

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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December 21, 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.

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

| | | | |
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| 22 | 8 AM | Late Advent Weekday †Lupita Flores | RP |
| 23 | 8 AM | St. John of Kanty Priest's Intentions | RE |
| 24 | 8 AM | Late Advent Weekday †Michael Griffin | RP |
| | 5:15 PM | † A. H. Lorch, M.D. | RP |
| | 12Midnite | Finete-Celentino Family, SI | RP |
| 25 | 8:30A.M. | The Nativity of the Lord Patricia Ann Werner, SI | RE |
| | 10:00 | †Manuel Correia | RP |
| | 11:30 | †Joseph & Margaret Werner | RE |
| 26 | 8 AM | St. Stephen Spera Family, SI | RP |
| 27 | 8:00 AM | St. John Priest's Intentions | RP |
| | 5:15 PM | Corinne Correia Hill, SI | RP |
| 28 | 8:30 AM | †Manuel Correia | RP |
| | 10:00 AM | Edward & Georgiana Ottenheimer, SI | RE |
| | 11:30 AM | People of Immaculate Conception | RE |
| | 5:15 PM | Romeo Lopez, SI | 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

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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 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

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| 22 | Rev. Herman Manuel, SVD |
| 23 | Rev. Delfin Manzano |
| 24 | Rev. Victor Maristela |
| 25 | Rev. Ramon Marrufo |
| 26 | Rev. Joseph Masar |
| 27 | Rev. Devadhasan Masillamony |
| 28 | Rev. Federico Masutti, FSSP |

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 SM 2:1-8; Lk 1:46-56
 Tuesday: Mal 3:1-24; Ps 25:4-14; Lk 1:57-66
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-16; Ps 89:2-29; Lk 1:67-79
 Thursday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jan 1:1-18
 Friday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-17; Mt 10:17-22
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-12; Jn 20:2-8

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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| Ismael Casanova, | Lupe Riccio, |
| Bob Curry | Mary Jane Tiernan, |
| Joanne Daleo, | Marguerite Vorst, |
| Albina Farrie, | Floyd Watson, |
| Julie Fish | Marie Whitman, |
| Esther Fitch | Martha Zamudio, |
| Lydia Castillo Herrera | Carlos Amaya, |
| Margaret Kelly, | Fred Levine, |
| 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 |
| Ellen Quigley, | Bob Witt |

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus, protect all who serve our country.

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| 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.

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

GOD'S PROMISES ARE GIVEN TO US THROUGH THE SON

FROM THE PASTOR

— *St Augustine*

God decreed a time for making promises and a time for the promises to be fulfilled. The time for making promises was the time of the prophets, ending with John the Baptist, the last prophet. From then until the end is the time for the fulfillment of promises.

God is faithful. He has made himself our debtor, not by receiving anything from us but by promising us so much. The promise alone was not enough for him: he wanted it in writing, so that he could be held to it, practically entering into a contract with us that listed the promises he was making. In that way, when he began to fulfill his promises, we could see the order of their fulfillment by looking in Scripture. Therefore the time of the prophets was (as I have said so often) the time of making promises.

He promised us eternal salvation and an unending life of blessedness with the angels, and an imperishable inheritance, the joy of seeing his face, a dwelling-place with him in heaven, and the fear of death removed from us through the resurrection. This is, if you like, his ultimate promise. We look forward to it, and when we reach it, we will want nothing more. But as to how this final end is to be reached, he has also told us in promises and prophecies.

He has promised to men that they will be like God; to mortals he has

promised immortality; to sinners, righteousness; to the lowly, glory.

Indeed, brethren, because what God promised seemed incredible to men – that from mortality, decay, weakness, lowliness, dust and ashes they should become equals of the angels of God – he did not only sign a contract with them to convince them. He sent, not just any prince, not just any angel or archangel, but his only Son. The road by which he was to lead us to the end he had promised us – through his Son he would show us that road.

Even so, it was not enough for God to send his Son to point out the way – he *made* his Son the way itself, so that we can go on our journey guided by him as he walks along his own way.

So the only Son of God was to come to men, to take on humanity, and thus to die, to ascend to heaven and sit at the right hand of the father, and so to fulfill what he had promised among the nations. After that promise to the nations had been fulfilled, he would fulfill his other promise, to come, to demand the return of what he had given, to separate the vessels of anger from the vessels of mercy, to give the wicked what he had threatened and the righteous what he had promised.

All this had to be prophesied and foretold. It had to have its coming announced. It could not come suddenly and unexpectedly, causing terror and alarm: people had to be awaiting it with faith.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

Publication deadline prevented us from providing a summary of the December 14 collection. We thank parishioners and visitors who made a joyful return to the Lord.

EXPENSES (week of December 8-12)

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| Diocesan loan | \$1,989.02 |
| Music Ministry | \$ 713.20 |
| Payroll (incl. tax) | \$ 3,181.53 |
| Payroll Service | \$ 46.45 |
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| TOTAL: | \$5,930.20 |

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 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Continues on December 28 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

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 _____



*Glory to God
in the Highest!*

Fr. Richard and the staff of Immaculate Conception Parish, wish you and your loved ones a Christmas season filled with peace and goodwill.

With the coming of Jesus into the world, may God continue to bless us all with his healing love throughout the year.

In observance of Christmas --

The parish office will be closed Dec. 25 & 26.

Serra Gifts will be closed Dec. 25 & open Dec. 26.



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

- 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- Serra Gifts open
- 20 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 21 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 28 - Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 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-2015 schedule TBA
Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall
7:00-8:30 pm

THE PRIESTHOOD

1567 "The priests, prudent cooperators of the episcopal college and its support and instrument, called to the service of the People of God, constitute, together with their bishop, a unique sacerdotal college (*presbyterium*) dedicated, it is true, to a variety of distinct duties. In each local assembly of the faithful they represent, in a certain sense, the bishop, with whom they are associated in all trust and generosity; in part they take upon themselves his duties and solicitude and in their daily toils discharge them." priests can exercise their ministry only in dependence on the bishop and in communion with him. The promise of obedience they make to the bishop at the moment of ordination and the kiss of peace from him at the end of the ordination liturgy mean that the bishop considers them his co-workers, his sons, his brothers and his friends, and that they in return owe him love and obedience.

1568 "All priests, who are constituted in the order of priesthood by the sacrament of Order, are bound together by an intimate sacramental brotherhood, but in a special way they form one priestly body in the diocese to which they are attached under their own bishop. . . ." The unity of the presbyterium finds liturgical expression in the custom of the presbyters' imposing hands, after the bishop, during the rite of ordination.

THE DIACONATE

1569 "At a lower level of the hierarchy are to be found deacons, who receive the imposition of hands 'not unto the priesthood, but unto the ministry.'" At an ordination to the diaconate only the bishop lays hands on the candidate, thus signifying the deacon's special attachment to the bishop in the tasks of his "diakonia."

1570 Deacons share in Christ's mission and grace in a special way.⁵⁵ The sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an *imprint* ("character") which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the "deacon" or servant of all.⁵⁶ Among other tasks, it is the task of deacons to assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the divine mysteries, above all the Eucharist, in the distribution of Holy Communion, in assisting at and blessing marriages, in the proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, in presiding over funerals, and in dedicating themselves to the various ministries of charity.

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PARISH & COMMUNITY

BIBLICAL STUDIES CONFERENCE

The 12th Annual West Coast Biblical Studies Conference will be hosted at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in San Diego on Jan. 9-10, 2015. Featuring Scott Hahn, Brant Pitre, Michael Barber, and John Kincaid, the conference will focus on The Mystery of Christ in the Church: A Study of Ephesians. Registration is \$30 by Jan. 1 at www.jpccatholic.com, and space is limited.

QUARTERS & CANS SUNDAY – DECEMBER 28

During our second collection next 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.

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Next NFP set starts January 17 , 2015 (all Saturday mornings) Classes 2, 3 & 4 are 1/31 , 2/21 and 3/21; From 8:30 – 11:30 AM at the Pastoral Center

To register: contact davidandcherylross@gmail.com or call (619)-279-3735. Cost is \$100 per couple.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

31. The bishop must always foster this missionary communion in his diocesan Church, following the ideal of the first Christian communities, in which the believers were of one heart and one soul (cf. Acts 4:32). To do so, he will some- times go before his people, pointing the way and keeping their hope vibrant. At other times, he will simply be in their midst with his unassuming and merciful presence. At yet other times, he will have to walk after them, helping those who lag behind and – above all – allowing the flock to strike out on new paths. In his mission of foster- ing a dynamic, open and missionary communion, he will have to encourage and develop the means of participation proposed in the Code of Canon Law, and other forms of pastoral dialogue, out of a desire to listen to everyone and not sim- ply to those who would tell him what he would like to hear. Yet the principal aim of these participatory processes should not be ecclesiastical organization but rather the missionary aspiration of reaching everyone.

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and

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THANK YOU

EXACTLY WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

... from the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, about 150 miles south of Chicago where a self-reflection is going on.

A while ago, the splendid bishop of this diocese, His Excellency Bishop Thomas Paprocki, wanted to better understand why so many Catholics had left the faith and what the perceptions were of Catholics who still practiced the faith.

More than 800 active Catholics were surveyed and close to 600 inactive Catholics were questioned. By any measure and methodology, this survey was very well done and its results are helpful and instructive.

It should not be surprising that inactive Catholics have a problem with the Church's teaching. It's the most mentioned reason by them why they left the Church.

We sat down with His Excellency to talk with him about the results. He said one thing jumped out at him.

His Excellency detected something that has been bubbling just beneath the surface for some time now: that a troubling number of active Catholics have varying degrees of disagreement with Church teaching—and birth control was one of them, a leading one.

This is further continuing evidence that the war of 1968 over Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* has yet to die down.

That encyclical was a restatement of the Church's longstanding teaching that the sexual union between husband and wife must be open to the possibility of new life, and the use of birth control is intrinsically evil.

The Church's non-negotiable teachings were the very first topic the bishop hit on when speaking to a group of Catholics assembled together at Benedictine to hear his response to the results.

There is simply no way to dump or change or revise the Church's teachings on anything in an effort to please active Catholics or bring back inactive Catholics.

That point was stressed emphatically by Bishop Paprocki — as it has been on the wider world stage by such stalwarts as Cardinal Raymond Burke, Cardinal Gerhard Mueller, and so forth.

What is really going on here is a battle over the very understanding of the Church—Her nature, Her character, Her mission.

There are many in the Church, in fact a very large number, who think and believe and act on the belief, incorrect as it is, that the primary goal of the Church is something other than the salvation of souls.

For some of them it's feeding the poor. For others it's building a more economically just society. The list of things other than salvation of souls is pretty long.

But the Church's mission is pure and simple: to extend the redemptive work of Our Blessed Lord for all ages until the end of time—to save souls and bring them to Heaven.

But there is this extremely troubling reality in the Church today, advanced by many men wearing collars, that the Catholic Church is an earthbound institution with earthly goals.

For many in the Church today, love of neighbor has shoved aside love of God. God has become secondary—if He even reaches that high on the scale.

He has become a kind of afterthought, an appeal to nostalgia, but not the ultimate measure by which Catholics understand the Church.

They too easily dismiss the relationship of Christ to His Church, which is spousal; the Catholic Church is His Holy Bride.

She is invested with His very life, and therefore when She speaks authoritatively on morals and faith, She speaks for Him and with Him.

But this understanding has been almost totally lost.

There have been many clergy and religious in the Church who have worked tirelessly to destroy this understanding, or twist it so much that on a practical level it is totally lost.

They want this to happen, which is why they work so hard on it. And they want it to happen because they want the moral teachings to be undermined.

Why they want this result—well, there are a variety of answers to that.

But whatever their motives, the truth can never be abandoned that the Catholic Church—and the Catholic Church alone—is the Bride of Christ. It is for Her that He gave His life, shed His Blood, and rose from the dead.

As pope after pope up to and including Pope Francis has stated over and over again, there is no Jesus without or apart from the Church.

So here in the diocese of Springfield, Illinois we have a microcosm of the Church at large: too much confusion among those who do go to Mass, and insufficient understanding and catechesis of those who have left the Church.

And in the Church at large, there is an effort to try and go after those who reject the faith at the expense of those who have remained faithful.

Many Church leaders seem to ignore the struggle that many, many Catholics have and still go through to live by the Church teachings because they are Our Lord's commands, only to be left feeling empty when these leaders talk so off-handedly about changing doctrines or accommodating people who do not love the Church.

Bishop Paprocki is to be congratulated for being such a courageous leader to confront these issues head on.

—Michael Voris