

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: 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM, 5:15 P.M.

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

Penance: No Penance Jan 3-15. Resumes on Jan 16 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

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 Saint Junípero 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

11	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	JB
12	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Mike Rodriguez, SI	RE
13	8 AM	<i>St. Hilary</i> †Roger M. Ibarra	MT
14	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Martin Morris	MT
15	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Gail Staggs, SI	MT
16	8 AM	<i>Weekday, BVM</i> †Martin Morris	JB
	5:15 PM	†Ann Andridge	MT
17	8:30 AM	People of Immaculate Conception	RE
	10:00 AM	†Fritz & Andree Stern	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	MT
	5:15 PM	Priest's Intentions	MT

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

January: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evanglization: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

1st	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
4th	David Exner, North American College, Rome
4th	Brian Frice, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Oscar Lopez, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
3rd	Nathan McWeeney, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Raymond Napuli, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Michael O'Connor, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Eric Tamayo, North American College, Rome
4th	Corey Tufford, North American College, Rome
4th	Derek Twilliger, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

11	Rev. Owen Mullen
12	Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, OSA
13	Rev. José Luis Muro
14	Rev. Michael Murphy
15	Rev. Patrick Murphy
16	Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi
17	Rev. Peter Navarra

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20.
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1-8; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-20; Ps 40:2-10; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-25; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

PRAY FOR HEALING

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

Esther Fitch	Amparo Valenzuela
Margaret Kelly	Robby Witt
Patricia Kennedy	Phyllis Altomare
Dorothy Kleint	Alicia Ambrose
Deena Marchiano	Shirley Pearson
Dena Mendoza	Inez Cerda Bull
Jean Miller	Rose McBrien
Patricia O'Grady	Cosmo Busalacchi
Mary Jane Tiernan	Maria Casanova
Marguerite Vorst	Steve Stone
Marie Whitman	Maria Esperanza Kramer
Martha Zamudio	Joan Busalacchi
Carlos Amaya	Georgiana Ottenheimer
Fred Levine	Mark Brandon.
Mike Rodriguez	Jeanne Pontius
Lisa Becerra	Esther Salazar
Maguire Fitzpatrick	Joane Anderson
Tony Jenkins	Janet Meyers
Peter Nalwalker	Yolanda Garcia
Bob Witt	Susan Rykowski
Frank Garay	Elias Barajas
Frances Garcia	Shirley Ilog
Socorro Pacheco	Olivia Ingram
Linda Lee	Grace Mulvanity



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
1Lt. Cortez Fabia	PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd
Juan Carlos Galazza	Marine Aircraft Wing.
SSGT. Vincent Charles Lucario	SCPO Desiree S. Hayes, USN

†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	Floyd Watson
Joan Schmitt	Iola Torre
Robert McMahon	Emilie Graham
David Diaz	Angela Cordova
Rodney Serrano	Ramiro Moreno
Concepción Garza	Alexander Toczko
Richard Solís Moreno	Jeannette Toczko
Alvin Weaver	José Teofilo Solorio
William Bethel	Ray & Betty Jackson
Lillian Sinclair	Denise Cooney
Olga Hritz	Joanne Mangiameli
Imelda Hoeckelmann	Edna Moore
Angelina Olivarez	Paul Ramirez
Alice Perry	Isabella Asaro
Joseph Moreno	Maude Laracy
Louie Serrano	Helen Peña
Gustavo Sosa	Lydia Castillo Herrera

THE ESCHATOLOGICAL CHARACTER OF THE PILGRIM CHURCH

Lumen Gentium

FROM THE PASTOR

The Church, to which we are all called in Christ Jesus and in which we acquire holiness through the grace of God, will reach its perfection only in the glory of heaven, when the time comes for the renewal of all things, and the whole world, which is intimately bound up with man and reaches its perfection through him, will, along with the human race, be perfectly restored in Christ.

Lifted above the earth, Christ drew all things to himself. Rising from the dead, he sent his life-giving Spirit upon his disciples, and through the Spirit established his Body, which is the Church, as the universal sacrament of salvation. Seated at the right hand of the Father, he works unceasingly in the world, to draw men into the Church and through it to join them more closely to himself, nourishing them with his own body and blood, and so making them share in his life of glory.

The promised renewal that we look for has already begun in Christ. It is continued in the mission of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit it goes on developing in the Church: there we are taught by faith about the meaning also of our life on earth as we bring to fulfilment – with hope in the blessings that are to come – the work that has been entrusted to us in the world by the Father, and so work out our salvation.

The end of the ages is already with us. The renewal of the world has been established, and cannot be revoked. In our era it is in a true sense anticipated: the Church on earth is already sealed by genuine, if imperfect, holiness. Yet, until a new heaven and a new earth are built as the dwelling place of justice, the pilgrim Church, in its sacraments and institutions belonging to this world of time, bears the likeness of this passing world. It lives in the midst of a creation still groaning and in travail as it waits for the sons of God to be revealed in glory.

THE ASCENT OF MOUNT CARMEL

In Christ, God has spoken to us

—St John of the Cross, priest

Under the ancient law prophets and priests sought from God revelations and visions which indeed they needed, for faith had as yet no firm foundation and the gospel law had not yet been established. Their seeking and God's responses were necessary. He spoke to them at one time through words and visions and revelations, at another in signs and symbols. But however he responded and what he said and revealed were mysteries of our holy faith, either partial glimpses of the whole or sure movements toward it.

But now that faith is rooted in Christ, and the law of the gospel has been proclaimed in this time of grace, there is no need to seek him in the former manner, nor for him so to respond. By giving us, as he did, his Son, his only Word, he has in that one Word said everything. There is no need for any further revelation.


This is the true meaning of Paul's words to the Hebrews when he urged them to abandon their earlier ways of conversing with God, as laid down in the law of Moses, and set their eyes on Christ alone: In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets in various ways and manners; but now in our times, the last days, he has spoken to us in his Son. In effect, Paul is saying that God has spoken so completely through his own Word that he chooses to add nothing. Although he had spoken but partially through the prophets he has now said everything in Christ. He has given us everything, his own Son.

Therefore, anyone who wished to question God or to seek some new vision or revelation from him would commit an offense, for instead of focusing his eyes entirely on Christ he would be desiring something other than Christ, or beyond him.

God could then answer: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear him. In my Word I have already said everything. Fix your eyes on him alone for in him I have revealed all and in him you will find more than you could ever ask for or desire.

I, with my Holy Spirit, came down upon him on Mount Tabor and declared: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear him. You do not need new teachings or ways of learning from me, for when I spoke before it was of Christ who was to come, and when they sought anything of me they were but seeking and hoping for Christ in whom is every good, as the whole teaching of the evangelists and apostles clearly testifies.

AROUND THE PARISH



2016 Baptism Schedule
February 02 Class
February 07 Baptism
 Schedule is available on the parish website (ic-sandiego.org).

17 JAN ... 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. The program continues on Sunday, January 17 at 9:45 right after the 8:30 AM Mass. All children must be accompanied by their parents at each session.

The **Prayer Chain Ministry** has been established in our parish. Our intention is to mobilize our parish community to pray for someone who has suddenly become ill, is going in for surgery, has a personal emergency or special needs they would like kept in prayer. Please contact Ruthe Jenkins if you are in need of prayers or if you are interested in being part of this powerful ministry on either the contact team or as part of the prayer chain. Email: rutheis@cox.net or phone 619-981-1424.

2015 Donations
 Letters substantiating tax-deductible donations to Immaculate Conception Church will be mailed out the week of January 25.
 Letters will be mailed out to individuals or families whose donations totaled \$250 or more for the year 2015.
 Should you have any questions after receiving your letter, please contact Connie at the parish office, 619-295-4141, ext. 10.

16 Feb ... SAVE THE DATE ...
Father Joe's Villages, Ladies Guild, Annual Charity Luncheon: "Ooh-La-La Paris"
 10:45 a.m., Sheraton Mission Valley.
 \$55 per person
 All proceeds benefit the children at Father Joe's Villages. For information or donations, contact Kristi at 858-453-9640 or kristikeith@mac.com or Jane at 858-453-7016 or janehargrove67@gmail.com

"One of the problems when you become successful is that jealousy and envy inevitably follow. There are people ... who get their sense of accomplishment and achievement from trying to stop others. As far as I'm concerned, if they had any real ability, they wouldn't be fighting me, they'd be doing something constructive themselves." *Donald Trump*

Marriage Encounter Weekends
 Make a new year's commitment to enrich your marriage. Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend--A program for married couples to explore the sacramental dimension of their marriages.
 For info, call Kevin and Patty Vogelsang 760-781-3352, or go to <http://www.wvme-sandiego.org/>

Young Adult Ministry - Diocese of San Diego
 The purpose of our ministry is to connect 18-39 year old Catholic Young Adults to Christ and His Church. We do this by offering opportunities for spiritual development, by hosting social events and offering ways to serve within the community. Wherever you are in life: single, recently graduated high school or college, new to the area, married, or discerning the religious life, we desire to bring you to a closer communion with God. Come and satisfy that hunger for a strong spiritual awakening that stems from the need to discover who you are, who God is, and what His plan is for your life.
 For more information, call 858-490-8260 or email mmitre@sdccatholic.org.

23 JAN ... PLACEMENT TEST ...
Cathedral Catholic High School will be hosting the High School Placement Test on January 23rd. Check-in will begin at 7:30AM, and the test will take place on-campus. Students must complete an application in order to take the High School Placement Test. APPLICATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE ONLINE.
 Visit the school's website at www.cathedralcatholic.org/admissions for more information.

28 Jan ... St. Charles Borromeo Academy ...
 Located minutes from downtown just west of Old Town, the academy would like to cordially invite interested families to visit us Thursday, January 28, 5:30 to 7:30pm.
 We'll be offering classroom tours, an opportunity to meet with current families and enjoy light refreshments.
 For more information and to register, visit our Facebook event page: Saint Charles Borromeo Academy Open House 2016, Vimeo.com/SCBASanDiego or go to SaintCharlesAcademy.com

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

January 3, 2016

Total Collection: \$6,354.22
Envelopes: \$4,609.90 Plate: \$1,744.32
Total contributing households: 95

5:15 Sat	\$ 631.37
8:30 Sun	\$1197.00
10:00 Sun	\$1207.78
11:30 Sun	\$ 750.75
5:15 Sun	\$ 898.82
Mailed	\$1668.50

EXPENSES
 Dec 28-Jan 2, 2016

Cable/Internet	92.16
Copier Lease	\$265.28
Diocesan Tax	\$2395.25
Gas & Electric	\$1012.10
Health Insurance	\$1515.62
Ministry Supplies	\$367.07
Music	\$1000.00
Office Supplies	\$219.09
Organ Repair	\$110.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$166.39
Waste Disposal	\$200.09
Workers Comp	\$105.73

Total: \$7,448.78

Quarters & Cans: \$1111.63

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.

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

**SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL:
 DIGNITATIS HUMANAE**

MAN'S DIGNITY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

...6.The protection and promotion of the inviolable rights of man ranks among the essential duties of government. Therefore government is to assume the safeguard of the religious freedom of all its citizens, in an effective manner, by just laws and by other appropriate means.

Government is also to help create conditions favorable to the fostering of religious life, in order that the people may be truly enabled to exercise their religious rights and to fulfill their religious duties, and also in order that society itself may profit by the moral qualities of justice and peace which have their origin in men's faithfulness to God and to His holy will.

If, in view of peculiar circumstances obtaining among peoples, special civil recognition is given to one religious community in the constitutional order of society, it is at the same time imperative that the right of all citizens and religious communities to religious freedom should be recognized and made effective in practice.

Finally, government is to see to it that equality of citizens before the law, which is itself an element of the common good, is never violated, whether openly or covertly, for religious reasons. Nor is there to be discrimination among citizens.

It follows that a wrong is done when government imposes upon its people, by force or fear or other means, the profession or repudiation of any religion, or when it hinders men from joining or leaving a religious community. All the more is it a violation of the will of God and of the sacred rights of the person and the family of nations when force is brought to bear in any way in order to destroy or repress religion, either in the whole of mankind or in a particular country or in a definite community.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

January

10	Parish Breakfast	9:30 AM
	Baptisms	2:00 PM
13	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
16	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
17	Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Parish Office and Serra Gifts Closed	
20	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
23	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
24	Building Fund Collection	
27	Choir Practice	5:30 PM
30	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
31	Family Catechesis	9:45 AM

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*

... 14. Merciful like the Father, therefore, is the “motto” of this Holy Year. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him. What a beautiful thing that the Church begins her daily prayer with the words, “O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me” (Ps 70:2)! The assistance we ask for is already the first step of God’s mercy toward us. He comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.

LOVE OUR PRIESTS Prayer Group



We invite you to join us for a special Mass honoring
**REVEREND
JACOB BERTRAND**
ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF BOTH
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC
CHURCH AND ST. VINCENT
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SAN DIEGO

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: ASCENSION PARISH
11292 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92124-1524



Father Jacob Bertrand graduated from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. He was ordained in 2010 on the feast of the Sacred Heart. He has had three assignments (4 parishes). Learn about his call to the priesthood and how he continues to foster vocations. Please join us to meet this joyful, devoted & enthusiastic priest.

**THE MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS
INFORMAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON**
Bring a friend & a dish to share!

16 Jan ... Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 16, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Sheraton Hotel 1433 Camino Del Rio South

For reservations, contact:
Karen O'Malley 619-701-2718
or email SDMagnificat@gmail.com

HURTFUL SIN

Sin is not hurtful because it is forbidden, but it is forbidden because it is hurtful.

— Benjamin Franklin

PRACTICAL ATHEISM AT THE HEART OF THE NATION'S INGRATITUDE

— Dr. Mark Creech

On my ride to work, the church sign jumped out at me. It read:

"We pray for the atheist, who has no one to thank on Thanksgiving Day."

Not more than five more miles down the same road was another church sign with a potent message. It read:

"Be thankful you don't get what you deserve."

Recent Research shows that atheism is rapidly growing and gaining respectability in America. Practical atheism, however, flourishes more than ever.

Practical Atheists don't necessarily deny God's existence; they just live as though there is no God.

R.C. Sproul has eloquently stated, "Practical atheism appears when we live as if there were no God. The externals continue, but man becomes the central thrust of devotion as the attention of religious concern shifts away from man's devotion to God to man's devotion to man, bypassing God."

In a recent article, Arthur Milikh, assistant director of the B. Kenneth Simon Center for Principles and Politics at The Heritage Foundation, argues that avoiding the many pitfalls of a national self-satisfaction and pride was partly behind Washington and Lincoln's Thanksgiving Day Proclamations.

Milikh marvelously writes:

- "In the present time it has become fashionable to espouse if not open atheism, then at least antagonism toward religion. These opinions come forth in various, sometimes obfuscated, forms.
- "Part of the left's recent fanaticism originates from the fact that progressivism's quasi-religion lacks any understanding of gratitude and humility. Progressivism precludes belief in these since progress as an alleged cosmic force is neither merciful nor beneficent but is merely abstract and all-powerful. As such, it does not encourage its believers toward humility or gratitude.
- "Neither does belief in the abstract, and inhuman forces of progress require humility on account of human frailty and ignorance. Rather, progress, claiming perfect knowledge of the laws of the universe, leads to fanaticism.
- "Is the individual, modeled on these assumptions, of the kind required for self-government? Rather, does not self-government require generosity between citizens, which can be the product only of a common recognition of an America inhabited

by one people, united in a common cause, with common beliefs, grateful for what has come before us?

- "What happens to a people when they lose the ability for gratitude? Insolence and impudence rule, while the various factions devour each other, competing for the national stage. Alternatively, one might inquire whether a people are up to the task of ruling itself once gratitude is lost, since then it loses its ideals and the justification for its self-government."

Is this not the end of our nation's current practical atheism?

When our nation was engaged in a monumental conflict between the States, Abraham Lincoln declared the root of our national calamity, saying:

- "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us." [3]

Later, in the same year, Lincoln would call for a national day of Thanksgiving, acknowledging that while the nation had suffered greatly for its many sins, God "had nevertheless remembered mercy."

Could Lincoln's words be any more pertinent to our times?

The apostle Paul warned in the book of Romans about the sad results of a nation's ingratitude. He wrote, "Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, *neither were thankful*; but became vain [empty, or foolish] in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

The apostle continues, saying, "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections." And then he adds, "And even as they did not retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind" – meaning a disposition or attitude of life incapable of good.

America's greatest problems today can be traced directly back to the lunacy of its thankless, self-satisfied and self-congratulatory practical atheism.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving we would do well to be thankful that we haven't yet received what we deserve – God's final, full, and irrevocable wrath.