

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., 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.

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

8	8 AM	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Angela Rodriguez, SI	RP
9	7 PM	†Angelina Olivarez	RP
	8 AM	<i>Advent Weekday</i> †May Laura Manning	RE
10	8 AM	<i>Advent Weekday</i> Priest's Intentions	RP
11	9 AM	<i>St. Damascus I</i> †Al Weaver	RP
12	8 AM	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Priest's Intentions	RP
13	8 AM	<i>St. Lucy</i> †Jim O'Shea, M.D.	RP
	5:15 PM	Carey Correia, SI	RP
14	8:30 AM	People of Immaculate Conception	RP
	10:00 AM	†Sylvia Valderama	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	†Antonio Gonsalves	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

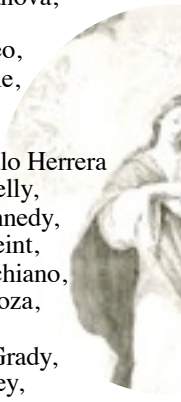
8	Rev. Khuyen Lai
9	Rev. Peter Vu Lam
10	Rev. Justin Langille
11	Rev. Steven Larion
12	Rev. Martin Latiff, MC
13	Rev. Msgr. Roger Lechner
14	Rev. David Leon

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Gn 3:9-20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1-13; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18-19; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:2-19; Mt 17:9-13

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Ismael Casanova, Bob Curry Joanne Daleo, Albina Farris, 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, Al Weaver, Ed Oleata, Mike Rodriguez, Lisa Becerra, Maguire Fitzpatrick Tony Jenkins Peter Nalwalker Bob Witt
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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 Schmittin, Karina Sosa, Clyde Southern, Jr.,	Mariana S. Tadana 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 Angelina Olivarez
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THE ADVENT (COMING) OF JESUS IS

The Cure for What's Ailing Americans:
Thanksgiving [EUCHARIST]

- Robert Jeffress

FROM THE PASTOR

The on-line retailer Amazon recently revealed the most popular verse in the Bible for Americans. No, it's not the ubiquitous John 3:16 displayed on posters at sporting events everywhere.

Instead, Americans are increasingly turning to Philippians 4:6-7 which the apostle Paul begins with these words: **"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."**

Be anxious for nothing? That's a lot easier said than done these days. Just read the headlines, and you'll quickly discover plenty of reasons to worry: "4 Jihad Attacks in 4 Days," "Ukraine Could Explode in 48 Hours," and "Ebola Crisis 'On Same Scale as AIDS Epidemic.'"

No wonder 64 percent of voters believe that things in America are "out of control." And it is therefore no surprise that Americans' favorite verse these days contains not only a command against anxiety but a cure for it: "prayer ... with thanksgiving." The Living Bible paraphrases the verse this way: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers."

I have a friend who encourages people who worry a lot to take out a sheet of paper and write at the top, "Worry List." Then, make a list of everything in your life that is a source of anxiety for you: health issues, financial difficulties, career challenges, family conflicts.

Once you have filled up your page (or pages) with your concerns, take out another piece of paper and put the words "Prayer List" at the top. Then, cross through each item on your "Worry List" and transfer it to your "Prayer List." Instead of having a list of items to worry about, you now have a list of concerns to talk with God about.

My friend tells people that the secret to peace in life is having a short worry list and a long prayer list. "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything."

But Paul adds that our prayers need to be coupled "with thanksgiving." By "thanksgiving" the apostle is not referring to the once-a-year American ritual of gorging on turkey, cranberry sauce, and football games but to the invaluable and healing attitude of gratitude.

Regularly expressing thanks to God and other people for the good things they have brought into your life is a powerful antidote to anxiety. Reflecting on the ways God has protected and provided for you

in the past can protect you against the fear of an uncertain future.

Expressing thankfulness should not be reserved for one day on the calendar but needs to become a way of life. Allow me to offer several practical suggestions for developing the quality of gratitude:

1. Make gratitude part of your daily routine. Before you drift off to sleep each night take a moment to thank God for two or three positive things that happened to you that day.

Researchers Robert Emmons and Mike McCullough assigned two groups to keep a daily diary of five things that happened to them throughout the day and reflect on them before going to sleep each night: One group listed positive things for which they were thankful and the other group listed negative happenings.

The result?

Joy, happiness, and life satisfaction skyrocketed for the gratitude group.

2. Guard against the tendency to "go negative." Pessimism is in vogue these days. According to a recent Fox News poll, 58 percent of Americans believe the world was going "to hell in a hand basket."

Yes, there are plenty of things to criticize but there are also a number of reasons to be thankful. For example, our health care situation may be a mess, but in the last two centuries vaccines have virtually eliminated death from diphtheria, polio, hepatitis, and other diseases.

Despite the real economic struggles many are facing, the bottom 5 percent of income earners in the United States are still wealthier than 68 percent of the world's population. Our government may be dysfunctional, but at least we have the freedom to say so without losing our lives.

3. Express appreciation to others who have made a difference in your life. Ultimately, all good gifts come from God, but He often sends them through people He places in our lives. Over the holiday weekend why not send a note or call someone—a teacher, mentor, friend, or family member—who has significantly impacted your life?

If you don't feel particularly grateful for anything or anyone, remember that gratitude must usually be expressed before it is felt.

I've found that it's much easier to act yourself into a feeling than to feel yourself into an action.

After all, there is a reason this holiday is called Thanks-giving and not Thanks-feeling.

Robert Jeffress' message is taken to a spiritual level for us Catholics when we understand that the English word THANKSGIVING is rendered from the Greek as EUCHARIST in our worship.

While we give thanks before meals, our thankfulness extends to everything we receive. Our ultimate thanksgiving is for Jesus' liberation from sin and for eternal life, which we express together at Holy Mass, the perfect Eucharist to our Father.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

November 23, 2014

Total Collection: \$4,187.18

Parishioners: \$2,982.00

Visitors: \$1,205.18

Collection for National Needs: \$804.67

November 30, 2014

Total Collection: \$4,891.66

Parishioners: \$3,314.00

Visitors: \$1,577.66

Total contributing households: XXX

5:15 Sat	\$ 911.69
8:30 Sun	\$ 906.00
10:00 Sun	\$1355.20
11:30 Sun	\$ 627.21
5:15 Sun	\$ 399.06
Mailed	\$ 692.50

EXPENSES (week of November 24-28)

Cable	\$ 86.95
Diocesan Tax	\$ 4,264.24
Health Insurance	\$1,389.01
Music Ministry	\$ 577.58
Payroll (incl tax)	\$ 3,051.66
Payroll service	\$ 46.45
Pension	\$ 375.55
Website	\$ 51.05
Worker's Comp	\$ 102.02

TOTAL: \$9,944.51

Diocesan loan: Principal reduction payment of \$3000 made with funds received as designated gift.

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.

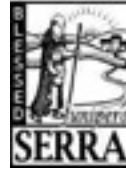
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Serra Gifts...



**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

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, or for more information, please contact Fr. Richard Perozich at (619) 295-4141 x11 or send an email to 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

December

- 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.
- 6 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 7 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Parish Breakfast9:30 a.m.
- 13 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council (closed session) 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Parish Office closed

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

1556 To fulfill their exalted mission, "the apostles were endowed by Christ with a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit coming upon them, and by the imposition of hands they passed on to their auxiliaries the gift of the Spirit, which is transmitted down to our day through episcopal consecration."

1557 The Second Vatican Council "teaches that *the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders* is conferred by episcopal consecration, that fullness namely which, both in the liturgical tradition of the Church and the language of the Fathers of the Church, is called the high priesthood, the acme (*summa*) of the sacred ministry."

1558 "Episcopal consecration confers, together with the office of sanctifying, also the offices of teaching and ruling. . . In fact .by the imposition of hands and through the words of the consecration, the grace of the Holy Spirit is given, and a sacred character is impressed in such wise that bishops, in an eminent and visible manner, take the place of Christ himself, teacher, shepherd, and priest, and act as his representative (*in Eius persona agent*)." "By virtue, therefore, of the Holy Spirit who has been given to them, bishops have been constituted true and authentic teachers of the faith and have been made pontiffs and pastors."

1559 "One is constituted a member of the episcopal body in virtue of the sacramental consecration and by the hierarchical communion with the head and members of the college." The character and *collegial nature* of the episcopal order are evidenced among other ways by the Church's ancient practice which calls for several bishops to participate in the consecration of a new bishop. In our day, the lawful ordination of a bishop requires a special intervention of the Bishop of Rome, because he is the supreme visible bond of the communion of the particular Churches in the one Church and the guarantor of their freedom.

1560 As Christ's vicar, each bishop has the pastoral care of the particular Church entrusted to him, but at the same time he bears collegially with all his brothers in the episcopacy the *solicitude for all the Churches*: "Though each bishop is the lawful pastor only of the portion of the flock entrusted to his care, as a legitimate successor of the apostles he is, by divine institution and precept, responsible with the other bishops for the apostolic mission of the Church."

1561 The above considerations explain why the Eucharist celebrated by the bishop has a quite special significance as an expression of the Church gathered around the altar, with the one who represents Christ, the Good Shepherd and Head of his Church, presiding.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 16
 Advent Confession 9:00 a.m.
 Penance Service 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24
 5:15 Mass
 12 Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25
 8:30 a.m.
 10:00 a.m.
 11:30 a.m.

There will be no 5:15 Mass on Christmas Day

Support Group for Separated/Divorced

A support group for anyone suffering from the pain and loss associated with a separation or divorce. We meet Sundays at 10:15 AM at St. James Catholic Church – Ministry Center in Solana Beach. For more information contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520, or Jan Nadler

If you are unable to attend the dinner, please join us for the free concert in the church.

**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

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

... 28. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable out-reach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented.

29. Other Church institutions, basic communities and small communities, movements, and forms of association are a source of enrichment for the Church, raised up by the Spirit for evangelizing different areas and sectors. Frequently they bring a new evangelizing fervor and a new capacity for dialogue with the world whereby the Church is renewed. But it will prove beneficial for them not to lose contact with the rich reality of the local parish and to participate readily in the overall pastoral activity of the particular Church. This kind of integration will prevent them from concentrating only on part of the Gospel or the Church, or becoming nomads without roots.

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 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*

**EACH MAN'S PROFIT
MATCHES HIS TOIL**

— *Saint Leo the Great, pope*

The Lord says: Unless your justice exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. How indeed can justice exceed, unless compassion rises above judgment? What is as right or as worthy as a creature, fashioned in the image and likeness of God, imitating his Creator who, by the remission of sins, brought about the reparation and sanctification of believers? With strict vengeance removed and the cessation of all punishment, the guilty man was restored to innocence, and the end of wickedness became the beginning of virtue. Can anything be more just than this?

This is how Christian justice can exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, not by canceling out the law but by rejecting earthly wisdom. This is why, in giving his disciples a rule for fasting, the Lord said: Whenever you fast do not become sad like the hypocrites. For they disfigure their faces in order to seem to be fasting. Amen I say to you, they have received their reward. What reward but that of human praise? Such a desire often puts on a mask of justice, for where there is no concern for conscience, untruthful reputation gives pleasure. The result is that concealed injustice enjoys a false reputation.

For the man who loves God it is sufficient to please the one he loves; and there is no greater recompense to be sought than the loving itself; for love is from God by the very fact that God himself is love. The good and chaste

soul is so happy to be filled with him that it desires to take delight in nothing else. For what the Lord says is very true: Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. What is a man's treasure but the heaping up of profits and the fruit of his toil. For whatever a man sows this too will he reap, and each man's gain matches his toil; and where delight and enjoyment are found, there the heart's desire is attached. Now there are many kinds of wealth and a variety of grounds for rejoicing; every man's treasure is that which he desires. If it is based on earthly ambitions, its acquisition makes men not blessed but wretched.

But those who enjoy the things that are above and eternal rather than earthly and perishable, possess an incorruptible, hidden store of which the prophet speaks: Our treasure and salvation have come, wisdom and instruction and piety from the Lord: these are the treasures of justice. Through these, with the help of God's grace, even earthly possessions are transformed into heavenly blessings; it is a fact that many people use the wealth which is either rightfully left to them or otherwise acquired, as a tool of devotion.

By distributing what might be superfluous to support the poor, they are amassing imperishable riches, so that what they have discreetly given cannot be subject to loss. They have properly placed those riches where their heart is; it is a most blessed thing to work to increase such riches rather than to fear that they may pass away.