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September 06, 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: 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM. 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.

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WE PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS 07 8AM RP Weekday Patience Fisher, SI 8AM The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary RE Sylvia Kelly, SI 8AM St. Peter Claver RP †James William Kelly 8AM Weekday RP†Antonio Gonsalves 11 8AM Weekday RP Joann Mangiameli, SI 12 8 AM The Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM RP Patricia Giles, SI 5:15PM †Martin Morris RP Sylvia Kelly, SI RP 13 8:30 AM †Richard Ringhofer RE 10:00 AM RE †William Kennedy 11:30 AM 5:15 PM People of Immaculate Conception RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

September: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people

Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

	PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY		
4th 4th 2nd 3rd 2nd 4th 4th 3rd	Hath Brian Frice Mt. Angel Seminary OR Oscar Lopez, Mt. Angel Seminary OR Oscar Lopez, Mt. Angel Seminary OR Nathan McWeeney Mt. Angel Seminary OR Eric Tamayo North American College Rome Corey Tufford North American College Rome, Hath Derek Twilliger Mt. Angel Seminary OR		
PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS			
07 08 09 10 11 12 13	Rev. Raymond Elam, OSA Rev. Msgr. William Elliott Rev. Peter Escalante Rev. Armando Escurel Rev. Arnel Espenilla Rev. Silverio Espenilla Rev. Reynald Evangelista		

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3; Ps 62:6-9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mic 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-23

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-13; Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 6:27-38 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-14; Ps 16:1-11; Lk 6:39-42 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49

PRAY FOR HEALING

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

Socorro Pacheco, Linda Lee, Amparo Valenzuela, Lydia Castillo Herrera Margaret Kelly, Robby Witt, Phyllis Altomare, Patricia Kennedy, Dorothy Kleint, Deena Marchiano, Denise Cooney, Dena Mendoza, Alicia Ambrose, Shirley Pearson, Diego Cárdenas. Jean Miller. Patricia O'Grady, Mary Jane Tiernan, Inez Cerda Bull Marguerite Vorst, Marie Whitman, Joanne Mangiameli Rose McBrien Martha Zamudio, Cosmo Busalacchi Maria Casanova, Steve Stone, Laura Castillo, Edna Moore, Carlos Amaya, Fred Levine, Mike Rodriguez, Lisa Becerra, Maguire Fitzpatrick, Maria Esperanza Kramer Tony Jenkins, Joan Busalacchi Peter Nalwalker, Georgiana Ottenheimer. Bob Witt. Mark Brandon. Frank Garay, Jeanne Pontius, Esther Salazar Frances Garcia.

PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY Jesus, protect all who serve our country.

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

William Kennedy, Robert McMahon, Alice Perry, Joseph Moreno, David Diaz, Louie Serrano, Margie Gautier, Gustavo Sosa, Patrick Piggot, Floyd Watson, Iola Torre, Thomas Briggs, Rodney Serrano, Concepción Garza, Richard Solís Moreno, Emilie Graham, Angela Cordova, Laura Marks, Alvin Weaver. Ramiro Moreno. William Bethel, Alexander Toczko Lillian Sinclair, Jeannette Toczko Olga Hritz, José Teofilo Solorio Imelda Hoeckelmann. Ray Jackson Angelina Olivarez, Betty Jackson

SEPTEMBER 8: BIRTHDAY OF MARY

—Saint Andrew of Crete, bishop

FROM THE PASTOR

'The fulfillment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as

lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished his work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive to what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer under the elemental spirits of the world, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

This is the highest, all-embracing benefit that Christ has bestowed on us. This is the revelation of the mystery, this is the emptying out of the divine nature, the union of God and man, and the deification of the manhood that was assumed. This radiant and manifest coming of God to men most certainly needed a joyful prelude to introduce the great gift of salvation to us. The present festival, the birth of the Mother of God, is the prelude, while the final act is the fore-ordained union of the Word with flesh. Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed and prepared for her role as Mother of God, who is the universal King of the ages.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new.

Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.

DEVOTION PRACTICED IN DIFFERENT WAYS

—Saint Francis de Sales

When God the Creator made all things, he commanded the plants to bring forth fruit each according to its own kind; he has likewise commanded Christians, who are the living plants of his Church, to bring forth the fruits of devotion, each one in accord with his character, his station and his calling.

I say that devotion must be practiced in different ways by the nobleman and by the working man, by the servant and by the prince, by the widow, by the unmarried girl and by the married woman. But even this distinction is not sufficient; for the practice of devotion must be adapted to the strength, to the occupation and to the duties of each one in particular.

Tell me, please, my Philothea, whether it is proper for a bishop to want to lead a solitary life like a Carthusian; or for married people to be no more concerned than a Capuchin about increasing their income; or for a working man to spend his whole day in church like a religious; or on the other hand for a religious to be constantly exposed like a bishop to all the events and circumstances that bear on the needs of our neighbor. Is not this sort of devotion ridiculous, unorganized and intolerable? Yet this absurd error occurs very frequently, but in no way does true devotion, my Philothea, destroy anything at all. On the contrary, it perfects and fulfills all things. In fact if it ever works against, or is inimical to, anyone's legitimate station and calling, then it is very definitely false devotion.

The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged and fresh, just as he found them. True devotion does still better. Not only does it not injure any sort of calling or occupation, it even embellishes and enhances it.

Moreover, just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, each according to its colour, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to the prince becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.

It is therefore an error and even a heresy to wish to exclude the exercise of devotion from military divisions, from the artisans' shops, from the courts of princes, from family households. I acknowledge, my dear Philothea, that the type of devotion which is purely contemplative, monastic and religious can certainly not be exercised in these sorts of stations and occupations, but besides this threefold type of devotion, there are many others fit for perfecting those who live in a secular state.

Therefore, in whatever situations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.

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AROUND THE PARISH

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Parents and children as well as all interested adults are welcome to attend Family Catechesis in the bride's room of the parish hall every other week beginning September 13 at 9:45, right after the 8:30 AM Mass. All children must be accompanied by their parents at each session.

New Paths to Healing

- A free 13-week support group for the separated and divorced will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm from September 22 through December 15, 2015. The series includes a session on Surviving the Holidays and meets at the Ministry Center of Sacred Heart Parish, 655 C Avenue, Coronado 92118. For information, call Martha, 619.435.6136 or Tom, 619.437.6689.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands of people are baptized into the Catholic Church in the United States. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

If you are interested in becoming a baptized member of the Church, consider participating in the RCIA process. The RCIA Process begins on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

For information, please contact Fr. Richard at 619-295-4141, ext. 11, or email pastor@ic-sandiego.org.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is having a **Catholic Pilgrimage** to the Holy Land. November 9 – 18, 2015.

Daily Mass at the Holy Sights. Visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and more! Includes 3 Meals Daily. Air from San Diego. \$3,749.

For a flyer of more info call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



2015 Baptism Schedule

September 21 Class September 27 Baptisms

(See ic-sandiego.org for more dates.)



Culture of Life Family Services

6th ANNUAL PRO-LIFE IS GOOD GALA & AUCTION

Saturday, October 10 Rancho Bernardo Inn

Keynote Speaker: Lila Rose President, Live Action

For more information, please contact James Stabile at <u>Gala@colfs.org</u>.

St. Vincent de Paul Village Ladies Guild cordially invites you to attend our annual free MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON.

Monday, September 14, 2015, 11:00AM Ladies Guild Room at St. Vincent de Paul Village 1501 Imperial Avenue (free underground parking off 16th) Downtown San Diego

For information: Call Janet Salus at 858-483-7911 or jsbolts@san.rr.com.

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Gifts of Treasure

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

August 30, 2015

Total Collection: \$4,853.79 Envelopes: \$3,546.00 Plate: \$1,307.79 Total contributing households: 110

5:15 Sat	\$ 699.00
8:30 Sun	\$1144.00
10:00 Sun	\$1140.00
11:30 Sun	\$ 802.29
5:15 Sun	\$ 868.50
Mailed	\$ 200.00

EXPENSES

August 24-28, 2015

Diocesan tax	\$4269.14
Health Insurance	\$1515.62
Music	\$500.00
Worker's Comp	\$129.40

Total: \$6,414.16

I.C. Seniors

Reminder: I.C. Seniors will meet on **September 14** at 11:00 a.m.

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		

Labor Day - September 7

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 7, the Parish Office will be closed.

Serra Gifts will be open.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

All women are invited to hear EWTN show host, Barbara McGuigan share her story and speak on living the virtuous life. Barbara is an internationally known speaker and author. She can also be heard on Ave Maria Radio's The Good Fight. Please join us on Sat. September 12 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Mission Valley Sheraton. \$30 Kindly RSVP to (619) 701-2718 or SDMagnificat@gmail.com by September 9.

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: LUMEN GENTIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

... 24. The canonical mission of bishops can come about by legitimate customs that have not been revoked by the supreme and universal authority of the Church, or by laws made or recognized be that the authority, or directly through the successor of Peter himself; and if the latter refuses or denies apostolic communion, such bishops cannot assume any office.

25. Among the principal duties of bishops the preaching of the Gospel occupies an eminent place. For bishops are preachers of the faith, who lead new disciples to Christ, and they are authentic teachers, that is, teachers endowed with the authority of Christ, who preach to the people committed to them the faith they must believe and put into practice, and by the light of the Holy Spirit illustrate that faith. They bring forth from the treasury of Revelation new things and old, making it bear fruit and vigilantly warding off any errors that threaten their flock. Bishops, teaching in communion with the Roman Pontiff, are to be respected by all as witnesses to divine and Catholic truth. In matters of faith and morals, the bishops speak in the name of Christ and the faithful are to accept their teaching and adhere to it with a religious assent. This religious submission of mind and will must be shown in a special way to the authentic magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, even when he is not speaking ex cathedra; that is, it must be shown in such a way that his supreme magisterium is acknowledged with reverence, the judgments made by him are sincerely adhered to, according to his manifest mind and will. His mind and will in the matter may be known either from the character of the documents, from his frequent repetition of the same doctrine, or from his manner of speaking.

5:30 p.m.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

September

07	Labor Day - Parish Office Closed
	Serra Gifts Open

09 Choir Practice

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13 Parish Breakfast 9:30 a.m.

Family Catechesis 9:45 a.m.

14 I.C. Seniors Lunch Meeting 11:00 a.m.

16 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m

19 Quilters (Awesome Fabric Arts) 9:30 a.m.

Santa Maria Barbeque 6:00 p.m.

22-24 NO 8:00 A.M. MASS -- CONVOCATION

23	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m
23	CHOIL I LACTICE	5.50 p.m

25 Mass for Attorneys 5:45 p.m.

26 Fraternity of Secular Franciscan Order 9:00 a.m.

Quilters (Awesome Fabric Arts) 9:30 a.m.

27 Building Fund Collection

Family Catechesis 9:45 a.m.

30 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m

NEW HYMNAL

So far parishioners have dedicated 125 of the 200 hymnals for loved ones, living and deceased. Donations for dedication are \$20/hymnal Your name may be printed as donor (or it can be left blank) and you may have the name of a person living, or add a † if deceased. Submit name and donation to rectory or put into collection basket.

Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.

- Mark Twain

FROM MISERICORDIAE VULTUS - Pope Francis

BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

FRANCIS BISHOP OF ROME SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER GRACE. MERCY. AND PEACE

... 4 We recall the poignant words of Saint John XXIII when, opening the Council, he indicated the path to follow: "Now the Bride of Christ wishes to use the medicine of mercy rather than taking up arms of severity ... The Catholic Church, as she holds high the torch of Catholic truth at this Ecumenical Council, wants to show herself a loving mother to all; patient, kind, moved by compassion and goodness toward her separated children." Blessed Paul VI spoke in a similar vein at the closing of the Council: "We prefer to point out how charity has been the principal religious feature of this Council ... the old story of the Good Samaritan has been the model of the spirituality of the Council ... a wave of affection and admiration flowed from the Council over the modern world of humanity. Errors were condemned, indeed, because charity demanded this no less than did truth, but for individuals themselves there was only admonition, respect and love.

Serra Gifts...

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

Missalettes

As previously announced, beginning in Advent this November, the missalettes will no longer be in the pews because their cost is too high for our small parish.

In October, Serra Gifts will offer the **Living With Christ** Missalette for \$8.99 each. Youth missalettes will also available for \$16.99 each.

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

THE FAILURE OF STATUS-QUO CHRISTIANITY

Michael Brown

There is a reason the church in America has lost ground in recent years.

It is not because of our stand for morality and righteousness, although our hypocrisy has greatly damaged our credibility and lessened our authority. It is not because of our claim that salvation comes through Jesus alone, although our failure to live out the radical implications of that claim has blunted the force of our message.

No, the biggest reason the church in America has lost so much ground in recent years is because we have become the Church of the Status-Quo, the Assembly of the Content and Well Fed, drifting aimlessly with the tide rather than being the revolutionary society we were called to be.

As I wrote in 1989, like the church of Sardis in Revelation 3, "we have become the 'perfect model of inoffensive Christianity' (G. B. Caird), 'having a reputation of being alive, yet being dead' (Rev. 3:1). Like Sardis, we have so come to terms with our pagan environment that we provoke almost no opposition and make virtually no impact. And like Sardis, situated high on a mountain rock, we have felt safe and secure in this world.

"The fact is, we have gotten so fat that we can't even get out the church doors to touch the world. Our contemporary gospel has bred complacency instead of compassion, success instead of sacrifice, prestige instead of prayer. We no longer ask what we can do for Him, but rather what He can do for us."

What has become of our holy desperation? What has become of our spiritual fervor? What has become of our sacred calling to serve the Lord by life or by death (Philippians 1:20-21)?

J esus came to launch a revolutionary movement with the ultimate goal of replacing the kingdoms of this world with the kingdom of God (just as we pray in the words of the Lord's Prayer), turning worldly values upside down (see Luke 16:15) and calling us to leave all and follow Him (see Luke 14:33).

But when we become the Church of the Status-Quo, the complacent majority rather than the persecuted minority, we lose our revolutionary edge, becoming like the world rather than changing the world.

That is our great, great challenge: As the gospel spreads and the church grows, how do we maintain our revolutionary focus? How do we continue to live in the light of eternity in the midst of material prosperity? How do we avoid carnal complacency when everything is going well?

In his book The Different Drum, M. Scott Peck commented, "If a so-called religious belief is not radical, we must suspect that it is mere

superstition. The profession of a religious belief is a lie if it does not significantly determine one's economic, political and social behaviour."

How do our contemporary sermons line up with a standard like this?

Journalist and author A. G. Gardiner once wrote,

"When a prophet is accepted and deified, his message is lost. The prophet is only useful so long as he is stoned as a public nuisance, calling us to repentance, disturbing our comfortable routines, breaking our respectable idols, shattering our sacred conventions."

To a certain extent, this applies to the whole church, although to be sure, as followers of Jesus, we are to be known for our love, for our care for the poor and needy, and for our message of hope and forgiveness, along with our prophetic, confrontational stance.

But the principle remains the same: When we are accepted by the world and our message becomes innocuous, we lose our effectiveness.

In his book Revolution and the Christian Faith, the late Vernon C. Grounds, former chancellor of Denver Theological Seminary, said, "A Christian who becomes a revolutionary will serve as a revolutionary catalyst in the Church; and by the multiplication of revolutionized Christians, the Church will become a revolutionary catalyst in society; and if society is sufficiently revolutionized, a revolution of violence will no more be needed than a windmill in a world of atomic energy."

That is the kind of revolution Jesus came to inaugurate, and that is the kind of revolution that will impact and change the world until He returns. And that's why, although I'm grieved over the current state of affairs in America and mourn over the state of much of the Church, I'm encouraged at the same time, knowing that the growing opposition to the gospel in our country is a blessing in disguise.

It is waking us up from our slumber, reminding us that we are in this world but not of it, and calling us afresh to lead revolutionary lives, following in the countercultural footsteps of our Master and Lord.

The German theologian Gerhard Lohfink once wrote, "It is true that Jesus never called for a political, revolutionary transformation of Jewish society. Yet the repentance which he demanded as a consequence of his preaching of the reign of God sought to ignite within the people of God a movement in comparison to which the normal type of revolution is insignificant."

In response to this, I say on with the Jesus revolution.

We have been born (and born-again) for such a time as this.