

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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March 15, 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 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

16	8 AM	Lenten Weekday Rita White, SI	RP
17	8 AM	St. Patrick †Roger M. Ibarra	RE
18	8 AM	St. Cyril of Jerusalem †Rev Richard Thomas	RP
19	8 AM	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary †Francisco Cruz	RP
20	8 AM	Lenten Weekday Judy Rauch, SI	RP
21	8 AM	Lenten Weekday Rudy & Laura Castillo, SI	RP
22	5:15 PM	†Nepomucinlo Alcazar	RP
	8:30 AM	†Richard David & Kristan Wagner	RP
	10:00 AM	†Conceicao Visissimo	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	People of Immaculate Conception	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

March: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

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

16	Rev. Henry Rodriguez, Jr.
17	Rev. Carlos Rojas, Sch.P.
18	Rev. Reynaldo Roque
19	Rev. William Rowland CJM
20	Very Rev. Eddie Ruiz
21	Rev. Gary Rye, OSA
22	Rev. Urbano Salada

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2-13; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-12; Ps 46:2-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-18; Jn 5:17-20
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-16; Ps 89:2-29; Rom 4:1-22; Mt 1:17-24
 Friday: Wis 2:1-22; Ps 34:17-23; Jn 7:1-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-12; Jn 7:40-53

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

Jesus, protect all who serve our country.

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

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

Bette June Marciel, Kianna Meade, Julia M. Ocampos, Ernie Proo, Joan Schmittin, Karina Sosa, Clyde Southern, Jr., Mariana S. Tadena, William Kennedy, Robert McMahon, David Diaz, Margie Gautier, Patrick Piggot, Rodney Serrano, Concepción Garza,	Richard Solís Moreno, Laura Marks, Alvin Weaver, William Bethel, Lillian Sinclair, Olga Hritz, Imelda Hoeckelmann, Angelina Olivarez, Alice Perry, Joseph Moreno, Louie Serrano, Gustavo Sosa, Floyd Watson Iola Torre Thomas Briggs
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**PILLARS OF PIETY:
PRAYER, FASTING ,ALMSGIVING**

—*Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop*

FROM THE PASTOR

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. *Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives.* Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all men when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our

behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

March 08, 2015

Total Collection: \$4429.62

Parishioners: \$2980.50 Visitors: \$1449.12

Total contributing households: 80

5:15 Sat	\$583.50
8:30 Sun	\$1033.00
10:00 Sun	\$976.13
11:30 Sun	\$ 820.77
5:15 Sun	\$ 556.22
Mailed	\$ 460.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: \$27,000

Paid to date: \$18,545.00

Pledged to date: \$27,625.00

EXPENSES

March 2-6, 2015

Maintenance Supplies	\$158.35
Ministry Supplies	\$652.20
Music Ministry	\$ 600.00
Payroll	\$2034.65
Payroll Service	\$ 46.45
Priest Supply	\$ 925.00
Utilities	\$ 385.42
Waste Disposal	\$370.39

Total: \$5,072.46

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Join Father Richard for an introduction to the Bible on Wednesday, **March 18**, in Serra Hall. from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Call 619-886-1057 for information.

Traditional Latin Mass for the Feria of Lent

Saturday, **March 21** at 10:00 a.m.

The choir will be manned by the Brother of the Little Oratory who will also serve at the altar.

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Continues on **March 22** 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

TAIZE SERVICE

You are invited to join us for a Taize service on **Tuesday, March 24**, at 7pm in the church, followed by refreshments in Serra Hall.

ANNUAL LENTEN COLLECTION

This weekend has been designated for the **2015 Annual Lenten Collection**. Special envelopes are available for the collection which supports the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America.

BENEDICTUS--A ministry to Catholic Men

Saturday, March 21, 2015 8am to 11 am

Church of the Resurrection, Escondido

For information contact Bob Thompson at bobbytom1@aol.com.

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

May 04 Class
May 10 Baptisms
(see ic-sandiego.org for more dates)

06 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

March

17	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
	Penance Service	7:00 p.m.
18	Bible Study, Serra Hall	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
	RCIA	7:00 p.m.
20	Lenten Soup Supper	6:00 p.m.
	Stations of the Cross	7:00 p.m.
21	Traditional Latin Mass	10:00 a.m.
22	Building Fund Collection	
	Family Catechesis	9:45 a.m.
24	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
	Taize Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
25	Bible Study, Serra Hall	9:00 a.m.
	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
	RCIA	7:00 p.m.
26	Centering Prayer	7:00 p.m.
27	Lenten Soup Supper	6:00 p.m.
	Stations of the Cross	7:00 p.m.
31	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.

April

01	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
	RCIA	7:00 p.m.
02	Holy Thursday (No 8 a.m. Mass)	
	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.
03	Stations of the Cross	12:00 p.m.
	Stations of the Cross	6:30 p.m.
	Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ	7:00 p.m.
	followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 9 p.m.	
	Parish Office and Serra Gifts Closed	
04	Easter Vigil	8:00 pm
05	Easter Sunday: Regular Mass Schedule	
	Serra Gifts closed	
06	Easter Monday: Parish Office & Serra Gifts closed	
	No I.C. Seniors Luncheon	
07	Gentle Stretch Class	5:00 p.m.
	Pastoral Council (members only)	6:00 p.m.
08	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
	RCIA	7:00 p.m.
	Parish Breakfast	9:30 a.m.

Centering Prayer

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

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

"The Church is the only thing that saves men and women from the "terrible indignity of being children of the age."

- G. K. Chesterton

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: LUMEN GENTIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

7. In the human nature united to Himself the Son of God, by overcoming death through His own death and resurrection, redeemed man and re-molded him into a new creation. By communicating His Spirit, Christ made His brothers, called together from all nations, mystically the components of His own Body.

In that Body the life of Christ is poured into the believers who, through the sacraments, are united in a hidden and real way to Christ who suffered and was glorified. Through Baptism we are formed in the likeness of Christ: "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body". In this sacred rite a oneness with Christ's death and resurrection is both symbolized and brought about: "For we were buried with Him by means of Baptism into death"; and if "we have been united with Him in the likeness of His death, we shall be so in the likeness of His resurrection also". Really partaking of the body of the Lord in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, we are taken up into communion with Him and with one another. "Because the bread is one, we though many, are one body, all of us who partake of the one bread". In this way all of us are made members of His Body, "but severally members one of another".

As all the members of the human body, though they are many, form one body, so also are the faithful in Christ.(56) Also, in the building up of Christ's Body various members and functions have their part to play. There is only one Spirit who, according to His own richness and the needs of the ministries, gives His different gifts for the welfare of the Church. What has a special place among these gifts is the grace of the apostles to whose authority the Spirit Himself subjected even those who were endowed with charisms. Giving the body unity through Himself and through His power and inner joining of the members, this same Spirit produces and urges love among the believers. From all this it follows that if one member endures anything, all the members co-endure it, and if one member is honored, all the members together rejoice. The Head of this Body is Christ. He is the image of the invisible God and in Him all things came into being. He is before all creatures and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the Body which is the Church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the first place. By the greatness of His power He rules the things in heaven and the things on earth, and with His all-surpassing perfection and way of acting He fills the whole body with the riches of His glory.

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.

Schedule for Season of Lent and Holy Triduum

- Fridays during Lent:
 - Soup Suppers 6:00 p.m.
 - Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday March 17 7:00 p.m.
 - PENANCE SERVICE
 - Taize Prayer Service:
 - Tuesday, March 24 7:00 p.m.
- *Holy Thursday, April 2:
 - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
- *Good Friday, April 3:
 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord 7:00 p.m.
- *Holy Saturday, April 4:
 - Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m.
 - 5:15 p.m.
- *No 8 a.m. Mass

SCHOOL OF THE MADELEINE

offers special programs in accelerated math and Spanish in grades 5-8. Applications for the 2015-2016 school year are now being accepted. Currently there are openings in **kindergarten through 7th grades**. For information, please call (619) 276-6545.

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

45. We see then that the task of evangelization operates within the limits of language and of circumstances. It constantly seeks to communicate more effectively the truth of the Gospel in a specific context, without renouncing the truth, the goodness and the light which it can bring whenever perfection is not possible. A missionary heart is aware of these limits and makes itself "weak with the weak... everything for everyone" (1 Cor 9:22). It never closes itself off, never re-treats into its own security, never opts for rigidity and defensiveness. It realizes that it has to grow in its own understanding of the Gospel and in discerning the paths of the Spirit, and so it always does what good it can, even if in the process, its shoes get soiled by the mud of the street.

46. A Church which "goes forth" is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly into the world. Of- ten it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way. At times we have to be like the father of the prodigal son, who always keeps his door open so that when the son returns, he can readily pass through it.

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Fr. Serra Hall
619-297-3426



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<http://www.ic-sandiego.org/gift-shop>

THANK YOU

THE POWER OF CHRIST OVERCOMES IRE WITH LOVE

*Florist's response to gay accuser
Consistency of Baptist woman's faith
shouldn't surprise anyone
MARCH 5, 2015*

The following comes from a March 3 Baptist Press by Diana Chandler RICHLAND, Washington — A Southern Baptist florist does not regret her nine-year friendship with a homosexual man who won a lawsuit against her after she refused to design floral arrangements for his gay wedding, she told Baptist Press.

“If Rob [Robert Ingersoll] walked in the store today, I would hug him and catch up on his life,” Barronelle Stutzman, owner of Arlene’s Flowers in Richland, Wash., told BP. “The same faith that tells me that I can’t be a part of Rob’s wedding is the same faith that tells me to love him as Christ does.

“Christ loves us all regardless, and it’s not my place to judge him, or to judge anybody. It’s my place to be an example of Christ,” she said. “Do they see Christ in what I do, and how I treat them?”

Stutzman, a 70-year-old member of Richland Baptist Church in Richland, had provided floral arrangements for Ingersoll and most recently his friend Curt Freed on

numerous occasions. But she refused in March 2013 to use her gifts and talents to design flowers for their wedding.

Stutzman was found guilty Feb. 18 in Benton County Superior Court of violating the couple’s U.S. and state civil rights, and was held personally liable for the couple’s damages and attorney fees, putting her at risk of losing her business and personal holdings. (See earlier *Baptist Press*.) Backed by the Alliance Defending Freedom, Stutzman is appealing the case, and is prepared to take it to the nation’s highest court.

The issue isn’t about Ingersoll being gay, said Stutzman, who according to court documents has employed openly gay individuals through her business.

“The issue is marriage is between a man and a woman, according to my faith,” she told BP. “I just think of myself as a follower of Christ and the Bible teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman, and the Bible is my authority.”

END OF STORY

Catholic, do you like this Baptist ,exercise the power to stand for Jesus and the faith against the ire of those who attack you? Do you allow Jesus to still express His love and forgiveness in you as did Barronelle Stutzman?