

The Catholic Church of the  
**Immaculate Conception**

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**November 30, 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., 7:00 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

1	8 AM	<b>Advent Weekday</b> †Antonio & Margaret Sanfilippo	RP
2	8 AM	<b>Advent Weekday</b> †Francisco Sugatan	RE
3	8 AM	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> Priest's Intentions	RP
4	9 AM	<b>St. John Demascene</b> Priest's Intentions	RP
5	8 AM	<b>Advent Weekday</b> Priest's Intentions	RP
6	8 AM	<b>St. Nicholas</b> Priest's Intentions	RP
7	5:15 PM	People of Immaculate Conception	RP
	8:30 AM	†Barbara Gallardo	RE
	10:00 AM	†Pete R. Escalante	RP
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	Priest's Intentions	RP

## APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

**December:** Intentions of the Holy Father  
**Universal:** That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.  
**Evangelization:** That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

## 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

1	Pope Francis
2	†Bishop Cirilo Flores
3	Bishop Robert Brom
4	Bishop Gilbert Chavez
5	Rev. Msgr. Donald Kulleck
6	Rev. Charles Lacombe
7	Rev. Doan Lai

## PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:7-17; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1-27; Mt 7:21-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1-14; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1-8

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

*Jesus, protect all who serve our country.*

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

Brandon Blaine Bielicki, Georgene Bielicki, Elizabeth Cantoni, Salvador Carrillo, Stephen Falley, Norm Henkels, Helen Kennedy, Jirair Khalatian, Mary Lynch, Bette June Marciel, Kianna Meade, Julia M. Ocampos Ernie Proo, Joan Schmitten, Karina Sosa,	Clyde Southern, Jr., Mariana S. Tadena William Kennedy Robert McMahon, David Diaz Margie Gautier Patrick Piggot Rodney Serrano Concepción Garza Richard Solís Moreno Laura Marks Alvin Weaver William Bethel Lillian Sinclair Imelda Hoeckelmann
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**CHRIST THE KING COMES TO US****FROM THE PASTOR**

— *St Andrew of Crete*  
*Behold, your king is*  
*coming to you, the Holy*  
*One, the Savior*

Let us say to Christ: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel. Let us hold before him like palm branches those final words inscribed above the cross. Let us show him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under his feet like garments, so that entering us with the whole of his being, he may draw the whole of our being into himself and place the whole of his in us. Let us say to Zion in the words of the prophet: Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; he is coming to achieve in you his work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid, then: God is in the midst of you, and you shall not be shaken.

Receive him with open, outstretched hands, for it was on his own hands that he sketched you. Receive him who laid your foundations on the palms of his hands. Receive him, for he took upon himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is his. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. Celebrate your feasts. Glorify him for his mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly, daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. Be enlightened, be enlightened, we cry to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you.

What kind of light is this? It is that which enlightens every man coming into the world. It is the everlasting light, the timeless light revealed in time, the light manifested in the flesh although hidden by nature, the light that shone round the shepherds and guided the Magi. It is the light that was in the world from the beginning, through which the world was made, yet the world did not know it. It is that light which came to its own, and its own people did not receive it.

And what is this glory of the Lord? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, he, the radiance of the Father's glory, even as he said when he faced his passion: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once. The glory of which he speaks here is his lifting up on the cross, for Christ's glory is his cross and his exultation upon it, as he plainly says: When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.

**THE THREE COMINGS OF THE LORD**

— *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty.

In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord himself says: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. There is another passage of Scripture which reads: He who fears God will do good, but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word. Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation.

If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son with the Father will come to you. The great Prophet who will build the new Jerusalem will come, the one who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man. Just as Adam's sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once he takes possession of all.

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Gifts of Treasure**

November 23, 2014

Publication deadline prevented us from providing a summary of the November 23 collection. We thank parishioners and visitors who made a joyful return to the Lord.

**EXPENSES** (week of November 17-21)

Breakfast supplies	\$ 82.49
Household Expense	\$ 449.46
Music Ministry	\$ 1,328.74
Office Supplies	\$ 134.16
Priest pension	\$ 844.96
Property insurance	\$ 965.34
Supplies-Ministry	\$ 269.55
Waste disposal	\$ 134.57
Water utility	\$ 769.96
Worker's comp	\$ 102.02

**TOTAL: \$ 5,081.25**

**Serra Gifts...**

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



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, for your family and friends, and for the holiday season.

Remember, your purchases help to support our parish.

**Re-usable shopping bags with Immaculate Conception logo,**

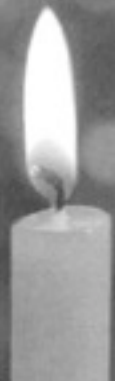
**and**

**Advent candles, Advent calendars, and Christmas cards are now available.**

**THANK YOU**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Christmas  
Candlelight  
Concert  
& Dinner**



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

**DECEMBER 12, 2014**

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

Tickets on sale now in Serra Hall  
\$25 per person, limited number of tickets

No-host bar

Opportunity Drawing for Baskets

**FAMILY CATECHESIS**

Continues on December 14 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 on the website under Sacraments**

**A MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN, FRANCE & PORTUGAL:**

You are invited to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime 'Pilgrimage to Spain, France & Portugal,' 14-days, September 28 to October 11, 2015. Includes visits to Barcelona, Zaragoza, Lourdes, Santiago, Porto, Fatima, Lisbon & more! Only \$3,599 from San Diego (SAN), plus \$680 in airport taxes and \$165 in tips. Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Richard Perozich. To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit [www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Perozich](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Perozich), or for more information, please contact Fr. Richard Perozich at (619) 295-4141 x11 or send an email to [pastor@ic-sandiego.org](mailto:pastor@ic-sandiego.org). Space is limited. Register today. Info at parish office or on main page of IC's website: <http://www.ic-sandiego.org>.

## AROUND THE PARISH

### Parish Calendar

**November**

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 5:30 p.m.  
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

4 Taize Service 7:00 p.m.

8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy day of obligation)

10 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.  
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

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 9:30 a.m.  
Family Catechesis 9:45 a.m.

16 Confession - Advent 9:00 a.m.  
Advent Penance Service 7:00 p.m.

17 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.  
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

18 Centering Prayer 7:00 p.m.

24 No choir practice

25 Parish Office and Serra Gifts closed

26 Parish Office closed; Serra Gifts open

28 Quarters and Cans Sunday  
Family Catechesis 9:45 a.m.

31 No choir practice

**January**

1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day, Obligation Dispensed)  
Parish Office and Serra Gifts closed

5 I.C. Seniors Luncheon 11:00 a.m.

### Centering Prayer

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

Thursday Evening-December 18  
Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall  
7:00-8:30 pm

**1552** The ministerial priesthood has the task not only of representing Christ - Head of the Church - before the assembly of the faithful, but also of acting in the name of the whole Church when presenting to God the prayer of the Church, and above all when offering the Eucharistic sacrifice.

**1553** "In the name of the *whole* Church" does not mean that priests are the delegates of the community. The prayer and offering of the Church are inseparable from the prayer and offering of Christ, her head; it is always the case that Christ worships in and through his Church. The whole Church, the Body of Christ, prays and offers herself "through him, with him, in him," in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to God the Father. The whole Body, *caput et membra*, prays and offers itself, and therefore those who in the Body are especially his ministers are called ministers not only of Christ, but also of the Church. It is because the ministerial priesthood represents Christ that it can represent the Church.

### III. THE THREE DEGREES OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

**1554** "The divinely instituted ecclesiastical ministry is exercised in different degrees by those who even from ancient times have been called bishops, priests, and deacons." Catholic doctrine, expressed in the liturgy, the Magisterium, and the constant practice of the Church, recognizes that there are two degrees of ministerial participation in the priesthood of Christ: the episcopacy and the presbyterate. The diaconate is intended to help and serve them. For this reason the term *sacerdos* in current usage denotes bishops and priests but not deacons. Yet Catholic doctrine teaches that the degrees of priestly participation (episcopate and presbyterate) and the degree of service (diaconate) are all three conferred by a sacramental act called "ordination," that is, by the sacrament of Holy Orders:

Let everyone revere the deacons as Jesus Christ, the bishop as the image of the Father, and the presbyters as the senate of God and the assembly of the apostles. For without them one cannot speak of the Church.

### Episcopal ordination - fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders

**1555** "Amongst those various offices which have been exercised in the Church from the earliest times the chief place, according to the witness of tradition, is held by the function of those who, through their appointment to the dignity and responsibility of bishop, and in virtue consequently of the unbroken succession going back to the beginning, are regarded as transmitters of the apostolic line."

# PARISH & COMMUNITY

### I.C. SENIORS...

**Charity email frauds** - especially prevalent during the holiday season. Fraudsters send emails soliciting contributions - often using the name of legitimate charity- with links to click on. The victim unwittingly provides a bank account number and other personal information to the con artist.

**Senior Discounts** are available from merchants such as Kohl's, Clark's Shoes, and Denny's. Ask next time you visit the merchant or restaurant.

### WE ARE CATHOLIC. WELCOME HOME.

Visit

[www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org)

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

### Antiphons, Lessons, and Carols A Christmas Story

Take time out of your hectic holiday preparation to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Join us for a beautiful and meaningful Christmas celebration filled with Christmas Carols and a narration of the Birth of Christ.

Sunday, **December 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**  
St. Mary Magdalene Church.  
No Charge. Refreshments will be served.  
For information, call 619-276-1041

### 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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### *EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis*

...27. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself. As John Paul II once said to the Bishops of Oceania:

“All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion”

28. The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be “the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters”. This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few.

**As we prepare for the holy Christmas season, the Adopt-a-Family program here at Immaculate Conception Church provides us the opportunity to share with others in our community.**

If you would like to adopt a family for Christmas, send an email to Deacon Bob at [rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org](mailto:rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org) with your information (name and telephone number) or call (858) 490-8332, Monday-Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., no later than Friday, November 28, 2014.

This will allow us time to get your family's information to you and allow you time to shop before the delivery date.

**This year, the items most needed for the children are coats and pants.**

Wrapped gifts can be dropped off at Serra Hall after the two morning Masses but no later than 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2014. Gifts will be delivered to Catholic Charities on Monday, December 15, 2014.

*Thank you for your giving spirit and God bless.  
Father Richard and Quarters & Cans Committee*

## THE HEART OF THE JUST MAN WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD

— *St. Augustine*

*The just man will rejoice in the Lord and put his hope in him; the hearts of all good men will be filled with joy. We must surely have sung these words with our hearts as well as with our voices. Indeed, the tongue of the Christian expresses his deepest feelings when it addresses such words to God. The just man will rejoice, not in the world, but in the Lord. Light has dawned for the just, Scripture says in another place, and joy for the upright of heart. Were you wondering what reason he has for joy? Here you are told: The just man will rejoice in the Lord. Another text runs: Delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.*

What are we instructed to do then, and what are we enabled to do? To rejoice in the Lord. But who can rejoice in something he does not see? Am I suggesting that we see the Lord then?

No, but we have been promised that we shall see him. Now, *as long as we are in the body, we walk by faith, for we are absent from the Lord. We walk by faith, and not by sight. When will it be by sight? Beloved, says John, we are now the sons of God; what we shall be has not yet been revealed, but we know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. When this prophecy is fulfilled, then it will be by sight.*

That will be the great joy, the supreme joy, joy in all its fullness. Then we shall no longer drink the milk of

hope, but we shall feed on the reality itself. Nevertheless, even now, before that vision comes to us, or before we come to that vision, let us rejoice in the Lord; for it is no small reason for rejoicing to have a hope that will some day be fulfilled.

Therefore, since the hope we now have inspires love, *the just man rejoices*, Scripture says, *in the Lord*; but because he does not yet see, it immediately goes on to say, and *hopes in him*.

Yet already we have the first fruits of the Spirit, and have we not also other reasons for rejoicing? For we are drawing near to the one we love, and not only are we drawing near – we even have some slight feeling and taste of the banquet we shall one day eagerly eat and drink.

But how can we rejoice in the Lord if he is far from us? Pray God he may not be far. If he is, that is your doing. Love, and he will draw near; love, and he will dwell within you. *The Lord is at hand; have no anxiety.* Are you puzzled to know how it is that he will be with you if you love? *God is love.*

“What do you mean by love?” you will ask me. It is that which enables us to be loving. What do we love? A good that words cannot describe, a good that is for ever giving, a good that is the Creator of all good. Delight in him from whom you have received everything that delights you. But in that I do not include sin, for sin is the one thing that you do not receive from him. With that one exception, everything you have comes from him.