

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

9	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Fred Lee Rowbotha	RP
10	8 AM	<i>St. Scholastica</i> †Marija Ruza Maras	RE
11	8 AM	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> †Bosiljka Maras	RP
12	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Escolastico Sugatan	RP
13	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Persa Roman Nina	RP
14	8 AM	<i>Saints Cyril and Methodosius</i> †Joan Schmitt	RP
	5:15 PM	People of Immaculate Conception	RP
15	8:30 AM	Ebbitt Family, SI	RP
	10:00 AM	Taylor Spera	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RP
	5:15 PM	†Rosa Balistreri	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

February: Intentions of the Holy Father
Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.
Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

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

9	Rev. Michael Ortiz
10	Rev. George Ortiz-Guzman
11	Rev. Msgr. Jeremiah O’Sullivan
12	Rev. Ronald Pachence
13	Rev. Gerald Palcheck
14	Rev. Msgr. W. Pattison
15	Rev. Stephanos Pedrano, OSB

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-35; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4-17; Ps 104:1-30; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-7; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-13; Mk 8:1-10

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. 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.

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 Schmitt,	Olga Hritz,
Karina Sosa,	Imelda Hoeckelmann,
Clyde Southern, Jr.,	Angelina Olivarez,
Mariana S. Tadena,	Alice Perry,
William Kennedy,	Joseph Moreno.

CONTRACEPTION'S CASCADING RAMPAGE

—By Rick Fitzgibbons, M. D.

FROM THE PASTOR

The October 2014 Synod on Family's statement on contraception – “We should return to the message of the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* of Blessed Pope Paul VI, which highlights the need

to respect the dignity of the person in morally assessing methods in regulating births,” [58] – is, to say the least, profoundly disappointing and inadequate. *Humanae Vitae* and the subsequent writings on marriage of St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI put forward far more than the mere need for “respect” on this crucial matter.

Fr. Mark Pilon recently wrote here about the theological and social dimensions of contraception. Those considerations are important and far-reaching. But as a Catholic psychiatrist who has worked for almost forty years with thousands of married couples, families, and youth, I'm convinced that it is medically and psychologically clear that the widespread use of contraceptives (roughly 75 percent, even of Catholic couples) has also severely harmed marriage, families, children, the priesthood, the Church, and the larger culture.

A clear and scientifically irrefutable relationship exists between the use of contraceptives and the plague of divorce, with its life-long damage to millions upon millions of young people, loyal spouses, and their families worldwide. Many days in my work, I feel like an army medic on a battlefield strewn with people of various ages and conditions, severely wounded by something essentially ignored.

The failure to address the psychological and sociological science related to this damage needs to be corrected – and the subject directly confronted – in next October's Ordinary Synod on the Family.

Contraceptive use increases marital mistrust, anxiety, anger, selfishness, and conflicts in communicating. Contraception is a way of saying to a spouse, via the language of the body, that, “I will withhold the total gift of myself to you and not trust you with our fertility.” As both personal anecdotes and statistics bear out, this momentous decision – contrary to rosy predictions of greater marital happiness when contraception was first legalized – has undermined the foundation for giving and receiving love from one's spouse.

The growth in marriage from “me” to “we,” which St. John Paul II describes as an aspect of betrothed love in *Love and Responsibility*, is also dependent upon trusting the Lord with every aspect of one's marriage. In using contraceptives, the couple is unconsciously communicating to the Lord, “We do not trust you with our fertility.”

This stance slowly and unconsciously weakens the ability to entrust all aspects of the marriage, children, and family life to the Lord. And a further consequence is that it makes it more difficult for the couples to turn to Him and seek his help for the numerous challenges and stresses in married and family life.

When anxiety increases, so too do irritability and anger. Mastery over anger in married life is essential because excessive anger damages the ability to communicate effectively and to give and to receive love. A major research study at the University of Minnesota has demonstrated that not being able to talk together was identified by 53 percent of those surveyed as the leading factor that contributed to the decision to divorce.

The use of contraceptives has also resulted in most Catholic couples deciding to have no more than two children. We should call this phenomenon by its real name. It's a lack of generosity in being open to children – a radical departure from the past for Catholics, but also for others in society. And the effects do not stop there. Lack of generosity leads to the growth of selfishness in each spouse, which is the major psychological enemy of marital love

A very common consequence is that spouses turn inward upon themselves, which damages the cheerful self-giving that is essential for marriage. Many wives complain that contraceptive use has led their husbands to treat them as sexual objects. They no longer maintain good communication – the marital friendship and romantic love outside the bedroom – and yet expect sexual intimacy whenever they want. This silent mistreatment of wives has contributed to the research findings that 70 percent of divorces are now being initiated by wives and, surprisingly, in marriages that display low levels of outward conflict.

John Paul II, the patron saint of the family, has warned that, “safe sex” is radically not safe and, to the contrary, should be regarded as extremely dangerous. The danger is the loss of truth about one's own self and about the family, and consequently of a loss of love itself.

And since the family – not the individual – is the primary cell of society, what damages the family portends a loss of freedom:

The family has vital and organic links with society, since it is its foundation and nourishes it continually through its role of service to life: it is from the family that citizens come to birth and it is within the family that they find the first school of the social virtues that are the animating principle of the existence and development of society itself. (Familiaris Consortio, 1981)

All this needs to be talked about – a lot – between now and the upcoming Synod. The assembled bishops and the whole Church need to be prepared in advance to embrace the wisdom of St. John Paul II during this challenging time for family life, marriage, and the health of our whole society.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

February 1, 2015

Total Collection: \$5,904.92

Parishioners: \$4405.00 Visitors: \$1,499.92

Total contributing households: 91

5:15 Sat	\$1291.52
8:30 Sun	\$1267.10
10:00 Sun	\$1415.69
11:30 Sun	\$ 721.11
5:15 Sun	\$ 256.00
Mailed	\$ 953.50

EXPENSES

January 25-30, 2015

Cable & Internet	\$151.95
Diocesan Tax	\$4,840.56
Gas & Electric	\$933.54
Ministry Supplies	\$375.81
Music Ministry	\$1,322.50
Pest Control	\$100.00
Water Utility	\$973.72
Worker's Comp	\$523.08
Total:	\$9,221.16

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Continues on February 8 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

Centering Prayer

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

Thursday Evening-February 12
Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall
7:00-8:30 pm

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 _____

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PHONE _____

Parish Breakfast & Registration

Delicious pancake breakfast is available in Serra Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, February 8. If you are new to our parish, please register as a parishioner in the hall after the morning Masses.

Ash Wednesday, February 18

Mass--8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Distribution of Ashes Liturgy of Word: 12 Noon

MODERN DAY MARTYRS

Christians are becoming martyrs for the faith in record numbers. Some suffer scorn for beliefs. Others suffer loss of jobs, possessions, businesses, freedom, and some, even their lives.

We Christians need to take note of these people. They are examples of how deep a love of Jesus can transform our own lives, how this love can overcome fear, dispel cowardice on our parts, and make us true witnesses always and everywhere to risk everything for Jesus.

The names will appear here. Their stories can be read on our website <http://www.ic-sandiego.org> under the heading Information and Teaching.

Catholic apologist Michael Voris reminds us modern day Catholics that *"dying for the faith is nothing more than the last logical step in having lived for the faith. We must always be prepared for martyrdom—just sometimes more urgently than others."*



2015 Baptism Schedule

**March 2 Class
March 8 Baptisms
(see ic-sandiego.org for more dates)**

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

February

08	Parish Registration Sunday Parish Breakfast Family Catechesis	9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.
10	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m..
11	Choir Practice RCIA	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
12	Centering Prayer	7:00 p.m.
16	Presidents Day Parish office will be closed.	
17	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
18	Ash Wednesday Choir Practice RCIA	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
20	Soup Supper Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
22	Quarters & Cans Sunday Family Catechesis	9:45 a.m.
24	RECOSS Conference Gentle Stretch Class (cancelled) EMSD	8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
25	RECOSS Conference Choir Practice RCIA	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
26	Centering Prayer	7:00 p.m.
27	Soup Supper Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

March

01	IC Seniors Luncheon	11:00 a.m.
03	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
04	Choir Practice RCIA	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Holy Heroes! Called to Be Saints, Sent Forth as Heroes---A Day Retreat for Young Adults

Sat, February 28th at 9:30AM-3:30PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center - 3888 Paducah Dr. Come join fellow young adults (Ages 18-39) for a day retreat as we reflect on living our faith in today's world! Eucharistic Celebration 4:00PM. Free event with lunch provided. RSVP to Roland at rrs2605@yahoo.com Facebook.com/SPCRetreat

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: LUMEN GENTIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

1. Christ is the Light of nations. Because this is so, this Sacred Synod gathered together in the Holy Spirit eagerly desires, by proclaiming the Gospel to every creature, to bring the light of Christ to all men, a light brightly visible on the countenance of the Church. Since the Church is in Christ like a sacrament or as a sign and instrument both of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race, it desires now to unfold more fully to the faithful of the Church and to the whole world its own inner nature and universal mission. This it intends to do following faithfully the teaching of previous councils. The present-day conditions of the world add greater urgency to this work of the Church so that all men, joined more closely today by various social, technical and cultural ties, might also attain fuller unity in Christ.

2. The eternal Father, by a free and hidden plan of His own wisdom and goodness, created the whole world. His plan was to raise men to a participation of the divine life. Fallen in Adam, God the Father did not leave men to themselves, but ceaselessly offered helps to salvation, in view of Christ, the Redeemer "who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature". All the elect, before time began, the Father "foreknew and predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that he should be the firstborn among many brethren". He planned to assemble in the holy Church all those who would believe in Christ. Already from the beginning of the world the foreshadowing of the Church took place. It was prepared in a remarkable way throughout the history of the people of Israel and by means of the Old Covenant. In the present era of time the Church was constituted and, by the outpouring of the Spirit, was made manifest. At the end of time it will gloriously achieve completion, when, as is read in the Fathers, all the just, from Adam and "from Abel, the just one, to the last of the elect," will be gathered together with the Father in the universal Church.

WE ARE CATHOLIC. WELCOME HOME.

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www.catholicscomehome.org

PARISH & COMMUNITY

SHOP IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!!

The Gift Shop volunteers act as liaison for Immaculate Conception Church by giving out general information of the area to all visitors.

Whether you want to volunteer once a week, once a month or more, and enjoy meeting people and making new friends... **This is for you!**

If you are interested in volunteering please contact

Liz Fielder, Gift Shop Manager at 619.295.4141, ext. 13, or email lfielder@ic-sandiego.org for more information.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Join Father Richard for an introduction to the Bible beginning Wednesday, February 25, in the Brides Room, Serra Hall.

The class will be held for five consecutive Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Call (619) 886-1057 for information.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

41. At the same time, today's vast and rapid cultural changes demand that we constantly seek ways of expressing unchanging truths in a language which brings out their abiding newness. "The deposit of the faith is one thing... the way it is expressed is another". There are times when the faithful, in listening to completely orthodox language, take away something alien to the authentic Gospel of Jesus Christ, because that language is alien to their own way of speaking to and understanding one another. With the holy intent of communicating the truth about God and humanity, we sometimes give them a false god or a human ideal which is not really Christian. In this way, we hold fast to a formulation while failing to convey its substance. This is the greatest danger. Let us never forget that "the expression of truth can take different forms. The renewal of these forms of expression becomes necessary for the sake of transmitting to the people of today the Gospel message in its unchanging meaning".

LOVE OUR PRIESTS Prayer Group



Please join us for a special Mass honoring
REVEREND RICHARD L. PEROZICH
PASTOR
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OLD TOWN - SAN DIEGO, CA

I am the Good Shepherd, I know my sheep, and mine know me.
John 10: 7-10

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: ASCENSION PARISH
11292 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92124-1524



Father Perozich is the pastor at the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception in San Diego, California and has enjoyed several interesting assignments, including two years in Honduras. We know you will enjoy learning of his journey to the priesthood.

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THANK YOU

ZERO TOLERANCE

— *A.J. Castellitto*

"Nones" Those without any religious affiliation. (A label denoting the non-religious profile of young-adult Americans under the age of 30)

Heavily steeped in the modern popular culture and ideology of our day, the 'nones' forsake the reality of sin and grace for a sentimental, fleeting love with weak roots built on a sandy secularized foundation.

The nones are in no way novel or unique in their rebellion. These nones merely reflect our natural propensity and complete denial of greater spiritual realities. For them, and a growing majority of secular society, to even promote the idea that we are sinners is considered "hate speech." The foundational doctrine of original sin has become just another casualty of our religiously intolerant "progressive culture."

A true experience of Christian faith involves a flee from sin for the righteousness of Christ. Ultimately, that requires a turning away from our former "self" and embracing the fact that we are a new creature born of the Holy Spirit. We are no longer conformed to this world (Romans 12:2).

Christian apologist, Francis A. Schaeffer, spoke of a spiritual reality in which all our gifts and talents are to be used to further the spiritual kingdom, when he wrote, 'If Christianity is really true, then it involves the whole man, including his intellect and creativeness. Christianity is not just 'dogmatically' true or 'doctrinally' true. Rather, it is true to what is there, true in the whole area of the whole man in all his life.'

Tragically, since natural man is not spiritually discerning, a large majority of our "enlightened" youth are traveling the wide road to ruin. They are distracted, seduced, and diluted.

Low-voter IQ has become all too prevalent and is further exasperated by the increase of low-scripture IQ Christians in our day. The rise of numerous sects and denominations throughout the history of the church was the direct result of depraved man's tendency to teach and embrace heresy. When we take such realities into consideration, the widespread rejection of organized religion, and Christian orthodoxy, in particular, should come as no surprise. The solution is not to adapt to these developments but to remain resilient in the face of growing backlash and future persecution.

A good friend of mine made this excellent point which illustrates the damning effects of trying to merge Christian faith with a love for sin –

"When sin supersedes salvation, when we identify more with our sin than we do our Savior, that's when we get despondent, depressed, agnostic."

Meanwhile, 'The Secular Coalition' is giddy over the idea that a complete hard-left political shift can ultimately enable a GOP-small-government platform (as if such a thing actually exists) to prevail. They foolishly theorize that if the GOP would fully embrace this course, these young-nones flock to the former 'Party of NO' in droves.

Sorry, but I'm not seeing it. The unholy alliance between scientism and government has reached epic dogmatic proportions. I'm not saying government should function as a main facilitator of religious values (it's the churches that truly need to step up!). But we are currently living under a political regime mired in taxpayer-sponsored lawlessness and treason. And how's that working out?

Fine for the godless globalists and their libertine minions I'm sure.

But for the rest of us?

Not so well.

If broken homes, gender confusion, marital delusions, moral decadence, lawlessness, infanticide, and radical activism are the new pillars of our national foundation, then we are certainly on the right track. I'm just not sure how such an 'evolving' of a politically-endorsed culture translates into small government. Arbitrary mores will always demand a bigger and more progressive government to keep pace with a society lacking a firm and steady foundation. A people lacking a moral compass will seek all types of replacement idols.

Political messiahs and carnal gods are but mere tokens and fancy slogans. Welcome to the day in which the soft bigotry of low expectation prevails; a day that paints Bill Maher as a true 'voice of reason.' Tragically, all unregenerate societies, even ones operating under a veneer of godly fortitude, will be duped (and ultimately fall prey to the devices of power-brokers and puppeteers).

I have a friend who is convinced that the majority of the population is demon-possessed. I guess we are 'free' to pick our political poison, but hold no delusion as to who is truly served and represented by our twisted political majority.

Despite the various perplexities hell-bent on breaking down our very foundation, a former Hindu ultimately and conclusively shuts down the contemplation of any further discouragements with these 3 simple words.....

'Our God Wins!'