

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

2540 San Diego Avenue, San Diego, CA 92110 619 295-4141 FAX 619 295-4142
e-mail: parish@ic-sandiego.org Website: www.ic-sandiego.org

May 17, 2015

Rev. Richard L. Perozich, Pastor
[pastor@ic-sandiego.org](mailto:parish@ic-sandiego.org)

Rev. Msgr. Robert Ecker, Weekend Associate

Deacon Robert H. Fitzmorris
rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org; 858 490-8332

Liz Fielder, Manager, Serra Gifts
fielder@ic-sandiego.org

Connie Rodriguez, Parish Secretary
parish@ic-sandiego.org

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

18	8 AM	St. John I Mother's Day Novena	RP
19	8 AM	Easter Weekday Soania, SI	RE
20	8 AM	St. Bernardine of Siena †Angie Olivarez	RP
21	8 AM	St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions †Grace Tharp	RP
22	8 AM	St. Rita of Cascia †Dr. Elie Shneour	RE
23	8 AM	Easter Weekday Sue Sullivan, SI	RE
24	5:15 PM	†Warren Hermann	JB
	8:30 AM	Gloria Barajas, SI	JB
	10:00 AM	Michelle Colman, SI	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	†Victoria Kopa	JB

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

May: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

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

18	Rev. Msgr. John Wright
19	Right Rev. Abbot Charles Wright, OSB
20	Rev. Edmundo Zarate-Suarez
21	Rev. Edmund Afagbegee, SVD
22	Rev. Lawrence Agi
23	Rev. Patrick Aherne, CM
24	Rev. William Ameche, SJ

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-21; Jn 17:1-11
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-36; Jn 17:11-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-20; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-31; Ps 114:4-7; Jn 21:20-25

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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, 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, Shirley Pearson, Diego Cárdenas. Inez Cerda Bull Joanne Mangiamelli
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

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. Moralez, 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.
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

†PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED†

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

Kianna Meade, Julia M. Ocampos, Ernie Proo, Joan Schmittin, Karina Sosa, Clyde Southern, Jr., Mariana S. Tadena, William Kennedy, Robert McMahan, 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 Emilie Graham
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

—Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop

**EACH ONE OF US IS CALLED TO BE BOTH
A SACRIFICE TO GOD AND HIS PRIEST**

FROM THE PASTOR

I appeal to you by the mercy of God. This appeal is made by Paul, or rather, it is made by God through Paul, because of God's desire to be loved rather than feared, to be a father rather than a Lord. God appeals to us in his mercy to avoid having to punish us in his severity.

Listen to the Lord's appeal: In me, I want you to see your own body, your members, your heart, your bones, your blood. You may fear what is divine, but why not love what is human? You may run away from me as the Lord, but why not run to me as your father? Perhaps you are filled with shame for causing my bitter passion. Do not be afraid. This cross inflicts a mortal injury, not on me, but on death. These nails no longer pain me, but only deepen your love for me. I do not cry out because of these wounds, but through them I draw you into my heart. My body was stretched on the cross as a symbol, not of how much I suffered, but of my all-embracing love. I count it no less to shed my blood: it is the price I have paid for your ransom. Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds.

Listen now to what the Apostle urges us to do. *I appeal to you*, he says, *to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*. By this exhortation of his, Paul has raised all men to priestly status.

How marvelous is the priesthood of the Christian, for he is both the victim that is offered on his own behalf, and the priest who makes the offering. He does not need to go beyond himself to seek what he is to immolate to God: with himself and in himself he brings

the sacrifice he is to offer God for himself. The victim remains and the priest remains, always one and the same. Immolated, the victim still lives: the priest who immolates cannot kill. Truly it is an amazing sacrifice in which a body is offered without being slain and blood is offered without being shed.

The Apostle says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice*. Brethren, this sacrifice follows the pattern of Christ's sacrifice by which he gave his body as a living immolation for the life of the world. He really made his body a living sacrifice, because, though slain, he continues to live. In such a victim death receives its ransom, but the victim remains alive. Death itself suffers the punishment. This is why death for the martyrs is actually a birth, and their end a beginning. Their execution is the door to life, and those who were thought to have been blotted out from the earth shine brilliantly in heaven.

Paul says: *I appeal to you by the mercy of God to present your bodies as a sacrifice, living and holy*. The prophet said the same thing: *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you have prepared a body for me*. Each of us is called to be both a sacrifice to God and his priest. Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity.

Let Christ be your helmet, let the cross on your forehead be your unfailing protection. Your breastplate should be the knowledge of God that he himself has given you. Keep burning continually the sweet smelling incense of prayer. Take up the sword of the Spirit. Let your heart be an altar. Then, with full confidence in God, present your body for sacrifice. God desires not death, but faith; God thirsts not for blood, but for self-surrender; God is appeased not by slaughter, but by the offering of your free will.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

May 10, 2015

Total Collection: \$6,025.20
Envelopes: \$3668.49 Plate: \$2338.71
Total contributing households: 85

5:15 Sat	\$ 840.23
8:30 Sun	\$1597.50
10:00 Sun	\$1197.25
11:30 Sun	\$1176.23
5:15 Sun	\$ 636.49
Mailed	\$ 577.50

EXPENSES

May 4-8, 2015

Music Ministry	\$1,010.00
Supply Priests	\$1,050.00

Total: \$2,060.00

COLFS Baby Bottle Drive: \$986.98

COLFS extends its gratitude for the prayers and donations made in support of its programs.



2015 Baptism Schedule

June 01 Class
June 07 Baptisms
 (see ic-sandiego.org for more dates)

Parish Pancake Breakfast

Join fellow parishioners in Serra Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses for a delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 17.

Know Your Parish Sunday
 and
Family Catechesis

originally scheduled for May 17 have been cancelled.



In observance of **Memorial Day**, the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, May 25**. Serra Gifts will remain open for the holiday.

Pray the Rosary in May



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 _____

The Ship of the Church

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

—St. Boniface

Courtyard Update

Our Parish Finance Council is moving forward with the Courtyard Project! The project is now out to bid, all the design drawings and specifications are completed and we expect to have a contractor chosen within the next month! Then, depending on scheduling, we will break ground on the new courtyard! We hope to have it completed, barring unforeseen delays, by mid-summer.

AROUND THE PARISH

Parish Calendar

May

- 17 Parish Pancake Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Know Your Parish Sunday - cancelled
- 19 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 20 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- 24 Building Fund Collection
- 25 Memorial Day Observed
Parish Office closed
- 26 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 27 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- 31 Rock 'n Roll Marathon 5:30 a.m.
The Tomorrow Project Sale 8:30 a.m.

June

- 01 I.C. Seniors Luncheon 11:00 a.m.
- 02 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council (closed meeting) 6:00 p.m.
- 03 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- 09 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 10 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Vespers 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Traditional Latin Mass 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Parish Registration Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Parish Pancake Breakfast
- 16 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 17 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Quarters and Cans Sunday
- 23 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.
- 24 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Missionary Coop Plan Sunday
- 30 Gentle Stretch Class 5:00 p.m.

THE TOMORROW PROJECT

The Tomorrow Project, a job readiness program of Catholic Charities, provides intensive, individualized training for homeless and low-income women. Our gourmet food products have been exclusively developed by award winning San Diego chefs and will be for sale after the Masses on Sunday, May 31st . Stop by and meet our participants. Donations are always welcome. For more information, go to our website www.tomorrowproject.org.

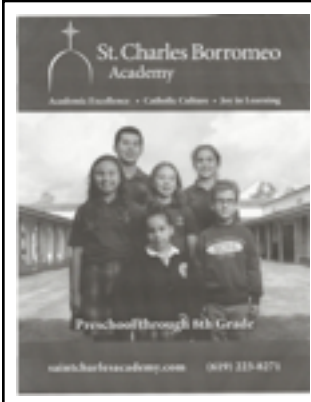
SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: LUMEN GENTIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

12. The holy people of God shares also in Christ's prophetic office; it spreads abroad a living witness to Him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise, the tribute of lips which give praise to His name. The entire body of the faithful, anointed as they are by the Holy One, cannot err in matters of belief. They manifest this special property by means of the whole peoples' supernatural discernment in matters of faith when "from the Bishops down to the last of the lay faithful" they show universal agreement in matters of faith and morals. That discernment in matters of faith is aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth. It is exercised under the guidance of the sacred teaching authority, in faithful and respectful obedience to which the people of God accepts that which is not just the word of men but truly the word of God. Through it, the people of God adheres unwaveringly to the faith given once and for all to the saints, penetrates it more deeply with right thinking, and applies it more fully in its life.

13. It is not only through the sacraments and the ministries of the Church that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and leads the people of God and enriches it with virtues, but, "allotting his gifts to everyone according as He wills, He distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts He makes them fit and ready to undertake the various tasks and offices which contribute toward the renewal and building up of the Church, according to the words of the Apostle: "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for profit".

PARISH & COMMUNITY



Saint Charles Borromeo Academy provides excellent academics in a Catholic culture, preschool through 8th grade.

Please visit saintcharlesacademy.com or call (619) 223-8271.

Rock 'n Roll Marathon Coming Sunday, May 31

Flyers with alternate routes will be provided the weekend of May 23-24

Marriage Programs

Marriage Encounter: Renew your relationship. May 29-31, 2015
To register, call Mike or Anita at 619-445-0564 or apply online at wwme-sandiego.org

Healing Mass

St. Columba Catholic Church
3327 Glencolum Dr., San Diego

Thursday, May 21, 2015 -- 7:00 p.m.
Rosary for Life at 6:30 p.m.
For information, call Shawn & Mary, 858-278-0526

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM- Pope Francis

58 A financial reform open to such ethical considerations would require a vigorous change of approach on the part of political leaders. I urge them to face this challenge with determination and an eye to the future, while not ignoring, of course, the specifics of each case. Money must serve, not rule! The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind all that the rich must help, respect and promote the poor. I exhort you to generous solidarity and to the return of economics and finance to an ethical approach which favors human beings.

No to the inequality which spawns violence

59 Today in many places we hear a call for greater security. But until exclusion and inequality in society and between peoples are reversed, it will be impossible to eliminate violence. The poor and the poorer peoples are accused of violence, yet without equal opportunities the different forms of aggression and conflict will find a fertile terrain for growth and eventually explode. When a society – whether local, national or global – is willing to leave a part of itself on the fringes, no political programs or resources spent on law enforcement or surveillance systems can indefinitely guarantee tranquility.

Serra Gifts...

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



Open 7 days a week
Monday - Friday 9:00 -4:00
Saturday 10:00 to 4:00
Sunday 9:30 to 3:00

Serra Gifts offers a beautiful assortment of religious items for your home, for your family and friends.

NOW is the time to shop for graduation and summer wedding gifts.

Remember, your purchases help to support our parish.

Re-usable shopping bags with Immaculate Conception logo,

Check out new items that arrive weekly.

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

HOW TO ENCOUNTER ISLAM, ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS: WITH THE WHOLE TRUTH

Speaking to the bishops of the west African nation of Benin, Pope Francis encouraged their formation of youth through education, emphasizing particularly the importance of intercultural encounter.

“Another important challenge you face is that of vigilance with youth and education ... this effort should continue without abatement for the integral formation, both human and spiritual, of the younger generations is important for the future of the society to which they can make a valuable contribution, notably in terms of solidarity, of justice, and of respect for the other,” Pope Francis said April 27 to the bishops from Benin, who were in Rome for their *ad limina* visit.

“It is necessary,” he immediately continued, “to promote in your country – without of course renouncing any of the Truth as revealed by the Lord – the encounter between cultures and dialogue between religions, especially with Islam. It is well known that Benin offers an example of harmony between the religions present in her territory. It is however wise to be vigilant, considering the current world climate, in order to conserve this fragile heritage.

Benin is bordered by Togo, Burkina Faso, Niger, and Nigeria – where the radical Islamist group Boko Haram has killed more than 15,500 in attacks since 2012.

According to a 2007 estimate, 43 percent of Beninese are Christian, and 24 percent are Muslim. Another 26 percent practice Vodun or other indigenous religions, and seven percent are irreligious. Pope Francis mentioned he is “particularly pleased that an international colloquium on interreligious dialogue has been held ... which was widely appreciated.”

The Pope began his address by thanking the bishops for their “great enthusiasm in the visible expression of the faith of God's people.” He observed that “parish life is animated, the faithful participate in large numbers in the celebrations, conversions to Christ are many, as are priestly and religious vocations.”

He added, however, that their report that the faith is more and more widespread, yet sometimes superficial and weak, shows that “it is important that the desire for a profound knowledge of the Christian mystery not be the prerogative of an elite, but instead must inspire all faithful, as everyone is called to holiness.”

“It is imperative that the Church in Benin resists and defeats the winds to the contrary that are rising throughout the world and do not fail to blow upon you too. I know that you are vigilant in the face of numerous ideological and media attacks. The spirit of secularization is at work in your country too, although it is not yet very visible. Only a faith profoundly rooted in the heart of the faithful, and lived in a concrete way, will enable you to face this.”

Pope Francis then turned to the role of the family, saying pastoral care for marriage “remains

difficult, considering the real social and cultural situation of the people. However, do not be discouraged, but persevere tirelessly, as the family which defends the Catholic Church is a reality willed by God; it is a gift of God that brings joy, stability and happiness to people and to societies.”

“The family, as the basic unit of both society and of the Church, is the place where authentic human and Gospel values are transmitted,” he said, following it up with a quote from St. John Paul II's 1981 apostolic exhortation *Familiaris consortio*: “the educational mission of the Christian family is a true ministry through which the Gospel is transmitted and radiated, so that family life itself becomes an itinerary of faith and ... a school of following Christ.”

After discussing youth and education, the Pope noted the Church's “key role in promoting harmony and justice” for Benin's progress. “It is a role they also play in healthcare and human development,” he continued.

“How much work is carried out in the name of the Gospel in your dioceses! While the global crisis is affecting many countries, it is necessary to go against the grain with courage, fighting against the throwaway culture that reaches everywhere and spreading the Gospel values of hospitality and encounter.”

He reflected that acts of charity express the Church's essence, but cautioned that “it should be borne in mind that the spirit of the works accomplished by the Church has a specific nature that must be clearly identified: she never acts as a form of simple social aid, but rather as the manifestation of the tenderness and mercy of Jesus himself, who tends to the wounds and weaknesses of his brothers. The joy of the Gospel is thus announced to humanity in the most effective way.”

Pope Francis noted the large number of priestly vocations in Benin – for example, the Diocese of Djougou has one priest for every 933 Catholics. He encouraged them in sharing their priests with dioceses less fruitful in vocations, though “with judgement, without forgetting the needs of your own Churches.”

He welcomed the good relationship between the Church and the government of Benin, remarking that “the voice of the Church is listened to and her action is appreciated.”

“I invite you to continue to take your place fully in the public life of the country, especially in these times,” he added. “I know you are engaged in constant work to encourage relations between the different components of society. I invite you to continue along this path, taking care not to enter directly into the political arena or party disputes. The conduct of public affairs remains the duty of the laity, whom you have the important duty of ceaselessly educating and encouraging.”

The Pope concluded asking that Mary “sustain and enlighten you in your ministry, that she might lead you, together with the priests, consecrated persons, catechists, and all the laity of your dioceses, to her son Jesus.”