

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: 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@sdccatholic.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

09	8 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Mother's Day Novena	RP
10	8AM	<i>St. Damien de Veuster</i> Mother's Day Novena	RE
11	8 AM	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Mother's Day Novena	RP
12	8 AM	<i>Ss. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras</i> Mother's Day Novena	RP
13	8 AM	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Mother's Day Novena	RP
14	8 AM	<i>St. Matthias</i> Mother's Day Novena	RP
	5:15 PM	All Souls	RP
15	8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena	RE
	10:00 AM	†Roger M. Ibarra	RP
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RP
	5:15 PM	†Jose Sanz	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

MAY: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, specially 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

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

09	Rev. José Wittingham
10	Right Rev. Charles White, OSB
11	Rev. Anthony Yang, SVD
12	Rev. Edmundo Zarate-Suarez
13	Rev. Simon Zurita, FSSP
14	Rev. Edmund Afagbegee
15	Rev. Lawrence Agi

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 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-36; Jn 17:11b-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 1:15-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1-34; 1 Cor 12:3-13, or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-26

PRAY FOR HEALING

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

Margaret Kelly	Steve Stone
Patricia Kennedy	Mark Brandon.
Dorothy Kleint	Jeanne Pontius
Dena Mendoza	Esther Salazar
Jean Miller	Joane Anderson
Patricia O'Grady	Janet Meyers
Mary Jane Tiernan	Yolanda Garcia
Marguerite Vorst	Susan Rykowski
Martha Zamudio	Elias Barajas
Carlos Amaya	Shirley Ilog
Mike Rodriguez	Olivia Ingram
Maguire Fitzpatrick	Grace Mulvanity
Tony Jenkins	Angelica Ortega
Peter Nalwalker	Barbara Driscoll
Bob & Robby Witt	Lucille Miller
Frank Garay	Reginald Custodio
Frances Garcia	Victoria Cardenas
Socorro Pacheco	Adela Diaz
Linda Lee	Michael Cerda
Amparo Valenzuela	Rita Tarango
Phyllis Altomare	Pat Haase
Alicia Ambrose	Joanne Daleo
Inez Bull & Michael Cerda	Linda Hastings
Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi	Dominic Castagnola
Maria Casanova	



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 Cinco
Daniel Dinglebeck, USN	CPL Wilson Santiago
PFC David Eley, USMC	Alfred Tello
Micah Emery	Ricky Thibeault
Sgt. Christopher Escalona	Tony Tulloss
1Lt. Cortez Fabia	PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd
Juan Carlos Galazza	Marine Aircraft Wing.
SSGT. Vincent Charles	SCPO Desiree S. Hayes, USN
Lucario	Gil Perez, US Navy

† PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED †

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

Joan Schmitt	José Teofilo Solorio
Alvin Weaver	Ray & Betty Jackson
William Bethel	Denise Cooney
Lillian Sinclair	Joanne Mangiameli
Olga Hritz	Edna Moore
Alice Perry	Paul Ramirez
Joseph Moreno	Maude Laracy
Louie Serrano	Helen Peña
Gustavo Sosa	Lydia Castillo Herrera
Floyd Watson	Bertha Lockwood
Iola Torre	Salvador Rivera
Emilie Graham	John Cervantes
Angela Cordova	Daniel Don
Ramiro Moreno	Florence Messina
Alexander Toczko	Arthur Wilbur Martinez
Jeannette Toczko	Jesse Benitez

ON THE ORIGIN OF (GOOD OR BAD) ACTIONS

By James V. Schall, S.J.

FROM THE PASTOR

In *The Rambler* for April 14, 1750, Samuel Johnson wrote: “My purpose (is) to consider the moral discipline of the mind, and to promote the increase of virtue rather than learning.” Two things are clear from this passage. First, some distinction exists between virtue and learning. We can be learned without being virtuous. Learned but dissolute characters are not uncommon. We also meet, more frequently, virtuous folks who are not learned.

Secondly, the mind itself requires “moral discipline.” Our very thoughts, however central to the kind of being we are, can be dangerous to us if we do not attend to their varied content. Scripture tells us that out of our inner soul come the vices. (Matthew 15:19) But we ought not to leave it at that. We can, on reflection, discipline even our minds. We can become habitually aware of the drift of our spontaneous thoughts. We can guide and classify them. That is, we can and should know ourselves. With good reason, we call many thoughts and feelings floating within us “temptations.”

We should remember “that all action has its origin in the mind. . . Irregular desires will produce licentious practices; what men allow themselves to wish they will soon believe, and will be at last incited to execute what they please themselves with conceiving.” These are frank words, seldom heard. In a world in which limitless autonomy, plus Internet and media, can be occasions of so many enticing and troubling thoughts, Johnson’s eighteenth-century words strike us as doubly insightful.

Johnson goes on to explain where experience about what goes on within us is most clearly acquired: “The casuists of the Romish church, who gain, by confession, great opportunity of knowing human nature, have generally determined that what it is a crime to do, it is a crime to think.” This well-turned passage also recalls Christ’s admonitions about the intimate connection between thought and deed. (Matthew 5:28) Aquinas, in fact, held that it was well for revelation to reinforce what we could figure out by reason in this area. Hence, we are admonished not even to think of doing something evil.

Aquinas also tells us that civil law can only judge the exterior action, not directly the inner

motivation or cause. But he does not deny that actions follow from what is inside, from thought and choice. Great insight into human nature occurs when we learn what people say of themselves when they are honest with themselves. Human nature includes an accurate knowledge of why and from whence things go wrong.

“No man has ever been drawn to crimes, by love or jealousy, by envy or hatred, but he can tell how easily he might at first have repelled the temptation, how readily his mind would have obeyed a call to any other object, and how weak his passion has been after some causal avocation, ‘till he has recalled it again to his heart, and recalled the viper by too warm a fondness.”

What a remarkably insightful passage! Here we are again reminded that, in dealing with choices that we ought not to have made, we are at the heart of the world’s great eschatological crossroad. The disordered choices we make for ourselves might well have been otherwise but for our not ruling ourselves in our thoughts.

Yet Johnson is aware that the presence of constant disordered thoughts in our souls is not as such an evil, but rather occasion for self-rule. Johnson cautions “pious and tender minds that are disturbed by the irruptions of wicked imaginations, against too great dejection, and too anxious alarms; for thoughts are only criminal, when they are first chosen, and then voluntarily continued.” Thus, we are not to murder or steal but not even to think of doing so. The control of action begins in the guidance of thought.

What may surprise us today is the very idea that we can and ought so to control ourselves according to a standard of what is good and ordered. What is even more surprising is that this record of our souls in ruling or not ruling ourselves is precisely what we, as individual human beings, are to be judged by.

“He therefore that would govern his actions by the laws of virtue, must regulate his thoughts by those of reason,” Johnson concludes. “He must keep guilt from the recesses of his heart, and remember that the pleasures of fancy, and the emotions of desire are more dangerous as they are more hidden, since they escape the awe of observation, and operate equally in every situation, without the concurrence of external opportunity.”

Our sins of thought remain hidden. When they become public through our action, we and the world can see them for what they are in their consequences, something we do not so easily see when they remain hidden.

AROUND THE PARISH

11 May ... 2:00 PM
The Voices of Appalachia ...

Will be performing, in the church, songs that are to God, about God, about Heaven, and about what He is doing in our lives. The repertoire will draw from traditional sacred choral literature, Sacred Harp and Southern Harmony shaped-note a capella hymns, and gospel bluegrass. The concert will include testimonials from several of the choir members.

WHISPERING WINDS
MILITARY FAMILY CAMP (Only \$100)

Thanks to a generous donation, Family Camp for military families at Whispering Winds Catholic Camp is just \$100. Military scholarships are limited and based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Family Camps will be held June 17-19, 24-26 and July 8-10, 15-17 and include six delicious meals, free child care for kids 5 and younger, zipline, swimming pool, campfire, Mass liturgy, inspiring adult speakers and more in the beautiful mountains of Julian! Please register online at www.whisperingwinds.org.

Motherhood

Mothers are a gift from God. God knew what He was doing when He created women with the ability to nurture life.

Mother's Day honors all our mothers and their enormous sacrifices. Mother's Day encompasses more than just the honoring of those who have borne children. It is the celebration of motherhood---the divine nature of women. May we all feel a deeper appreciation for the great blessing of motherhood, not just when we celebrate Mother's Day, but everyday!

Our culture of death undermines both motherhood and the God-given gift and blessing of children. May we also help the next generation reclaim and respect this incredible gift of MOTHERHOOD!

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried."
 — G. K. Chesterton

"I'm often wrong, but never in doubt."
 — Ivy Baker Priest

"There are notions so foolish that only an intellectual will believe them."
 — George Orwell

2016 Baptism Schedule

May 10 **Baptism class**
May 15 **Baptism**

Schedule is available on the parish website (ic-sandiego.org).

Mother's Day Novena ...
May 8 through May 16

Mass intention envelopes for the Mother's Day Novena are available in the pews and in the vestibule. Remember your mother and other women who were mother figures in your life with the gift of a novena.

12 May ... St. Charles Borromeo Academy...

Open House is Thur., May 12th, 5:30 to 7pm. Join us for light refreshments and student led tours. RSVP online today. SCBA is also offering summer camps with daycare. Kindergarten readiness, art and science camps available. You do not need to be enrolled at SCBA to participate! Visit us: SaintCharlesAcademy.com, learn more at vimeo.com/SCBASanDiego or call

06 JUNE...Cognitive Skills Workshop

St. Mary Magdalene Church
 Conference Room
 1945 Illion St., San Diego
 June 6 thru August 8 (excl. July 4)

Techniques for managing stress, tension, anxiety, helplessness and hopelessness. Manage difficult situations and enhance personal growth.

For information & to pre-register, contact Rita 619-276-6805.



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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 1, 2016

Total Collection: \$5,247.57
Envelopes: \$4,172.00 Plate: \$1,075.57
Total contributing households: 94

5:15 Sat	\$ 514.32
8:30 Sun	\$1127.15
10:00 Sun	\$1063.29
11:30 Sun	\$1149.81
5:15 Sun	\$ 538.00
Mailed	\$ 855.00

EXPENSES

April 25-29, 2016

Cable/Internet	\$94.14
Copier Lease	\$291.81
Diocesan Tax	\$2,395.25
Health Insurance	\$1,530.42
Music	\$825.00
Payroll (incl. tax)	\$3,169.46
Payroll Service	\$46.45
Pension	\$379.11
Workers Comp	\$128.52

Total: \$ 8,860.16

Annual Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$24,000

Paid: \$19,463.50 - Pledged \$27,553.50

Quarters & Cans
 \$310.00

Missionary Cooperation Appeal
 \$3,659.00 (ytd)

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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 Saturday 10:00 to 4:00
 Sunday 9:30 to 3:00

MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 8

Remember your mother with a special gift. Rosaries, religious medals, prayer books, and religious jewelry are available in the gift shop.

Do you have a Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, or Wedding or Graduation to attend? If so, consider visiting the Serra Gifts for that special gift.

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

AMORIS LAETITIA
ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

5. This Exhortation is especially timely in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. First, because it represents an invitation to Christian families to value the gifts of marriage and the family, and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience. Second, because it seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy.

9. Let us cross the threshold of this tranquil home, with its family sitting around the festive table. At the centre we see the father and mother, a couple with their personal story of love. They embody the primordial divine plan clearly spoken of by Christ himself: "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female?" (Mt 19:4). We hear an echo of the command found in the Book of Genesis: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh (Gen 2:24)".

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

MAY

06-08	Old Town Cinco de Mayo Festival	
08	Mother's Day	
10	Baptism Class	7:00 PM
11	Voices of Appalachia Choir Practice	2:00 PM 6:00 PM
14	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
15	Parish Breakfast Tomorrow Project Baptism	9:30 AM 8AM to 1:00 PM 2:00 PM
18	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
21	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
22	Building Fund Collection	
25	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
28	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
30	Memorial Day Holiday Parish Office Closed - Serra Gifts Open	

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

... 21. On the contrary: anyone who makes a mistake must pay the price. However, this is just the beginning of conversion, not its end, because one begins to feel the tenderness and mercy of God. God does not deny justice. He rather envelopes it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice. We must pay close attention to what Saint Paul says if we want to avoid making the same mistake for which he reproaches the Jews of his time: For, "being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified" (Rom 10:3-4). God's justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Cross of Christ is God's judgement on all of us and on the whole world, because through it he offers us the certitude of love and new life.

15 May ... Tomorrow Project

The Tomorrow Project's gourmet food products will be on sale on Sunday, May 15th. 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.

Stop by after the Masses and meet our participants. Donations are always welcome. For more information, go to our website www.tomorrowproject.org.

JOINT DECLARATION OF POPE FRANCIS AND PATRIARCH KIRILL OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA 2/12/16

12. We bow before the martyrdom of those who, at the cost of their own lives, have given witness to the truth of the Gospel, preferring death to the denial of Christ. We believe that these martyrs of our times, who belong to various Churches but who are united by their shared suffering, are a pledge of the unity of Christians. It is to you who suffer for Christ's sake that the word of the Apostle is directed: "Beloved ... rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly" (1 Pet 4:12-13).

Courtyard Bricks ...

Bricks in honor or in memory of loved ones are available for purchase using the form on the website (IC-SanDiego.com) or in the Gift Shop.

ALWAYS ADOPTION: NEVER ABORTION**I WILL RAISE YOUR BABY, QUELINE –
LET HER LIVE**

– Matt Barber

This is like nothing I've ever written before. It's an open plea for prayer, an open window into my heart and that of my wife, Sarah, and an open last-ditch effort to reach out to a cherished young Jewish woman in New York City who finds herself in a desperate situation.

Most importantly, it's a frantic attempt to save a life – the precious life of a precious person whom, though we've never met, we already love.

Let me explain.

I was thumbing through my Twitter feed the other night and came across a tweet that immediately caught my eye. A woman named Queline (short for Jaqueline), wrote, "I will terminate a pregnancy soon. These things aren't fun or easy."

I know that's true because I've been there. As a father of five, I'm now pro-life. But my first child died in abortion.

I felt led to respond immediately, imploring the young mother: "Please don't kill your baby. It won't provide freedom. Don't become the mother of a dead baby."

To my surprise, she replied.

"We can't afford a baby, that's that, there are no other options unless you want to kick in 50K. Not entertaining this further," she wrote.

At this point the Holy Spirit instantly impressed upon me what must be done. I read the brief exchange to Sarah and said, "A life is at stake here. This is life or death playing out on social media. What should we do?"

Sarah didn't hesitate. Her answer was immediate and confirmed my own.

I again responded to Queline: "There's always adoption. My wife, Sarah, and I will adopt, love and raise your baby as our own. Follow me and IM and we can discuss?"

"I'm 100% serious," I continued. "We'll pay costs, come to New York and meet you. Praying for you and your family now. Your child can live and be loved."

We have yet to hear back from Queline but pray that we might still.

Will you pray as well?

One of my Twitter followers, @Montanabeef, a woman I know personally, kindly reached out to her: "The family who just offered you financial, practical help is an honorable, amazing, trustworthy family. You couldn't do better," she tweeted.

While we are humbled by this charitable endorsement, let me focus on the word "financial."

To Queline, I say this: You may find it hard to believe, dear lady, but, though we don't know you, Sarah and I already love you – as does our Heavenly

Father, Yahweh, and His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

He loves your little girl too. I can't know for sure, but I think it's a girl. I imagine her name might be Iva, which is a Hebrew name meaning, "Gift of God."

It also means "miracle." This can be your miracle baby, Queline – yours and ours.

I know that, as you stated, one of your primary concerns is the financial burden that necessarily attends motherhood.

But you needn't worry about finances. We will gladly cover you financially through every step of this potential journey and beyond. By God's grace, we have the means. You may find it difficult to believe, but I'd give up everything I own that your baby might live. In fact, with and through the power of the Holy Spirit, I'd like to believe that, if faced with an either-or choice, I'd even give up my own life.

Moreover, I've already heard from a number of people who, likewise, have graciously offered to help. A friend and business partner has even pledged to set up a GoFundMe account and be the first to contribute.

Queline, this is not a question of right vs. left. It is not pro-life vs. pro-choice, conservative vs. liberal, or Republican vs. Democrat.

This is a very real, very personal, very serious and very present question of life vs. death.

I know that you later tweeted that we might as well give up on trying to convert you to the pro-life cause.

Let me reaffirm now what I affirmed then: We "wouldn't presume to convert. Just a sincere proposal rooted in love. No politics. Please consider. You will never regret it."

I know that you may not agree, and that's OK, but Sarah and I – and billions of our fellow believers (and even non-believers) – hold with every fiber of our being that the little child that grows inside of you is a very real, very precious little person, no different than you or I, but simply living in a different stage of development, in an environment that, in my humble estimation, should be the safest place on earth: the warm, loving security of her own mother's womb.

Queline, will you at least consider letting Iva be your – be our – little miracle baby? In a time of such division, imagine the story that might be told: A conservative, Christian family, and a young, progressive, Jewish woman – one pro-life, the other, pro-choice – while diametrically opposed on matters of principle and politics, coming together in our shared humanity around the shared values of love and compassion, all so that one, just one, of God's most precious and innocent little babes might yet live and be loved.

These are the things that bring people together, Queline.

You are a valued and empowered woman.
The choice is yours.