

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

17	8 AM	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i> †Rick Ghio	RP
18	8 AM	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne</i> Msgr. Robert J. Ecker, SI	RE
19	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Pete R. Escalante	RP
20	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Bruce Whatley	RP
21	8 AM	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> George Driscoll, Jr., SI	RP
22	8 AM	<i>Saint Cecilia</i> Kathleen Feinberg, SI	RP
23	5:15 PM	Abie Feinberg, SI	RP
	8:30 AM	†Charles P. Orozco	RE
	10:00 AM	Georgiana Ottenheimer	RP
	11:30 AM	People of Immaculate Conception	RE
	5:15 PM	†James Francis Clifford	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

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 McWeeney 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

17	Rev. Edward Horning
18	Rev. John Howard, CJM
19	Rev. Richard Huston
20	Rev. Luke Jauregui
21	Rev. Tommie Jennings
22	Rev. John Keller, OSA
23	Rev. Brian Kelly

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1-9; Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14-131; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-10; Lk 20:27-40

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



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

WHAT CAN I DO AS A CHRISTIAN?**FROM THE PASTOR**

At dinner the other evening, a married man and father asked me, "What can I do as a Christian?"

Since it was the feast of the dedication of St. John Lateran, the mother and head of all the churches in Christendom, I responded,

"First, enter into the temple of your soul where Christ is united to your spirit and where the Holy Spirit has made your body His temple. Pray every day for yourself, your family, the church, the nation, individuals whom you know who need prayer.

"Then pray as a family, a temple called the domestic church. Read a passage of scripture together. Pray some intercessions together, and perhaps a decade of the rosary. Try to do some other activity as a family such as dinner together instead of each person running off to some other activity.

"Then come to Mass as a family if at all possible. When the living stones, the small temples in which the Spirit dwells come together, then the temple is fitted together in an extraordinary way.

"We build on the foundation of the church, the apostles. Christ is present in the altar, in the word, in the preaching, and in the assembly.

"It doesn't have to be hard. Once you start living this way, Jesus will be your motor and your rudder, sailing the ship of your soul to God and to heaven."

—*St Caesarius of Arles*

BAPTISM MAKES EVERY ONE OF US INTO A TEMPLE OF GOD.

My fellow Christians, today is the birthday of this church, an occasion for celebration and rejoicing. We, however, ought to be the true and living temple of God. Nevertheless, Christians rightly commemorate this feast of the church, their

mother, for they know that through her they were reborn in the spirit. At our first birth, we were vessels of God's wrath; reborn, we became vessels of his mercy. Our first birth brought death to us, but our second restored us to life.

Indeed, before our baptism we were sanctuaries of the devil; but after our baptism we merited the privilege of being temples of Christ. And if we think more carefully about the meaning of our salvation, we shall realize that we are indeed living and true temples of God. God does not dwell only *in things made by human hands*, nor in homes of wood and stone, but rather he dwells principally in the soul made according to his own image and fashioned by his own hand. Therefore, the apostle Paul says: *The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.*

When Christ came, he banished the devil from our hearts, in order to build in them a temple for himself. Let us therefore do what we can with his help, so that our evil deeds will not deface that temple. For whoever does evil, does injury to Christ. As I said earlier, before Christ redeemed us, we were the house of the devil, but afterward, we merited the privilege of being the house of God. God himself in his loving mercy saw fit to make of us his own home. My fellow Christians, do we wish to celebrate joyfully the birth of this temple? Then let us not destroy the living temples of God in ourselves by works of evil. I shall speak clearly, so that all can understand. Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be. Do you wish to find this basilica immaculately clean? Then do not soil your soul with the filth of sins. Do you wish this basilica to be full of light? God too wishes that your soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as you enter this church building, so God wishes to enter into your soul, for he promised: *I shall live in them, I shall walk through their hearts.*

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

November 9, 2014

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

Total Collection...\$6,113.34

Envelope:\$4,359.00

Plate:\$1,754.34

Total contributing households: 101

5:15 Sat	\$ 901.24
8:30 Sun	\$1,762.60
10:00 Sun	\$1,484.07
11:30 Sun	\$ 735.07
5:15 Sun	\$ 875.36
Mailed in	\$ 355.00

EXPENSES (week of November 3-7)

Annual Fire Inspection	\$ 412.15
Computer Service	\$ 162.00
Copier Lease	\$ 241.16
Landscaping	\$ 275.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 129.42
Music Ministry	\$ 1,153.12
Office Supplies	\$ 229.98
Pest Control	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 59.00
Priest Supply	\$ 725.00
Property Tax	\$ 30.36
Supplies-Ministry	\$ 220.50
TOTAL:	\$ 3,737.69

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 _____



2014 Baptism Schedule

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

**2015 schedule on the
website under
Sacraments.**

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

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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

Quarters and Cans Sunday -- November 16

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

On behalf of the entire Quarter and Cans Committee, and Father Richard, we thank you for your continued support of these important programs as we try to follow Our Lord's command to put the Holy Gospel into action.

AROUND THE PARISH

Parish Calendar

November

16	Quarters & Cans Sunday Family Catechesis	9:45 a.m.
18	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
19	Choir Practice RCIA	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
20	Centering Prayer	7:00 p.m.
22	Traditional Latin Mass	10:00 a.m.
23	Collection for National Needs	
25	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
26	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
27	Thanksgiving Day Parish Office and Gift Shop Closed	
28	Day After Thanksgiving Parish Office Closed - Gift Shop Open	
30	Family Catechesis	9:45 a.m.

December

1	I.C. Seniors luncheon	11:00 a.m.
2	Pastoral Council Meeting (Closed session)	6:00 p.m.
3	Choir Practice RCIA	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
4	Taize Service	7:00 p.m.
8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy day of obligation)	
10	RCIA	
12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mexican chocolate & Pastries after 8 am. Mass Christmas Concert and Dinner	6:00 p.m.
14	Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious Parish Breakfast Family Catechesis	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.
16	Confession - Advent Advent Penance Service	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Centering Prayer

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

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

The one priesthood of Christ

1544 Everything that the priesthood of the Old Covenant prefigured finds its fulfillment in Christ Jesus, the "one mediator between God and men." The Christian tradition considers Melchizedek, "priest of God Most High," as a prefiguration of the priesthood of Christ, the unique "high priest after the order of Melchizedek"; "holy, blameless, unstained," "by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified," that is, by the unique sacrifice of the cross.

1545 The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once for all; yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. The same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ's priesthood: "Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers."

Two participations in the one priesthood of Christ

1546 Christ, high priest and unique mediator, has made of the Church "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father." The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are "consecrated to be . . . a holy priesthood."

1547 The ministerial or hierarchical priesthood of bishops and priests, and the common priesthood of all the faithful participate, "each in its own proper way, in the one priesthood of Christ." While being "ordered one to another," they differ essentially.²² In what sense? While the common priesthood of the faithful is exercised by the unfolding of baptismal grace --a life of faith, hope, and charity, a life according to the Spirit--, the ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. The ministerial priesthood is a *means* by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church. For this reason it is transmitted by its own sacrament, the sacrament of Holy Orders.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

ICF Branch 246 presents...

**San Diego Waterfront & Little Italy
An Historical Journey**

Jim Bregante will share his experience of growing up in Little Italy and near the San Diego waterfront.

St. Vincent Church Hall
Friday, November 21
6:00 pm

Free of charge.
For info, call Bella Virgilio 619-299-0532

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**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.

Tickets go on sale November 23
in Serra Hall
\$25 per person
No-host bar

Opportunity Drawing for Baskets

**Gentle Stretch Class will not meet
during the month of December.**

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

25. I am aware that nowadays documents do not arouse the same interest as in the past and that they are quickly forgotten. Nevertheless, I want to emphasize that what I am trying to express here has a programmatic significance and important consequences. I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are. "Mere administration" can no longer be enough. Throughout the world, let us be "permanently in a state of mission".

26. Paul VI invited us to deepen the call to renewal and to make it clear that renewal does not only concern individuals but the entire Church. Let us return to a memorable text which continues to challenge us. "The Church must look with penetrating eyes within herself, ponder the mystery of her own being... This vivid and lively self-awareness inevitably leads to a comparison between the ideal image of the Church as Christ envisaged her and loved her as his holy and spotless bride (cf. Eph 5:27), and the actual image which the Church presents to the world today..."

**The Mystery of Christ in the Church:
A Study of Ephesians**

Friday and Saturday
January 9 & 10, 2015

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
13541 Stoney Creek Rd., San Diego
Co-sponsored by the St. Paul Center for Biblical
Theology

http://www.jpccatholic.com/Biblical_Conference.php

...from the Office of Young Adult Ministry

"Christ the King"
Mass, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration
Saturday, November 22-- 6-9pm
Mater Dei High School

Join others -young and old-
for an outdoor Vigil Celebration to honor
"Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"

The Vigil will include the Celebration of the Eucharist, procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic Adoration. Please contact Kimi La Salle for more information 619.507.1990 or check the Website at www.yamsd.org to see the flyer.

Could some bishops of the recent synod also have been be too influenced by culture rather than the gospel?

EMPTY FULL PEWS

—Zachary Gappa

Christianity Today's online magazine *Parse* recently posited that the rise of the automobile laid the groundwork for the modern mega church. It's a recommended read that gets to the crux of a problem in modern Christianity – a problem that cars only amplified: our self-centeredness.

There are, of course, plenty of God-fearing Christians attending mega churches, but these churches commonly present a wide array of problematic practices. As the *Parse* piece details, these churches appeal to consumer-worshippers who are willing to drive to whichever church provides the most attractive platter of programs, comfort, and entertainment. The personal whims of the laity have become the primary shaper of the modern American church landscape.

So churches pull out all the stops. They pile on program upon program, childcare, coffee shops, stadium seating, and a multitude of services at multiple times on various days, to accommodate all the truly important things we fill our schedules with. But all of this effort isn't getting mega churches very far. Just because people are in the pews today doesn't mean they're here to stay. Ligonier and Lifeway Research just released a significant survey on the current views and attitudes of American Christians. Half of the 3000 respondents said they thought worshipping alone or with family is just as good as going to church. This is consistent with a survey the Willow Creek mega church did of its own members. In it they found that 63 percent of those "exhibit[ing] all the signs of full devotion" said they sometimes consider leaving the church. No matter how tasty the platter, the exultation of personal preference destroys the commitment of the Christian to his fellow believers in the church.

It's hardly surprising that modern American Christians have largely abandoned our sense of duty and self-sacrifice when it comes to church. After all, we've been progressively ignoring our faith traditions for decades. The Ligonier survey found some disheartening (though not unexpected) responses. 45 percent of Americans believe there are many ways to heaven. 67 percent believe people are mostly good, and while 61 percent believe hell is a real place, most don't seem to think many people will wind up there. Less than half of Americans believe the Bible is the Word of God, and only 43 percent say it is 100 percent accurate.

The survey numbers confirm the trends we see throughout American culture. Americans don't believe in the traditional Christian God, we don't believe in the Bible, our own gut feelings trump what the Bible and Christian tradition say, and we believe most people are basically good and will go to heaven. Above all, we believe the greatest commandment is to be nice and the greatest sin is to offend someone else.

Contrast this with the words of Jesus. When his disciples were concerned that he had offended the religious

leaders of His day, Jesus responded "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." (Matthew 15:13-14) Hardly the words of someone worried about offending others. Indeed the core of the Gospel is about as offensive as you can get: All people are wretched sinners deserving of eternal damnation. But the Gospel also presents us with the greatest hope for loving forgiveness: all sins can be forgiven through the sacrificial work of Christ.

Perhaps success is the greatest enemy of the modern American Christian. We are comfortable, our basic needs are largely met, and we live in relative peace and security. Who wants to ruffle feathers by promoting hard truths or defending the Bible and Christian tradition in the face of the trends of the day? We have become ashamed of the Gospel as we grow accustomed to thinking of our achievements as the work of our own hands. We worry more about status and image than about the fate of souls. Self-centeredness is a root sin for all people, but it seems to be growing particularly well in the fertile heart of the modern American Christian.

So what would a return to our strong Christian tradition look like? And what would it mean for the broader American culture?

We would be more resistant to the trends and pressures of our culture. The "consensus" of the day is constantly changing, and we are far too willing to adapt our Christianity to the whims of culture. Holding to the words of the Bible and the traditions of 2000 years of Church history would do much to correct this pathetic "me too" sheepish pandering.

We would believe in the real God. Too often God is removed from the day-to-day thoughts of the comfortable American Christian. He only enters into the picture in times of personal crisis, of which we have relatively few. He is viewed like Santa Claus with a one dimensional personality: unconditional love, no strings attached. The traditional Christian God of the Bible is so much greater and more majestic than this. He is a God to live for, to believe in, and to be transformed by.

We would take our Bibles seriously, being transformed by our faith. We would show great love to our neighbor, great self-sacrifice, and a shocking reordering of priorities. We would fellowship with believers, help the poor, witness to others. We would take the Sabbath seriously, pray continually, and demonstrate humility. If the number of Americans who profess to be Christians today started living consistently with Scripture, our culture would be transformed overnight.

Sadly, the most we ever hear about Christian action today is a media report on the latest social justice movement. Some of these movements are worthwhile, but far too many are labels under which Christians are simply recommending more government action, in lieu of actually living out their own personal duty to love their neighbor. In truth, traditional biblical Christianity presents the best hope for a good life on earth: Love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself. These two great commandments have transformed humanity for millennia - they're still relevant today. If more modern American Christians would act as actual Christians, the cultivation of our culture would be beautiful to watch.