

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@sdcatholic.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

16	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Mother's Day Novena	RP
17	8AM	<i>Weekday</i> †William Coslow	RE
18	8 AM	<i>St. John I</i> Chris DiEdoardo, SI	RP
19	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> Mike Rodriguez, SI	RP
20	8 AM	<i>St. Bernadine of Siena</i> †Maurilio & Soledad Rivera	RP
21	8 AM	<i>St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions</i> Dr. Patty Mann, SI	RP
	5:15 PM	†Mary Rose Haddad	RP
22	8:30 AM	Rev. Doa Lai, SI	RP
	10:00 AM	†Jean Allen	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	All Souls	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

16	Rev. Patrick Aherne, CM
17	Rev. Francisco Alejo, OFM
18	Rev. William Ameche, SJ
19	Rev. Alexander Aquino
20	Rev. Ruben Arceo, SJ
21	Rev. John Auther, SJ
22	Rev. Ben Awongo, SJ

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-15; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-23; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-11; Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-12; Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-8; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

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 & RobbyWitt	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.

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
José Teofilo Solorio	Margaret Kelly

THE INHERITANCE OF THE NEW COVENANT

— Saint Gaudentius of
Brescia, bishop

FROM THE PASTOR

The heavenly sacrifice, instituted by Christ, is the most gracious legacy of his new covenant. On the night he was delivered up to be crucified he left us this gift as a pledge of his abiding presence.

This sacrifice is our sustenance on life's journey; by it we are nourished and supported along the road of life until we depart from this world and make our way to the Lord. For this reason he addressed these words to us: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will not have life in you.*

It was the Lord's will that his gifts should remain with us, and that we who have been redeemed by his precious blood should constantly be sanctified according to the pattern of his own passion. And so he commanded those faithful disciples of his whom he made the first priests of his Church to enact these mysteries of eternal life continuously. All priests throughout the churches of the world must celebrate these mysteries until Christ comes again from heaven. Therefore let us all, priests and people alike, be faithful to this everlasting memorial of our redemption. Daily it is before our eyes as a representation of the passion of Christ. We hold it in our hands, we receive it in our mouths, and we accept it in our hearts.

It is appropriate that we should receive the body of Christ in the form of bread, because, as there are many grains of wheat in the flour from which bread is made by mixing it with water and baking it with fire, so also we know that many members make up the one body of Christ which is brought to maturity by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Christ was born of the Holy Spirit, and since it was fitting that he should fulfill all justice, he entered into the waters of baptism to sanctify them.

When he left the Jordan he was filled with the Holy Spirit who had descended upon him in the form of a dove. As the evangelist tells us: *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan.*

Similarly, the wine of Christ's blood, drawn from the many grapes of the vineyard that he had planted, is extracted in the wine-press of the cross. When men receive it with believing hearts, like capacious wineskins, it ferments within them by its own power.

And so, now that you have escaped from the power of Egypt and of Pharaoh, who is the devil, join with us, all of you, in receiving this sacrifice of the saving passover with the eagerness of dedicated hearts. Then in our inmost being we shall be wholly sanctified by the very Lord Jesus Christ whom we believe to be present in his sacraments, and whose boundless power abides for ever.

THE CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD

— From a letter to Diognetus

Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labour under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.

AROUND THE PARISH**15 May ... Parish Pancake Breakfast**

After 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses, come to the parish hall to enjoy a delicious breakfast, coffee included.

Only \$5 per person.

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.

16 May ... St. Joseph Academy Charity Golf Tournament

1:00pm at St. Mark Golf Club in San Marcos. \$125 includes 18-hole scramble, gift bags, contests, lunch & dinner. Register online at www.saintjosephacademy.org.

20 MAY ... Jazz Mass & Mass of St. Cecelia

The Classic Choir of Our Mother of Confidence Church will be collaborating with the La Jolla Presbyterian Church choir for this concert.

Our Mother of Confidence Church
3131 Governor Drive, San Diego
7:30 p.m. on May 20th, 2016

ADMISSION IS FREE OF CHARGE.
For information: call 858-453-0222

24 May ... New Parishioners Welcome

If you registered in our parish within the last year, you're invited to join fellow new parishioners at the Welcome Reception, Tuesday, May 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in Serra Hall. Come meet and greet our pastor and parish leadership and get to know other new parishioners.

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.

**2016 Baptism Schedule**

June 7	Class
May 15	Baptism
June 12	Baptism

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

01 June ... Ask the Pastor

On Wednesday, June 1, at 9am, Father Rich invites all parishioners to participate in a "Ask the Pastor" meeting in Serra Hall. Questions of a religious or spiritual nature may be submitted in writing in advance of the meeting. Email: pastor@ic-sandiego.org. All are welcome. Coffee and donuts will be served.

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.

05 June ... San Diego Rock 'n Roll Marathon

Street closures include Taylor Street and Morena Blvd. from 6 a.m. - 12 noon.

San Diego Avenue and Juan Street will not be affected.

Marathon route and list of street closures are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Father's Day Novena ...

June 19-27

Mass intention envelopes for the Father's Day Novena are available in the pews and in the vestibule

Remember your father and other men who were father figures in your life with the gift of a novena.

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 8, 2016

Total Collection: \$4,905.98
Envelopes: \$3,536.42 Plate: \$1,369.56
Total contributing households: 81

5:15 Sat	\$1016.00
8:30 Sun	\$1570.40
10:00 Sun	\$ 788.07
11:30 Sun	\$ 312.25
5:15 Sun	\$ 485.46
Mailed	\$ 733.80

EXPENSES

May 2-6, 2016

Music	\$625.00
Office Supplies	\$187.07
Supply Priests	\$1400.00
Telephone	\$289.11

Total: \$ 2,501.18

Annual Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$24,000

Paid: \$19,463.50 - Pledged: \$27,553.5

Serra Gifts...

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



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

Do you have a Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, or Wedding 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>

PICTURES AND STAIRS

The pictures of St. Junípero Serra and Our Lady of Guadalupe are in restoration to remove the grime of smoke and mold, and for gilding of the frames.

After Memorial Day, the front steps of the church will be rebuilt with new hand rails added. The project should last 3 weeks.

AMORIS LÆTITIA

ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

10. The majestic early chapters of Genesis present the human couple in its deepest reality. Those first pages of the Bible make a number of very clear statements. The first, which Jesus paraphrases, says that “God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (1:27). It is striking that the “image of God” here refers to the couple, “male and female”. Does this mean that sex is a property of God himself, or that God has a divine female companion, as some ancient religions held? Naturally, the answer is no. We know how clearly the Bible rejects as idolatrous such beliefs, found among the Canaanites of the Holy Land. God’s transcendence is preserved, yet inasmuch as he is also the Creator, the fruitfulness of the human couple is a living and effective “image”, a visible sign of his creative act.

11. The couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon – not an idol like those of stone or gold prohibited by the Decalogue – capable of revealing God the Creator and Savior. For this reason, fruitful love becomes a symbol of God’s inner life.

"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man."

Dr. Mildred Jefferson

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

MAY

- 15 Parish Breakfast 9:30 AM
- Tomorrow Project 8AM to 1:00 PM
- Baptism 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
- Parish Office Closed - Serra Gifts Open

JUNE

- 01 "Ask the Pastor" 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice 6:00 PM
- 05 Rock 'n Roll Marathon
- 04 Quilting Group 9:30 AM
- 06 I.C. Seniors Luncheon 11:00 AM
- 07 Election Day
- Baptism Class 7:00 PM
- 08 Choir Practice 6:00 PM

**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.

Religious liberty deters greater dependence on an increasingly powerful, invasive, and controlling state. Such liberty is part of the property, in the truest sense, of all men and women. That's why it is imperative that we recognize the link between religious liberty and the right to private property. One cannot really be had without the other.

— Ken Blackwell

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**

22. A Jubilee also entails the granting of indulgences. This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy. God's forgiveness knows no bounds. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God makes even more evident his love and its power to destroy all human sin. Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. Thus God is always ready to forgive, and he never tires of forgiving in ways that are continually new and surprising. Nevertheless, all of us know well the experience of sin. We know that we are called to perfection (cf. Mt 5:48), yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Though we feel the transforming power of grace, we also feel the effects of sin typical of our fallen state. Despite being forgiven, the conflicting consequences of our sins remain. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives our sins, which he truly blots out; and yet sin leaves a negative effect on the way we think and act. But the mercy of God is stronger than even this. It becomes indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin.

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

13. Interreligious dialogue is indispensable in our disturbing times. Differences in the understanding of religious truths must not impede people of different faiths to live in peace and harmony. In our current context, religious leaders have the particular responsibility to educate their faithful in a spirit which is respectful of the convictions of those belonging to other religious traditions. Attempts to justify criminal acts with religious slogans are altogether unacceptable. No crime may be committed in God's name, "since God is not the God of disorder but of peace" (1 Cor 14:33).

NOT BORN THAT WAY

*The truth needs to be said,
because the lie is too destructive.*

Back in the 1990s, the Human Genome Project was in all the headlines. Scientists were at last able to unravel the DNA structure of us humans and look at every single microscopic truth of our existence. Much buzz surrounded the issue of the so-called "gay gene," that missing piece in the gay lobby's much-vaunted PR machine that would at last *prove* that homosexuality was hard-wired into some human beings — that they were, in short, "born that way."

The problem is no such gene was ever discovered, because no such gene exists, because no one actually is born that way.

The cultural belief that homosexuality is just an equal yet alternative sexuality is a lie. It is an alternative, but rather broken sexuality. There is only one sexuality; nature has ordained that. But there are various ways in which that single sexuality can be broken, twisted, misapplied and so forth. So-called homosexuality is just one of those ways.

In the case of all these manifestations of a broken, damaged, not properly ordered sexuality, something went wrong in the past. And quite often, what went wrong goes back to beyond the person's memory, things that happened or didn't happen at such a young age that the afflicted person truthfully has no conscious memory of anything. So to them, it does appear in their conscious minds that they were born that way because as far back as they can remember, this is how they were.

But that's the very point: *as far back* as they can remember — the problem being they can't remember back far enough. They have no memory of any other self-perception.

How many of us have any substantive recall — in anything we would now consider substantive — of our lives before, say, five years old? Sure, we have some fleeting memory of various events here and there, but no real recall of life on a day-to-day basis like we do as adults. Those first few years are hugely important in the development of a child; they set the foundation, and as the saying goes, as the sapling is bent, so grows the tree.

Somewhere, way back then, psychologists point to as a major period in our psychosexual formation — how we relate to Dad, Mom, etc. All kinds of things, messages, stimuli, etc. are being received into our tiny little minds and being processed, and that processing forms our self-understanding.

We are, of course, unaware of all this going on, just as we are consciously unaware that our bodies are undergoing massive changes preparing us for adolescence and adulthood. At one point we are "done" — meaning emerging into the world of daily

consciousness, with memory and self-perception and all that which makes us able to function in day-to-day life. But what happened way back then, what processed in the quiet unseen world of our minds, is absolutely important and foundational and carries forward.

Does anyone really think or want to suggest that early childhood doesn't really count for very much? To discount all that and simply say, "I was born that way" is a massively ignorant and uninformed statement and conclusion. But it is helpful in creating an excuse to not deal with the pain of dismantling all that which was improperly formed. No one wants to do that. Of course we don't.

No one wants to admit that their entire self-perception around which they have built and fashioned their lives, thoughts, opinions, worldview, etc. has been a big lie. But that doesn't alter the objective fact that it *is* a lie. Conceiving of oneself in terms of being a homosexual isn't the only damage that can emerge from a pained childhood. Pain and its avoidance can manifest in all kinds of ways, not just this one. But this one is proving to be extremely injurious to individuals in and out of the Church, including among clergy as well as laity.

It would even be easy to make the argument that on the list of things afflicting the Church and blunting Her mission today, among the top three would be this issue of a broken sexuality, manifesting under a self-perception of homosexuality. And this doesn't necessarily even have to be being acted on. That's in the extreme.

An ordained man of God who in the quiet of his own mind, whether he accepts it or not, detects in himself a strain of homosexuality can be injurious to souls. This is why the acceptance of accommodation of this or the lack of willingness to confront it among Church leaders is so dangerous to the faithful. The message is not being sufficiently preached that *no one is created by God as a homosexual*.

The reasons it's not being preached are varied, of course, including fear of reprisal from the big gay hate machine, or the psychological inability among some to deal with the issue in themselves, or fear of losing money from a very poorly catechized laity — those reasons and probably others.

But whatever the reason, the sermons need to be preached that you are *not* born that way, but can be re-born *this* way, the way of the Catholic Church in Her sacraments and faithful adherence to Her sacred teachings.

God wills that all men come to the truth and be saved. There is a block to the truth when a person is living a lie and living that lie because they are afraid of resurfacing pain they are not responsible for.

There is no pain in the world that Almighty God cannot pull you from. As He said, "Have courage, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

— Michael Voris