patience. Yet another reason may be contempt: if a person despises the one who is trying to trouble him, and acts as if he is the vilest of all creatures and considers it beneath his dignity even to look at him, or to answer him, or to mention the affront and insults to anyone else, he will not be moved by his words.

All in all, then, no-one is disturbed or troubled if he scorns and disregards what is said. But on the other hand, it is also possible for someone to be disturbed and troubled by his brother’s words, either because he is not in a good frame of mind, or because he hates his brother. There are a great number of other reasons as well.

Yet the reason for all disturbance, if we look to its roots, is that no one finds fault with himself. This is the reason why we become angry and upset, why we sometimes have no peace in our soul. We should not be surprised, since holy men have taught us that there is no other path to peace but this.

We see that this is true in so many other people; and yet we hope, in our laziness and desire for peace, we hope or even believe that we are on the right path even when we are irritated by everything and cannot bear to accept any blame ourselves.

This is the way things are. However many virtues a man may have – they could be innumerable, they could be infinite – if he has left the path of self-accusation he will never have peace: he will be afflicted by others or he will be an affliction to them, and all his efforts will be wasted.