

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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January 18, 2015

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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 Junípero 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

19	8 AM	Weekday † Mary Ellen Young	MT
20	8 AM	St. Fabian; St. Sebastian † Albert Davis	RE
21	8 AM	St. Agnes Priest's Intentions	RE
22	8 AM	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Priest's Intentions	RE
23	8 AM	St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope † Anthony Camarda	RE
24	8 AM	St. Francis de Sales Priest's Intentions	RP
	5:15 PM	Priest's Intentions	RP
25	8:30 AM	† Salvador Sanchez	RP
	10:00 AM	People of Immaculate Conception	RE
	11:30 AM	† William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	Priest's Intentions	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

January: Intentions of the Holy Father
Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.
Evangelization: That religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

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

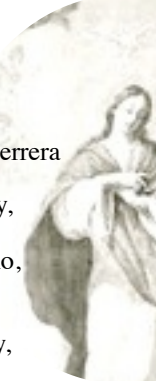
19	Rev. Patrick Mulcahy
20	Rev. Msgr. Patrick Mullarkey
21	Rev. Owen Mullen
22	Rev. José Luis Muro
23	Rev. Michael Murphy
24	Rev. Patrick Murphy
25	Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-10; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-17; Mk 3:12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8-14; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-14; Ps 47:2-9; Mk 3:20-21

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



Bob Curry	Floyd Watson,
Joanne Daleo,	Marie Whitman,
Albina Farrie,	Martha Zamudio,
Julie Fish	Carlos Amaya,
Esther Fitch	Fred Levine,
Lydia Castillo Herrera	Ed Oleata,
Margaret Kelly,	Mike Rodriguez,
Patricia Kennedy,	Lisa Becerra,
Dorothy Kleint,	Maguire Fitzpatrick
Deena Marchiano,	Tony Jenkins
Dena Mendoza,	Peter Nalwalker
Jean Miller,	Bob Witt
Patricia O'Grady,	Frank Garay
Lupe Riccio,	Connor Domsitz
Mary Jane Tiernan,	Gustavo Sosa,
Marguerite Vorst,	Frances Garcia

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus, protect all who serve our country.

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

†PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED†

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.

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
Mariana S. Tadena	Alice Perry
William Kennedy	Joseph Moreno

THE WORD MADE FLESH MAKES US DIVINE

—*St. Hippolitus, Priest*

FROM THE PASTOR

Our faith is not founded upon empty words; nor are we carried away by mere caprice or beguiled by specious arguments. On the contrary, we put our faith in words spoken by the power of God, spoken by the Word himself at God's command. God wished to win men back from disobedience, not by using force to reduce him to slavery but by addressing to his free will a call to liberty.

The Word spoke first of all through the prophets, but because the message was couched in such obscure language that it could be only dimly apprehended, in the last days the Father sent the Word in person, commanding him to show himself openly so that the world could see him and be saved.

We know that by taking a body from the Virgin he re-fashioned our fallen nature. We know that his manhood was of the same clay as our own; if this were not so, he would hardly have been a teacher who could expect to be imitated. If he were of a different substance from me, he would surely not have ordered me to do as he did, when by my very nature I am so weak. Such a demand could not be reconciled with his goodness and justice.

No. He wanted us to consider him as no different from ourselves, and so he worked, he was hungry and thirsty, he slept. Without protest he endured his passion, he submitted to death and revealed his resurrection. In all these ways he offered his

own manhood as the first fruits of our race to keep us from losing heart when suffering comes our way, and to make us look forward to receiving the same reward as he did, since we know that we possess the same humanity.

When we have come to know the true God, both our bodies and our souls will be immortal and incorruptible. We shall enter the kingdom of heaven, because while we lived on earth we acknowledged heaven's King. Friends of God and co-heirs with Christ, we shall be subject to no evil desires or inclinations, or to any affliction of body or soul, for we shall have become divine.

Whatever evil you may have suffered, being man, it is God that sent it to you, precisely because you are man; but equally, when you have been deified, God has promised you a share in every one of his own attributes. The saying *Know yourself* means therefore that we should recognize and acknowledge in ourselves the God who made us in his own image, for if we do this, we in turn will be recognized and acknowledged by our Maker.

So let us not be at enmity with ourselves, but change our way of life without delay. For Christ who *is God, exalted above all creation*, has taken away man's sin and has re-fashioned our fallen nature. In the beginning God made man in his image and so gave proof of his love for us. If we obey his holy commands and learn to imitate his goodness, we shall be like him and he will honor us. God is not beggarly, and for the sake of his own glory he has given us a share in his divinity.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

January 11, 2014
Total Collection: \$3,484.61
 Parishioners: \$2,201.00 Visitors: \$1,283.61
 Total contributing households: 78

5:15 Sat	\$605,67
8:30 Sun	\$1128,54
10:00 Sun	\$734,65
11:30 Sun	\$ 568,21
5:15 Sun	\$ 447,54

MISSA CANTATA
January 24, 2015

10:00 a.m. - Missa cantata of St. John Bosco with veneration of first class relics afterwards.

11:00 a.m. - In the parish hall..."A Tale of Two Oratories: St. Philip Neri and St. John Bosco," a lecture by John B. Polhamus. (Title is tentative and may change.)

11:15a.m. - In the parish hall...Showing of movie, "Giovanni Bosco" (1935), in Italian with English

EXPENSES
 JANUARY 5-9, 2015

Diocesan loan	\$ 863.06
Music Ministry	\$1543.12
Payroll, incl. tax	\$2997.99
Payroll service	\$ 46.45
Postage	\$ 100.00
Priest supply	\$ 675.00
TOTAL:	\$6225.62

Centering Prayer

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


Thursday Evening-January 29
 Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall
 7:00-8:30 pm

WE ARE CATHOLIC. WELCOME HOME.

Visit
www.catholicscomehome.org

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday the parish office and Serra Gifts will be closed.



2015 Baptism Schedule

Feb 2 Class
Feb 8 Baptisms
 (see website for more dates)

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Continues on January 25 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

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>.

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 _____

AROUND THE PARISH

Parish Calendar

January

- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Parish Office and Serra Gifts closed
- 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.
- 29 Centering Prayer 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Latin Mass 10:00 a.m.

February

- 02 I.C. Seniors Luncheon Meeting 11:00 a.m.
- 03 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council (members) 6:00 p.m.
- 04 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- 08 Parish Registration Sunday
Parish Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
- 09 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 10 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
RCIA 7:00 p.m.

**Support Group for Separated/Divorced
(Available at in Coronado and Solana Beach)**

Sacred Heart Parish offers a free 13-week healing support group for the separated and divorced beginning Tuesday, February 10, and ending May 5. It is held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church Ministry Center, 655 C Avenue, Coronado. For information, call Martha, 619.435.6136 or Tom, 619.437.6689, or go online: <http://www.sacredheartcor.org/content/new-paths-separated-and-divorced>

Support for anyone suffering from the pain and loss associated with a separation or divorce. We meet Sundays at 10:15 a.m. at **St. James Catholic Church** – Ministry Center in Solana Beach. For more information contact Frank Grant at (760) 533-1520, fwgrant@gmail.com or Jan Nadler PhD at (760) 814-8604.

Magnificat Women’s Prayer Breakfast

Guest speaker Fr. Donald Calloway will speak on the Blessed Virgin Mary and share his inspiring story. Sat. January 24 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Mission Valley Sheraton. \$30 RSVP date extended to Jan. 20.

Contact (619) 701-2718 or SDMagnificat@gmail.com to make reservation.

1596 Deacons are ministers ordained for tasks of service of the Church; they do not receive the ministerial priesthood, but ordination confers on them important functions in the ministry of the word, divine worship, pastoral governance, and the service of charity, tasks which they must carry out under the pastoral authority of their bishop.

1597 The sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by the laying on of hands followed by a solemn prayer of consecration asking God to grant the ordinand the graces of the Holy Spirit required for his ministry. Ordination imprints an indelible sacramental character.

1598 The Church confers the sacrament of Holy Orders only on baptized men (*viri*), whose suitability for the exercise of the ministry has been duly recognized. Church authority alone has the responsibility and right to call someone to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders.

1599 In the Latin Church the sacrament of Holy Orders for the presbyterate is normally conferred only on candidates who are ready to embrace celibacy freely and who publicly manifest their intention of staying celibate for the love of God's kingdom and the service of men.

1600 It is bishops who confer the sacrament of Holy Orders in the three degrees.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

2014 Contribution Letter

If you wish to receive a letter for your 2014 donations, please contact the parish office to request one. Call 619-295-4141 or email parish@ic-sandiego.org.

2015 Calendars

Available in the parish hall this weekend. ..one per household please.

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

On Tuesday, January 13, 2015 we will begin a twelve week course of Ignatian Prayer entitled 'Lord, Teach Me to Pray.' This wonderful opportunity is open to men (the women's section is already full) to learn a special form of deeper prayer taught by Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Wives, daughters, girlfriends, and friends tell the men in your lives about this wonderful opportunity.

Over the twelve weeks your prayer life will improve by leaps and bounds and I really ask you to consider taking part in this wonderful spiritual opportunity. It is such a wonderful opportunity that I actually recommend that if you already are in my weekly Bible study and only have time to do one of these faith formation programs over the next several weeks that you choose the Ignatian Prayer course (of course you can do both if able!!!). After this instruction in prayer you'll return to Bible study that much more able to focus on the Word.

To join the course you must contact the facilitator Michael Burke, to sign up at micheldeberg@gmail.com. There is no cost to this program--all the materials are provided for you. Please sign up quickly for we can only take a limited number.

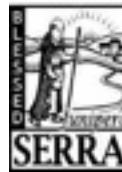
Chris O'Donnell, bsp
Director of Catechetical Ministry
San Rafael

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

37. Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that the Church's moral teaching has its own "hierarchy", in the virtues and in the acts which proceed from them. What counts above all else is "faith working through love" (Gal 5:6). Works of love directed to one's neighbor are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit: "The foundation of the New Law is in the grace of the Holy Spirit, who is manifested in the faith which works through love". Thomas thus explains that, as far as external works are concerned, mercy is the greatest of all the virtues: "In itself mercy is the greatest of the virtues, since all the others revolve around it and, more than this, it makes up for their deficiencies. This is particular to the superior virtue, and as such it is proper to God to have mercy, through which his omnipotence is manifested to the greatest degree".

Serra Gifts...

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



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Saturday 10:00 to 4:00
Sunday 9:30 to 3:00

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

The bad Christian and the good secularist

By Selwyn Duke

"If not for my faith, I would be barely human." That was the answer English writer Evelyn Waugh gave when asked, as all Christians will be at some point, how he could call himself a Christian given his behavior. Often rhetorical, the question is sometimes a ploy used to gain leverage and discredit the target by painting him as a hypocrite or to discredit the faith through guilt by association. Yet it can also be sincere, and it is then, especially, that it warrants a response.

The first thing to note about those who honestly ask the question is that they must think very highly of Christianity; if they didn't, they'd merely assume you were acting wholly in accordance with your faith. ... If Christianity provides this superior model for life, why don't these secularists embrace it?

...Virtues are caught more than taught; actions speak louder than words.

Walk the walk and show me how it's done.

... Christians are lacking.

The second reason, which I'll address right now, has to do with something called mirroring.

When secularists take the measure of Christians and find them wanting, they generally don't apply the yardstick of Christianity. ... What they are applying in their judgment are *their* values. Their statement "You're not a good Christian" is, logically translated, "You're not a good secularist."

... what earns their reprobation is some sub-category of wrath, which they may identify as "hate," "intolerance" (incorrectly understood) or as merely a fit of pique or perturbation. And being that serene water of life is the image they have of the holy man,...

Yet this is a secular ideal forged on a good dose of Hollywood entertainment and eastern mysticism. Jesus wept, forgave, healed, resurrected and rendered parables of divine perspicacity. But He also called people hypocrites, "a den of vipers," said to the apostle Peter "Get behind me, Satan!" and turned over the tables in the temple. It should be emphasized that He who Christianity tells us was, paradoxically, fully God and fully man was *fully* man.... He experienced a range of human emotions, each one in the right moment and measure.

As for those merely fully human, it is entirely common to mirror, to ascribe your own values and understanding of matters to others. ... But it is a sad fact of man's nature that people are more tolerant of clever lies than harshly spoken truths.

... It seldom occurs to these secularists that God's dictates may be far different from their values (mostly because they don't believe in God). In fact, were they close to such understanding, they wouldn't even call their values "values." God does not have values – He prescribes virtues.

Yet where the secularists are right is in that Christians do not thoroughly follow that prescription. This is not, however, an indictment of either faith or followers. Secularists' criticism of Christians always amounts to, in so

many words, "You're really a bunch of sinners!"... Christianity teaches we're all a bunch of sinners, ... Eastern mysticism may concern "finding the god in you"; Christianity is about accepting that you're not God.

Delving deeper, Christians "may" not walk their walk as well as secularists walk theirs. But ... to condemn Christianity for its adherents' deficiencies would be like saying that ideal golf swing production is not an ideal because no one can ever and always live up to it.

What would indict Christianity?

If people *could* live up to it.

Then it could not be the Truth.

For how could someone ever conform to perfection?

So ironically, if you can truly live up to your faith, it's not a faith worth living up to. Thus is the Christian a bit like the devoted golfer: He strives for the ideal of never making a mistake while knowing he can never achieve it.

In contrast, secularists are, in a sense, still playing with their pegs and holes of values. Although it certainly appears that they at least match Christians in failure to live up to what they profess, even if they didn't, would it be anything about which to boast?

The issue is that their values pegs and holes really are *theirs*. That is to say, someone who believes in Absolute Truth (God's will) will use it as his yardstick when seeking an answer to a moral question. But what if someone is an atheist (or simply a relativistic person of "faith") and doesn't believe in anything outside of and above man that determines right and wrong, doesn't believe in Truth? ... "man is the measure of all things," and it then follows that there is no "morality" – only man's preferences for behavior. This should inform as to what his yardstick for behavior will be.

"Reason" is not the answer because reason is not *an* answer; it is a method by which answers can be found. Thus, if there is no Moral Truth, there are no answers to be found in the arena of conduct and hence no reason for reason.

... the average secularist will often have values that, being emotion-born, are simply a reflection of himself, of his likes and dislikes, passions and prejudices. So how, then, could consistency in application of preferences be a legitimate source of pride? How could you be out of conformity with yourself? A yardstick never fails at being three feet long.

In reality, secularists still do manage contradiction. ... In a relativistic universe, consistency is no better than hypocrisy, a lie no worse than Truth. And even when hearts are in the right place, being governed by feelings can't yield consistency because emotion changes with the wind. ... To whom much is given, much will be expected." Perhaps that "bad Christian" is just a far worse person with a far better faith. And if you can't thank God, perhaps you should thank your lucky stars for it. It could be the reason why he just yelled at you and didn't put you in a gulag, burn you in a pyre or chop your head off.

unedited article at: <http://www.renewamerica.com/columns/duke/150105>.