

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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December 28, 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

29	8 AM	St. Thomas Becket †Angelina Bregante	RP
30	8 AM	Sixth Day within Octave of the Nativity †Leonor Velasco	RE
31	8 AM	St. Sylvester I †Felicitas Ona	RP
1	8 AM	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Priest's Intentions	RP
2	8 AM	Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Priest's Intentions	RP RE
3	8 AM	The Most Holy Name of Jesus Priest's Intentions	RP
4	5:15 PM	†Ted & Carmen Silva	RP
	8:30 AM	Ebbitt Family, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	†Joan Schmitt	RP
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	People of Immaculate Conception	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

29	Rev. Basil Mattingly, OSB
30	Rev. Anthony May
31	Rev. Stephen McCall
1	Pope Francis
2	Bishop Robert Brom
3	Bishop Gilbert Chavez
4	Rev. Michael McFadden, OSA

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67 2:2-8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Friday: 2 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1-6; Jn 1:29-34

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,	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.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander,	Robert Clinton Long, MC2;
Natalie Augustine,	Sgt. Adriana Matizel;
Major Jerry Bloomquist,	Wendell Miculob,
Col. Mike Bodkin,	LTJG Joe F. Morales, 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.

Georgene Bielicki,	William Kennedy
Elizabeth Cantoni,	Robert McMahon,
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 Schmitt,	Olga Hritz
Karina Sosa,	Imelda Hoeckelmann
Clyde Southern, Jr.,	Angelina Olivarez
Mariana S. Tadana	Alice Perry

ON THE CONTEMPLATION OF GOD

– *William of Saint-Thierry*

FROM THE PASTOR

Truly you alone are the Lord. Your dominion is our salvation, for to serve you is nothing else but to be saved by you!

O Lord, salvation is your gift and your blessing is upon your people; what else is your salvation but receiving from you the gift of loving you or being loved by you?

That, Lord, is why you willed that the Son at your right hand, the man whom you made strong for yourself, should be called Jesus, that is to say, Savior, *for he will save his people from their sins*, and *there is no other in whom there is salvation*. He taught us to love him by first loving us, even to death on the cross. By loving us and holding us so dear, he stirred us to love him who had first loved us to the end.

And this is clearly the reason: you first loved us so that we might love you – not because you needed our love, but because we could not be what you created us to be, except by loving you.

In many ways and on various occasions you spoke to our fathers through the prophets. Now in these last days you have spoken to us in the Son, your Word; by him the heavens were established and all their powers came to be by the breath of his mouth.

For you to speak thus in your Son was to bring out in the light of day how much and in what way you loved us, *for you did not spare your own Son but delivered him up for us all*. He also loved us and gave himself up for us.

This, Lord, is your Word to us, this is your *all-powerful message: while all things were in midnight silence* (that is, were in the depths of error), *he came from his royal throne, the stern conqueror of error and the gentle apostle of love*.

Everything he did and everything he said on earth, even enduring the insults, the spitting, the buffeting – the cross and the grave – all of this was actually you speaking to us in your Son, appealing to us by your love and stirring up our love for you.

You know that this disposition could not be forced on men's hearts, my God, since you created them; it must rather be elicited. And this, for the further reason that there is no freedom where there is compulsion, and where freedom is lacking, so too is righteousness.

You wanted us to love you, then, we who could not with justice have been saved had we not loved you, nor could we have loved you except by your gift. So, Lord, as the apostle of your love tells us, and as we have already said, you first loved us: you are first to love all those who love you.

Thus we hold you dear by the affection you have implanted in us. You are the one supremely good and ultimate goodness. Your love is your goodness, the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son! From the beginning of creation it was he who hovered over the waters – that is, over the wavering minds of men – offering himself to all, drawing all things to himself. By his inspiration and holy breath, by keeping us from harm and providing for our needs, he unites God to us and us to God.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure December 14, 2014

With gratitude for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made a joy return to the Lord. (Note: Publication deadline prevented us from providing a summary of the December 21 collection.)

Total Collection...\$4,238.17
Envelope:.....\$2,989.00
Plate:.....\$1,249.17

5:15 Sat	\$ 603.05
8:30 Sun	\$1,183.00
10:00 Sun	\$1,022.12
11:30 Sun	\$ 549.75
5:15 Sun	\$ 404.25
Mailed in	\$ 476.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$868.41

EXPENSES (week of December 15-19)

Copier Lease	\$ 253.22
Flowers	\$ 185.04
Landscaping (Nov/Dec)	\$ 550.00
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 184.10
Ministry Supplies	\$1,152.00
Music Ministry	\$1,017.50
Office Supplies	\$ 140.31
Parish Breakfast Supplies	\$ 129.99
Pest Control	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 23.00
Waste Disposal	\$ 379.61
Telephone	\$ 228.82
TOTAL:	\$4,343.59

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God New Year's Day

**There is no vigil Mass scheduled.
Mass on January 1: 8:00 a.m.**

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, and a new year filled with hope and God's blessings.

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

In observance of New Year's Day --

The parish office will be closed Jan. 1 & 2.

Serra Gifts will be closed Jan. 1 & open Jan. 2.



2015 Baptism Schedule

**Please check the website
for the 2015 schedule
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

- 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.
- 8 Getting to Know...Series 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.
- 22 Day of Prayer and Penance
- 27 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 28 - Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Latin Mass 10:00 a.m.

Centering Prayer

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

Thursday Evening-2015 schedule TBA
Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall
7:00-8:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

1577 "Only a baptized man (*vir*) validly receives sacred ordination."⁶⁶ The Lord Jesus chose men (*viri*) to form the college of the twelve apostles, and the apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry.⁶⁷ The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in the priesthood, makes the college of the twelve an ever-present and ever-active reality until Christ's return. The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible.⁶⁸

1578 No one has a *right* to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. Indeed no one claims this office for himself; he is called to it by God.⁶⁹ Anyone who thinks he recognizes the signs of God's call to the ordained ministry must humbly submit his desire to the authority of the Church, who has the responsibility and right to call someone to receive orders. Like every grace this sacrament can be *received* only as an unmerited gift.

1579 All the ordained ministers of the Latin Church, with the exception of permanent deacons, are normally chosen from among men of faith who live a celibate life and who intend to remain *celibate* "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven."⁷⁰ Called to consecrate themselves with undivided heart to the Lord and to "the affairs of the Lord,"⁷¹ they give themselves entirely to God and to men. Celibacy is a sign of this new life to the service of which the Church's minister is consecrated; accepted with a joyous heart celibacy radiantly proclaims the Reign of God.⁷²

1580 In the Eastern Churches a different discipline has been in force for many centuries: while bishops are chosen solely from among celibates, married men can be ordained as deacons and priests. This practice has long been considered legitimate; these priests exercise a fruitful ministry within their communities.⁷³ Moreover, priestly celibacy is held in great honor in the Eastern Churches and many priests have freely chosen it for the sake of the Kingdom of God. In the East as in the West a man who has already received the sacrament of Holy Orders can no longer marry.

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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 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.

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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

32. Since I am called to put into practice what I ask of others, I too must think about a conversion of the papacy. It is my duty, as the Bishop of Rome, to be open to suggestions which can help make the exercise of my ministry more faithful to the meaning which Jesus Christ wished to give it and to the present needs of evangelization. Pope John Paul II asked for help in finding “a way of exercising the primacy which, while in no way renouncing what is essential to its mission, is nonetheless open to a new situation”. We have made little progress in this regard. The papacy and the central structures of the universal Church also need to hear the call to pastoral conversion. The Second Vatican Council stated that, like the ancient patriarchal Churches, episcopal conferences are in a position “to contribute in many and fruitful ways to the concrete realization of the collegial spirit”. Yet this desire has not been fully realized, since a juridical status of episcopal conferences which would see them as subjects of specific attributions, including genuine doctrinal authority, has not yet been sufficiently elaborated. Excessive centralization, rather than proving helpful, complicates the Church's life and her missionary outreach.

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THANK YOU

THE IMPOSTER IN THE MANGER*By Dan Popp*

For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully. (2 Corinthians 11:4, NAS95)

I think there's something worse than a human being going to hell forever. It's a human being going to hell after believing he was on his way to heaven. The Satan-worshiper at least knows what he's getting into. The follower of another Jesus is a poisonous weed convinced that he's wheat.

So my primary objection to Christmas, as we celebrate it here in America at the opening of the 21st Century, is not that it's too commercialized, or that pagan elements persist, or even that Jesus can get pushed off the stage by Santa, the Grinch, Frosty, Rudolph, etc. ad nauseum. It's that the baby in the manger may be a phony.

I'm sure you've noticed that a lot of people love the Baby Jesus, but few are comfortable around the bloody Man on the center cross. Like Ricky Bobby in Talladega Nights (there's a reference you didn't see coming) they prefer the "Tiny Infant Jesus;" the "Christmas Jesus." He doesn't challenge our minds or our morals. He doesn't scare us with talk about how the way to heaven is so tight and difficult that few will make it. He doesn't rail at hypocrisy, or warn of tribulations. Even the usual baby demands are beneath him. "The little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes."

We love the words of Isaiah, For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given - but what do we do about the next part: And the government will be upon His shoulder? A Jesus government? That sounds like some kind of theocracy. Yuck. Whatever it is, I'm glad it doesn't affect me!

We like the benediction of the angel, And on earth peace, good will toward men. That's good old Baby Jesus. But when He grew up He said, Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' (Matthew 10:34-36)

To be a Christian is to live inside paradox. We are saved by grace through faith,

not by our works; but if our faith bears no works, it isn't the kind of faith that saves. Jesus' yoke is easy and His burden is light, but if we want to follow Him we must take up our cross - surely the heaviest load of all. This God-Man is the Prince of Peace - who upon His return will strike the nations, and then rule them with a rod of iron. "Holy infant, tender and mild," sure, once. But He will come again. If we know the "Christmas Jesus," but not the Good Friday Jesus and the Easter Jesus, we're lost.

The problem for cultural Christians is that the Christ in their manger may be an antichrist. Not a contra-Christ, someone openly hostile to Jesus. An antichrist can be a "substitute Christ." He's a flattering fraud. You don't have to believe in all that BIBLE stuff. Not literally. You certainly don't need to be holy. Here in the shredded cellophane grass is a christ that's only luv. He makes no demands. His message is about (to the extent it's about anything) what a good person you are. "Then he appeared, and the soul felt its worth."

But to get to the real Christ, you have to admit that you're not a good person.

The problem for actual Christians is that we may tempt others to violate the Third Commandment: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. In its broader application it prohibits naming ourselves among God's people when we're not. An admirer of the Baby Jesus may find himself warm on a cold winter night, with a full belly, in an atmosphere of smiles and good feelings and nostalgic songs about a helpless newborn. And this person may feel a wonderful feeling. And he may become convinced by this feeling, or by the devil using this feeling, that he is within the Circle. Without ever experiencing conviction of his sin, without hearing the good tidings of repentance and faith and propitiation by blood and the new birth and a Spirit-led life, he may be lulled into all kinds of vain imaginings about a god who is not God and a christ who is not Christ.

I don't think Jesus would approve, or does approve, of much of what goes on in His name this time of year. Most of it vexes me, if you hadn't guessed. I have to remember that The Word became flesh and dwelt among us - and that's worth celebrating. But let's all remember, too, that He is full not only of grace, but of truth. A manger without a cross is just another feeding trough. Only the paradoxical Christ is the genuine article. Accept no imitations.