

The Catholic Church of the  
**Immaculate Conception**

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**January 17, 2016**

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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 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](mailto: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

18	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Martin Morris	RP
19	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Virginia Farver	RE
20	8 AM	<i>St. Fabian; St. Sebastian</i> In thanksgiving to St. Jude	RP
21	8 AM	<i>St. Agnes</i> †Robert Pragoff	RP
22	8 AM	<i>Day of Prayer</i> †Charlene Caricato	RP
23	8 AM	<i>St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope; BVM</i> Julia Brynn, SI	RP
	5:15 PM	†Martin Morris	RP
24	8:30 AM	Billy & Darlene Tucker, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	†Lydia Castillo Herrera	RP
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RP
	5:15 PM	†Liam Hearne	RP

## 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.

**Evangelization:** 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

18	Rev. Harry Neely, OSA
19	Rev. John Nesbitt
20	Rev. Duong Nguyen, SVD
21	Rev. Augustine Obasi
22	Rev. Emmanuel Ochigbo
23	Rev. Dennis O'Connor
24	Rev. Gerard O'Doherty, SVD

## PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-23; Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-28; Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-51; Ps 144:1-10; Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-13; Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-11; Mk 3:13-19,  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1--27; Ps 80:2-7; Mk 3:20-21  
 Sunday: Neh 8:2--10; Ps 19:8-15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 ;  
 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## 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	Mark Brandon.
Fred Levine	Jeanne Pontius
Mike Rodriguez	Esther Salazar
Lisa Becerra	Joane Anderson
Maguire Fitzpatrick	Janet Meyers
Tony Jenkins	Yolanda Garcia
Peter Nalwalker	Susan Rykowski
Bob Witt	Elias Barajas
Frank Garay	Shirley Ilog
Frances Garcia	Olivia Ingram
Socorro Pacheco	Grace Mulvanity
Linda Lee	

## 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	Emilie Graham
Joan Schmitt	Angela Cordova
Robert McMahon	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
Floyd Watson	Maria Necochea
Iola Torre	Bertha Lockwood

**CLERGY HAVE CONSCIENCES, TOO**

— Dr. Edward Peters, canon lawyer

**FROM THE PASTOR**

C h i c a g o  
Archbishop Blase Cupich is not a heretic. Although that adjective is being tossed his way with some frequency these days, there is no evidence that Cupich doubts or denies some doctrine that must be believed with divine and Catholic faith (1983 CIC 751) and so he is not, as far as I can see, a heretic.

But if Cupich really has, as reported here, doubled down on his earlier intimations that, among others, divorced-and-remarried Catholics and Catholics living in ‘same-sex marriages’ should, and must be allowed to, ‘follow their conscience’ even if their conscience leads them to the proverbial communion rail, then he is misrepresenting Church teaching on marriage—which holds marriage to be a *permanent* union between a man and a woman (1983 CIC 1055, 1056)—and is failing to urge the observance of all ecclesiastical laws (1983 CIC 392), among which laws two are especially relevant in approaching for, and being given, holy Communion, namely, Canons 915 and 916.

As has been explained many, many, many times, Canon 916 impacts the **individual** considering approaching for holy Communion and directs those “conscious of grave sin” to **refrain** from approaching for the Sacrament. Individuals must form their consciences in accord with Church teaching and, yes, Cupich alludes to “Church teaching” in underscoring the fundamentality of conscience, but he fails, I fear, to point out, among other things, that conscience is used largely to assess whether one’s concrete action in a given situation accords with Church teaching—*not* to determine whether one agrees with or accepts Church teaching in the first place.

Canon 915, however, in contrast with Canon 916, directs **ministers** of holy

Communion to **withhold** the Sacrament, not from “sinners” *per se* (as if ministers could read souls!), but rather, from those who “obstinately persevere in manifest grave sin”. Now there is zero doubt but that, in Catholic tradition, attempting marriage following a civil divorce and/or entering a “same-sex marriage” *is* to undertake the kind of gravely wrong public action that triggers ministerial obligations under Canon 915. Thus, when Cupich (and he is not alone in talking this way) says “It’s not up to any minister who is distributing the Eucharist to make a decision about a person’s worthiness or lack of worthiness” he misses the point: a minister is *not* assessing *personal* “worthiness” when withholding holy Communion from one’s whose conduct is described in Canon 915, but rather, is acting in accord with an age-old sacramental discipline designed to protect both the Sacrament from the risk of possible sacrilege and the faith community from the harm of classical scandal caused by someone’s *public* contrarian conduct.

Finally, recognizing the sharp differences between Canon 916 (impacting individuals) and Canon 915 (impacting ministers) allows us to make one last point: amid all the discussion of the primacy of conscience it seems almost forgotten that clergy have consciences, too. Many clerics, *Deo gratias*, and other ministers of the Eucharist, recognize the significance of their sacramental office and know—as all Catholics should know—that *their* actions, too, are carried out before a God who sees all. These ministers understand Church doctrine and discipline on marriage, Communion, conscience, and liturgical office, and they wish to act in accord with those teachings and laws, even in the face of growing pressure to disregard these considerations and despite the lack of support some experience from Church leadership.

Their consciences, too, I suggest, deserve respect.

**AROUND THE PARISH**



**2016 Baptism Schedule**  
**February 02 Class**  
**February 07 Baptism**  
 Schedule is available on the parish website ([ic-sandiego.org](http://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](mailto:rutheis@cox.net) or phone 619-981-1424.

**18 JAN...Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**  
 In observance of the holiday, the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18. Serra Gifts will be open.

**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.

Mercy is God *not* giving us what we *do* deserve. God calling us out of sin, instead of letting us rot and die in it, which is what justice demands — *this* is mercy. —*Michael Voris*

**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](mailto:mmitre@sdccatholic.org).

**23 JAN ... PLACEMENT TESTS ...**  
**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](http://www.cathedralcatholic.org/admissions) for more information.  
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**St. Augustine High School** Entrance Exam for incoming 9th graders will be Saturday, January 23rd at 8:30 am. Registration may be done on-line [www.sahs.org](http://www.sahs.org) by downloading the form and sending the application to Saints at 3266 Nutmeg Street, San Diego, CA 92104. Financial aid is available to qualifying students. For more information regarding Saints please contact Director of Admissions Mike Haupt at 619-282-2184 or [mhaupt@sahs.org](mailto:mhaupt@sahs.org). GO SAINTS!

**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](http://Vimeo.com/SCBASanDiego) or go to [SaintCharlesAcademy.com](http://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 10, 2016**

**Total Collection: \$4,952.24**  
**Envelopes: \$3,778.95 Plate: \$1,173.29**  
**Total contributing households: 87**

5:15 Sat	\$ 740.31
8:30 Sun	\$1394.60
10:00 Sun	\$ 752.20
11:30 Sun	\$ 991.25
5:15 Sun	\$ 663.88
Mailed	\$ 410.00

**EXPENSES**

January 11-15, 2016

Hall Supplies	\$111.09
Maintenance Suppl	\$115.08
Music	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$177.90
Postage	\$100.00
Telephone	\$258.34

**Total: \$ 1,262.41**

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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**

7. The right to religious freedom is exercised in human society: hence its exercise is subject to certain regulatory norms. In the use of all freedoms the moral principle of personal and social responsibility is to be observed. In the exercise of their rights, individual men and social groups are bound by the moral law to have respect both for the rights of others and for their own duties toward others and for the common welfare of all. Men are to deal with their fellows in justice and civility.

Furthermore, society has the right to defend itself against possible abuses committed on the pretext of freedom of religion. It is the special duty of government to provide this protection. However, government is not to act in an arbitrary fashion or in an unfair spirit of partisanship. Its action is to be controlled by juridical norms which are in conformity with the objective moral order. These norms arise out of the need for the effective safeguard of the rights of all citizens and for the peaceful settlement of conflicts of rights, also out of the need for an adequate care of genuine public peace, which comes about when men live together in good order and in true justice, and finally out of the need for a proper guardianship of public morality.

These matters constitute the basic component of the common welfare: they are what is meant by public order. For the rest, the usages of society are to be the usages of freedom in their full range: that is, the freedom of man is to be respected as far as possible and is not to be curtailed except when and insofar as necessary.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH & COMMUNITY**

**Parish Calendar**

**January**

17	Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Parish Office Closed -- Serra Gifts Open	
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

**Healing Support Group**

Sacred Heart Parish offers a free 13-week healing support group for the separated and divorced on Tuesdays, beginning February 9 through May 3. It is held from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Church Ministry Center, 655 C Avenue, Coronado 92118. For information, call Martha, 619.435.6136 or Tom, 619.437.6689, or go online: <http://www.sacredheartcor.org/>

**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!*

**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*

15. In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!

**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](mailto:kristikeith@mac.com) or Jane at 858-453-7016 or [janehargrove67@gmail.com](mailto:janehargrove67@gmail.com)

**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/>

**THE TRUTH ABOUT THE 14TH  
ORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF THE  
SYNOD OF BISHOPS**

—*Cardinal Raymond Burke*

In the Nov. 28 issue of *La Civiltà Cattolica*, Jesuit Father Antonio Spadaro, director of the journal and a synod father, presents a summary of the work of the 14th Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, dedicated to the vocation and mission of the family (pp. 372-391).

Although the author makes various affirmations about the nature and work of the Synod of Bishops, which demand critical comment in a longer study, one affirmation which necessitates immediate comment is summarized thus by the author:

The synod has also desired to touch wounded persons and couples to accompany them and heal them in a process of integration and reconciliation without barriers. Concerning access to the sacraments for those divorced and remarried civilly, the synod has formulated the way of discernment and of the “internal forum,” laying the foundations and opening a door which, on the contrary, had remained closed in the preceding synod.

I set apart the fact the public declarations by several synod fathers affirm the opposite, that is, they affirm that the synod upheld the constant practice of the Church regarding those who are living in an irregular union. Even as the text of Paragraphs 84 to 86 of the final report of the synod lacks clarity regarding fundamental truths of the faith, the holy Eucharist and holy matrimony, the same lack of clarity has now emerged in the public declarations of the synod fathers.

The fact is that the synod could not open a door which does not exist and cannot exist, namely, a discernment in conscience which contradicts the truth about the supreme sanctity of the Most Holy Eucharist and the indissolubility of the marriage bond. The synod, as the Church has always taught and

practiced, has wanted to show love towards the individual who finds himself in a situation which is not coherent with the teaching of Christ and his Church.

Christlike love of the individual, however, is not “integration and reconciliation without barriers,” for it is founded upon the irreplaceable truths of nature and grace and is ordered accordingly for the good of the individual and of the whole community. Christlike love accompanies the individual on the way to repentance and reparation, so that he can once again be disposed to meet Christ in the sacraments.

The way of discernment upon which the priest accompanies the penitent who is living in an irregular union assists the penitent to conform his conscience once again to the truth of the holy Eucharist and to the truth of the marriage to which he is bound. As the Church has consistently taught and practiced, the penitent is led in the “internal forum” to live chastely in fidelity to the existing marriage bond, even if seeming to be living with another in a marital way, and thus to be able to have access to the sacraments in a way which does not give scandal. Pope St. John Paul II described the Church’s practice in the “internal forum” in No. 84 of *Familiaris Consortio*. The “Declaration of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts” of June 24, 2000, illustrates the teaching in No. 84 of *Familiaris Consortio*. Both of these documents are referenced in the final report of the synod, but, sadly, in a misleading way.

To give the impression that there is another practice in the “internal forum,” which would permit an individual in an irregular union to have access to the sacraments, is to suggest that the conscience can be in conflict with the truth of the faith. Such a suggestion clearly places priests in an impossible situation, the expectation that they can “open a door” for the penitent, which, in fact, does not exist and cannot exist.