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 goers 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			
23	8AM	St. Polycarp	RP
24	8AM	†Gustavo Sosa Lenten Weekday	RE
25	8 AM	†Richard Ringhoffer Lenten Weekday	R P
23	OAW	Pacheco Family, SI	KI
26	8AM	Lenten Weekday Pacheco Family, SI	RP
27	8AM	Lenten Weekday	RP
28	8AM	†Barry Moones Lenten Weekday	RP
	5:15PM	†Jose Eduardo de Andrade Vieira Eleazar Hernandez, SI	R P
01	8:30 AM	People of Immaculate Conception	RP
	10:00 AM	Antonio Torres Family, SI	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	Pacheco Family, ŠI	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

February: Intentions of the Holy Father *Universal*:: That prisoners, especially the young, may eable to rebuild lives of dignity.

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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 2nd	Oscar Lopez, Mt. Angel Seminary OR		
1st	Nathan McWeeney Mt. Angel Seminary OR		
3rd	Eric Tamayo North American College Rome Corey Tufford North American College Rome,		
3rd	Derek Twilliger Mt. Angel Seminary OR		
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR		

	PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS			
23	Very Rev. James Poulsen			
24	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Prendergast			
25	Rev. John Proctor, Jr.			
26	Rev. Msgr. Frank Pugliese			
27	Very Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Purcell			
28	Rev. John Quinn			
01	Pope Francis			

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Lv 19:1-18; Ps 19:8-15; Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-19; Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-19; Lk 11:29-32 Thursday: Est C:12-25; Ps 138:1-8; Mt 7:7-12 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt. 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Mt 5:43-48

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 Martha Zamudio, Joanne Daleo. Carlos Amaya, Albina Farrie, Fred Levine, Julie Fish Ed Oleata. Mike Rodriguez, Esther Fitch Lisa Becerra. Lvdia Castillo Herrera Margaret Kelly, Maguire Fitzpatrick Patricia Kennedy, Tony Jenkins Peter Nalwalker Bob Witt Dorothy Kleint, Deena Marchiano, Frank Garay Dena Mendoza, Jean Miller. Connor Domsitz Patricia O'Grady, Frances Garcia Michael Blase Ambuul Lupe Riccio, Mary Jane Tiernan, Socorro Pacheco Marguerite Vorst, Linda Lee. Marie Whitman. Joan Busalacchi

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. Set Richard Pierce. Sgt. William Paul Powers and Cpl. Samuel James Comer, 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.

Helen Kennedy, Rodney Serrano, Concepción Garza, Jirair Khalatian, Mary Lynch, Richard Solís Moreno, Bette June Marciel, Laura Marks. Kianna Meade, Alvin Weaver, Julia M. Ocampos. William Bethel. Ernie Proo, Lillian Sinclair, Joan Schmitten, Olga Hritz, Karina Sosa, Imelda Hoeckelmann, Clyde Southern, Jr., Angelina Olivarez, Mariana S. Tadena, Alice Perry, William Kennedy, Joseph Moreno, Louie Serrano, Robert McMahon. David Diaz. Gustavo Sosa. Floyd Watson Margie Gautier,

Iola Torre

Patrick Piggot,

WE KNOW THE FATHER THROUGH CREATIVE AND INCARNATE WISDOM

FROM THE PASTOR

Saint Athanasius

The onlybegotten Son, the Wisdom of God, created the entire universe. Scripture says: You have made all things by your wisdom, and the earth is full of your creatures. Yet simply to be was not enough: God also wanted his creatures to be good. That is why he was pleased that his own wisdom should descend to their level and impress upon each of them singly and upon all of them together a certain resemblance to their Model. It would then be manifest that God's creatures shared in his wisdom and that all his works were worthy of him.

For as the word we speak is an image of the Word who is God's Son, so also is the wisdom implanted in us an image of the Wisdom who is God's Son. It gives us the ability to know and understand and so makes us capable of receiving him who is the all-creative Wisdom, through whom we can come to know the Father. Whoever has the Son has the Father also, Scripture says, and Whoever receives me receives the One who sent me. And so, since this image of the Wisdom of God has been produced in us and in all creatures, the true and creative Wisdom rightly takes to himself what applies to his image and says: The Lord created me in his works.

But because the World was not wise enough to recognise God in his wisdom, as we have explained it, God determined to save those who believe by means of the "foolishness" of the message that we preach. Not wishing to be known any longer, as in former times, through the mere image and shadow of his wisdom existing in creatures, he caused the true Wisdom himself to take flesh, to become man, and to suffer death on the cross so that all who believed in him might be saved by faith.

Yet this was the same Wisdom of God who had in the beginning revealed himself and his Father through himself by means of his image in creatures (which is why Wisdom too is said to be created). Later, as John declares, that Wisdom, who is also the Word, became flesh, and after destroying the power of death and saving our race, he revealed himself and his Father through himself with greater clarity. *Grant*, he prayed, *that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent*.

So now the whole earth is filled with the knowledge of God, since it is one and the same thing to know the Father through the Son, and to know the Son who comes from the Father. The Father rejoices in his Son, and with the same joy the Son delights in the Father and says: *I was his joy; every day I took delight in his presence*.

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 15, 2015

Total Collection: \$5.246.30

Parishioners: \$3485.48 Visitors: \$1760.82 Total contributing households: 95

5:15 Sat	\$952.90
8:30 Sun	\$1315.40
10:00 Sun	\$1220.51
11:30 Sun	\$ 980.00
5:15 Sun	\$ 567.49
Mailed	\$ 210.00

EXPENSES

February 9-13, 2015

a	40.50.00
Copier Lease	\$253.22
Diocesan Loan	\$863.06
Equipment Serv.	\$176.59
Household Supplies	212.26
Music Ministry	\$610.00
Priest Pension	\$932.91
Property Ins.	\$965.34
Supplies-Ministry	5.26
Telephone	\$279.80
Waste Disposal	\$365.23
Workers Com	\$130.86

Total: \$4,825.53

40 Days For Life February 18-March 29

Focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion.

For information on the campaign, visit www.respectlifenews.com

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Continues on **March 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

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 runs for five consecutive Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. See bulletin insert for details.

Call (619) 886-1057 for information.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

IC invites parishioners to serve as a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Communion. Mentoring and flexible schedules provided. Call pastor 295 4141 x 11

Renewal of Marriage Vows

Would you like to renew your wedding vows? Please join us at a special mass to celebrate marriage on February 25th at 7:00 pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP to Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano for planning purposes. Call 858-776-7152.

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)

13 SPACES LEFT FOR OUR 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

Feb

Februa	ry	
22	Quarters & Cans Sunday Family Catechesis	9:45 a.m.
24	RECOSS Conference Gentle Stretch Class (cancelled)	8:00 a.m.
	EMSD	6:30 p.m.
25	RECOSS Conference Bible Study Bride's Room of Hall Choir Practice RCIA	8:00 a.m. 9:00 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		
02	I.C. Seniors Luncheon	11:00 a.m.
03	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
04	Bible Study, Serra Hall Choir Practice RCIA	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Quarters and Cans Sunday February 22, 2015

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 and put the Holy Gospel into action.

Centering Prayer

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

> Thursday Evening-February 26 Immaculate Conception—Serra Hall 7:00-8:30 pm

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: **LUMEN GENTIUM**

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

4. When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that He might continually sanctify the Church, and thus, all those who believe would have access through Christ in one Spirit to the Father. He is the Spirit of Life, a fountain of water springing up to life eternal. To men, dead in sin, the Father gives life through Him, until, in Christ, He brings to life their mortal bodies. The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful, as in a temple. In them He prays on their behalf and bears witness to the fact that they are adopted sons. The Church, which the Spirit guides in way of all truth and which He unified in communion and in works of ministry, He both equips and directs with hierarchical and charismatic gifts and adorns with His fruits. By the power of the Gospel He makes the Church keep the freshness of youth. Uninterruptedly He renews it and leads it to perfect union with its Spouse. The Spirit and the Bride both say to Jesus, the Lord, "Come!"

Thus, the Church has been seen as "a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

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.

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.

Iohn 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.

THE MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN INFORMAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Bring a friend & a dish to share!

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

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

43. In her ongoing discernment, the Church can also come to see that certain customs not directly connected to the heart of the Gospel, even some which have deep historical roots, are no longer properly understood and appreciated. Some of these customs may be beautiful, but they no longer serve as means of communicating the Gospel. We should not be afraid to re-examine them. At the same time, the Church has rules or precepts which may have been quite effective in their time, but no longer have the same use- fulness for directing and shaping people's lives. Saint Thomas Aquinas pointed out that the precepts which Christ and the apostles gave to the people of God "are very few". Citing Saint Augustine, he noted that the precepts subsequently enjoined by the Church should be insisted upon with moderation "so as not to burden the lives of the faithful" and make our religion a form of servitude, whereas "God's mercy has willed that we should be free". This warning, issued many centuries ago, is most timely today. It ought to be one of the criteria to be taken into account in considering a reform of the Church and her preaching which would enable it to reach everyone.

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



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Remember, your purchases help to support our parish.

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Check out new items that arrive weekly.

See our online catalog at: http://www.ic-sandiego.org/gift-shop

THANK YOU

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUST TEACH THE **FULL CATHOLIC FAITH**

- Archbishop Cordileone's Letter To High School Teachers February 2015

Dear Teachers in the Archdiocesan Catholic High Schools,

Thank you for the work you do to help our young students learn, mature, and grow in the Catholic faith. Know of my gratitude for the energy, expertise and devotion that you bring to this wonderful and most critical enterprise.

This enterprise involves a two-fold endeavor, since, for a Catholic high school to attain excellence, it must be at one and the same time an excellent institution of secondary education and a truly Catholic institution. Changes in our secular society over the last few decades have brought new challenges to this endeavor in both senses, as we now face both increased difficulties in educating our students well in an array of academic subjects, and unprecedented challenges in forming our young people with a deep and strong Catholic identity as well as a knowledge and practice of the Catholic

The Second Vatican Council, in its declaration on Catholic education Gravissimum Educationis, insisted on Catholic schools assisting Catholic parents in their primary duty of educating their children in virtue, holiness, and their ability to evangelize others in society (see especially nn. 3 and 8). Picking up on this theme, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that "Catholic elementary and secondary schools [are] invaluable instruments in proclaiming the Good News from one generation to the next" (see Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium, US Conference of

Catholic Bishops [2005], p. 2).

As one means of fulfilling this most serious responsibility, all of our schools currently have programs to help teachers give more effective witness to the Catholic faith. I support these programs. However, I also see a need to provide more clarity for our teachers. For this reason, I have developed a document that clarifies Catholic issues in our Catholic schools. At the outset, though, I wish to state clearly and emphatically that the intention underlying this document is not to target for dismissal from our schools any teachers, singly or collectively, nor does it introduce anything essentially new into the contract or the faculty handbook.

At the same time, we need to face the current reality in society and the Church honestly, seriously and frankly: many people have opinions directly contrary to the natural moral law and the teaching of the Catholic Church. Furthermore, many Catholics themselves have beliefs at variance with Church teaching. This is simply a reality of our modern society. This reality stems in great part from the tremendous pressure the contemporary culture places on everyone to conform to a certain agenda at variance with, and often aggressively so, our Christian understanding of the human person and God's purpose in creation. This pressure is exerted relentlessly in the media, in entertainment, in politics, in academia, incorporations – in short, in all of the influencers of popular culture. This problem in society in general is already serious enough, but when people in Catholic institutions endorse such views it creates a toxic confusion about our fundamental values among both students and others in society at large. As teaching institutions, therefore, Catholic schools have to be very clear about what constitutes the true teachings of the Catholic Church. They owe that to the teachers, to the students, and to the parents of the students.

Confusion about the Church's stance is prevalent in areas of sexual morality and religious discipline. For this reason, the statements for inclusion in the faculty handbook focus on these two areas. This focus does not imply lesser importance to Catholic teachings on social justice, which in fact are widely accepted and well interpreted in Catholic educational institutions. The areas requiring clarification are in Catholic teachings on sexual morality and religious practice

Having clear statements especially about "hot button issues" related to faith and morals is important to teachers for two reasons. The first is that a forthright statement of the Church's position on these issues helps teachers provide good perspectives to their students who often struggle in these areas.

The second reason is that candid formulation of Church doctrine protects those teachers who don't agree with the statements. That sounds counterintuitive, but it is indeed the case. In a society in which confusion reigns about Church teachings, highlighting the controversial issues alerts teachers to avoid contradicting Church teaching on these issues either in the school or in some public way outside the classroom.

All teachers are expected to contribute to an atmosphere of holiness, virtue, and familiarity with the Gospel. How can this occur if not all teachers agree with

Catholic teachings?

The way to assist teachers who distance themselves or privately oppose some Catholic teachings is to alert them to sensitive issues. Because the school fosters holiness, virtue and evangelization, teachers not knowledgeable about the precise contours of Catholic teaching have to be cautious about what they say in the school and what they do in the public sphere outside the Catholic school. Honest mistakes do happen, and when they do, reparation can be made. This is not in and of itself a cause for a teacher to be punished. At the same time, teachers and staff at Catholic high schools have to strive to present Catholic teachings as consistently as possible. Dissenting from Catholic teaching or the natural moral law in a Catholic high school does not promote holiness, virtue and evangelization.

Finally, it is important to note the careful use of language in the document. In front of many statements of Catholic teaching in the faculty handbook come the words "affirm and believe." This is a statement made on behalf of the institution, not all individuals in the institutions. Our Catholic high schools try to hire people who do believe what the Church teaches, but in our schools we have good teachers who belong to other Christian faiths or to no faith at all. They are members of the school community. The language "affirm and believe" acknowledges the good activity of the entire corps of faculty and staff by making this claim on behalf of the institution. That is, in the first instance, "affirm and believe" refers to the Catholic high school itself, and, secondly, to many faculty who identify with the Catholic teachings behind which the high school as a whole stands.

My hope is that the document on Catholic faith and morals that is becoming part of the faculty handbook in our Catholic high schools will help the schools better fulfill their mission, and also highlight for teachers true Catholic teachings that are contested by many people in secular society today.

Sincerely in Christ, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

May our new bishop be appointed soon and do the same.