

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

30	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> †Joseph Gonsalves	RP
31	8AM	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> †Dale Pearson	RE
01	8 AM	<i>St. Justin</i> †James DiEdoardo	RP
02	8 AM	<i>Ss. Marcellinus & Peter</i> †Naty Santos	RP
03	8 AM	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> †Edna Moore	RP
04	8 AM	<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Ebbitt Family, SI	RP
05	5:15 PM	†Remedios Colmenar	RP
	8:30 AM	†Rev. Msgr. Thomas Prendergast	RP
	10:00 AM	†Helen Smith Driscoll	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	†Eva Estrada	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

JUNE: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

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

30	Rev. Caesar Bertolacci, MC
31	Rev. Jacob Bertrand
01	Pope Francis
02	Bishop Robert McEloy
03	Bishop Robert Brom
04	Bishop Gilbert Chavez
05	Rev. B. Jeffrey Blangiardi, SJ

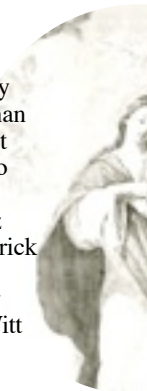
PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday:	2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-16; Mk 12:1-2
Tuesday:	Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-14; Mk 12:28b-34
Friday:	Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2-13; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

PRAY FOR HEALING

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

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



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.

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
Ray & Betty Jackson	Martha Jane Hotchkiss

MARY IS MOTHER AND GENERAL

*Hell cannot long bear confronting the glory of
Mary.*

FROM THE PASTOR

— *Michael Voris*

It's May, and this is the month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Faithful Catholics view Our Lady as Mother — and rightfully so. Our Blessed Lord gave Mary to all of us as Mother as She stood at the foot of the Cross when He said to Her of John, "Woman, behold your son; son, behold your mother" (John 19:26).

The reason John's Gospel stands separately from the rest in its theological depth is because John had Our Lady living under his roof for many years. Imagine the insights into Our Lord that Our Lady would have imparted to John. Her divine Son would have been all She spoke about. All the gospels have the Holy Spirit as their source of inspiration, but John has in addition the spouse of the Holy Spirit and Mother of the Son.

At some point, St. John would have come to recognize that who was living under his roof was not just Mary, but rather The Woman — The Woman of Genesis, the one who crushes the head of the serpent.

If we only had St. John's Gospel, we would never know Our Lady's name was Mary. He never uses Her name. He only refers to Her as Woman, because that is how Our Lord refers to Her. He calls Her Woman at the Cana wedding. And He calls Her Woman from the Cross. In the work "Mystical City of God" by Ven. Mary of Agreda, whose body has remained incorruptible for going on 400 years, she reveals a most interesting fact, among hundreds.

On Golgotha on Good Friday, unseen to everyone, Satan and his legions of demons were present mocking Our Lord, trying to get Him to give way to temptation. As the moment drew closer to Our Lord delivering over His spirit to the Father, the rebellious legions experienced a huge weakness overcome them, a draining out of their power. So frightening to them was this that

they began to withdraw from Calvary and flee back to Hell.

At that moment, a great chain was drawn about all of them which prevented them from retreating, and the end of the chain was placed into the hands of Our Lady. She had complete mastery and control over them, and She forced them to remain and behold for themselves the great victory of Her Son over them. No wonder the demons so fear Her, and She is frequently called upon in exorcisms.

What a beautiful image that scene on Calvary presented, detailed by Our Blessed Mother herself to Sr. Mary of Agreda. It is important to remember that Golgotha translates into "the place of the skull." From the time of the Fall when God promised that the Woman would crush the head, the skull, of the serpent, this moment on Calvary was anticipated. And here on the spot of ground named "the place of the skull,"

Our Lady Herself, the Woman, crushed the serpent's head by giving the world Her Son Whose Sacrifice redeemed us from his power.

Stay very close to Mary, your Mother. God gave Her to you as Mother, protector, as the 12-star general in your spiritual war. Whatever you struggle with, whatever you pray most ardently for, consecrate it to Her, offer it to Her hands for Her to remedy. Those hands which hold your prayers before Her heavenly Son are the same hands which held the chains of torture for Satan and His legions and forced them to witness their crushing defeat.

There is not anything that Our Lady cannot accomplish for you. She was the first to hear directly: "Nothing shall be impossible for God." And now She set in place to remind us that with God all things are possible.

Rededicate yourselves this month to the Holy Rosary. If you have not made the St. Louis de Montfort consecration of yourself to Our Lady, do so. She is gathering Her army even now for the coming persecution, the coming scourge. There is nothing to fear in this gathering storm if you are under Her mantle.

We have a Mother who is also a general.

AROUND THE PARISH

PASTOR'S REPORT

People rarely come to me to ask questions, but I do hear some concerns through gossip and through the filters of other parishioners. If you have a concern, a project, a doubt in faith, please call me. I am available to sit with you to help you work out a problem. This way, you will avoid rash judgment and be part of the pastor's mind and in the know of what is really going on at Immaculate Conception.

In these 2 years I have responded to the requests of parishioners, sometimes in the positive, and other times in the negative always in the interest of the parish and in accord with the faith of the church at the end of IC's first 100 years.

When I arrived, people asked me to buy the piano from Floyd Watson for \$5,000.00. Since we were \$100,000.00 in debt, I said no. I did find a buyer for it, and Floyd received a cash compensation.

The Courtyard project was delayed until design and contract questions could be answered. It is now finished.

Some parishioners asked me to restore the old high altar. It was reinstalled in the church as a place for the tabernacle while retaining the new altar of sacrifice.

Once that altar was in place, someone donated a tabernacle, a new sanctuary light, new bell to replace the one which was stolen. Later another donor gave us the altar rail to restore the look of the parish more to its origins as designed by Fr. Ubach, and to keep the tourists from running through the sanctuary.

People complained about the lack of sound in the rear of the church. With a designated gift from a parishioner, a supplementary system was installed; homilies for religious instruction are now online.

A cheeky New Yorker wanted the bells rung at the Angelus at noon. I told her that I would give her a key so that she could climb the stairs and do so. She gave me a check to pay for the carillon system we now have.

We showed the diocese a different way of accounting, and now our debt is gone and the monthly payment to them is reasonable and fair.

New flooring and painting have refreshed our hall. New donated refrigeration for the kitchen and bar are in place.

New door hardware now secures the church..

The church front stairs will be redone after Memorial Day, with new stone, but with some terra cotta to match the old look, and new safety hand rails.

Because IC is small, we combined RCIA and re-instituted catechism classes in one program, Family Catechesis. Out of this we had several baptisms, a wedding, others coming from other churches to the Catholic church, several children making their first communion.

Our priceless Tiffany stained glass windows are cleaned and now protected with a non yellowing acrylic.

Serra and Guadalupe pictures are being restored.

Immaculate Conception has taken a turn toward renewal in many ways in a short time.

Your welcome questions, ideas, and assistance for our physical plant, religious education, social events, Christian outreach, worship, administration and faith can take our 1828 parish beyond the 100 year mark of this building's dedication.

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.

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.

2016 Baptism Schedule



June 7 **Class**
June 12 **Baptism**

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

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.

Relationship Skills Workshop

June 1 thru August 31 -- Wed. evenings at 7:00 pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego

No pre-registration or fee.

Drop in for one, several, or all sessions

For info, call Dcn. Ralph & Peggy Skiano
858-490-8295/8299

Office for Marriage and Family Life

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.

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 22, 2016

Total Collection: \$5,473.77
Envelopes: \$4,033.00 Plate: \$1,440.77
Total contributing households: 91

5:15 Sat	\$ 951.00
8:30 Sun	\$1126.97
10:00 Sun	\$1077.85
11:30 Sun	\$1144.05
5:15 Sun	\$ 743.90
Mailed	\$ 430.00

EXPENSES

May 16-20, 2016

Internet	\$70.00
Music	\$625.00
Office Supplies	\$320.44
Gas & Electric	\$839.25
Priest Pension	\$400.51
Property Insurance	\$1,152.67
Water Utility	\$1,008.63
Workers Comp	\$260.66

Total: \$ 4,677.16

Annual Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$24,000.00

Pledged: \$28,763.50--Paid: \$20,673.50

In observance of Memorial Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 30.

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 _____

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

FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 19

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

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>

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

12. In speaking of marriage, Jesus refers us to yet another page of Genesis, which, in its second chapter, paints a splendid and detailed portrait of the couple. First, we see the man, who anxiously seeks “a helper fit for him” (vv. 18, 20), capable of alleviating the solitude which he feels amid the animals and the world around him. The original Hebrew suggests a direct encounter, face to face, eye to eye, in a kind of silent dialogue, for where love is concerned, silence is always more eloquent than words. It is an encounter with a face, a “thou”, who reflects God’s own love and is man’s “best possession, a helper fit for him and a pillar of support”, in the words of the biblical sage (*Sir* 36:24). Or again, as the woman of the Song of Solomon will sing in a magnificent profession of love and mutual self-bestowal: “My beloved is mine and I am his... I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine” (2:16; 6:3).

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

MAY

30 Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed - Serra Gifts Open

JUNE

01	Ask the Pastor	9:00 AM
01	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
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
11	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
12	Parish Breakfast Baptisms	8:30 AM 2:00 PM
15	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
18	Quilting Group	9:30 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

23. There is an aspect of mercy that goes beyond the confines of the Church. It relates us to Judaism and Islam, both of which consider mercy to be one of God’s most important attributes. Israel was the first to receive this revelation which continues in history as the source of an inexhaustible richness meant to be shared with all mankind. As we have seen, the pages of the Old Testament are steeped in mercy, because they narrate the works that the Lord performed in favor of his people at the most trying moments of their history. Among the privileged names that Islam attributes to the Creator are “Merciful and Kind.” This invocation is often on the lips of faithful Muslims who feel themselves accompanied and sustained by mercy in their daily weakness. They too believe that no one can place a limit on divine mercy because its doors are always open.

Catholic Charities Food Resource Center Volunteers Needed

... from drivers and packers to food stamp advocates

Training is provided.
For more information:
Please call Joy Davis at (619) 231-2828 x 102

Courtyard Bricks ...

Bricks in honor or in memory of loved ones are available for purchase in the Gift Shop or visit the parish website. (See bulletin.)

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office."

— *Aesop*

"The most virtuous are those who content themselves with being virtuous without seeking to appear so."
— *Plato*

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

15. At the same time, we are concerned about the situation in many countries in which Christians are increasingly confronted by restrictions to religious freedom, to the right to witness to one’s convictions and to live in conformity with them. In particular, we observe that the transformation of some countries into secularized societies, estranged from all reference to God and to His truth, constitutes a grave threat to religious freedom. It is a source of concern for us that there is a current curtailment of the rights of Christians, if not their outright discrimination, when certain political forces, guided by an often very aggressive secularist ideology, seek to relegate them to the margins of public life.

THE ANSWER TO MUSLIM VIOLENCE: JESUS

— Jerry Newcombe

Virtually a week does not go by without some headline of a Muslim attack somewhere in the world. The latest stories involves the alleged crucifixion of a Christian priest on Good Friday, as well as an Easter suicide bombing targeting Christians in Pakistan, which killed 71 at last count.

Some Muslims get disgusted with their fellow Muslims for such attacks. What is the ultimate solution to radical Islam? I believe Jesus is the solution to whatever ails the individual, family, society, the country, and nations.

We have freedom in the West because wise leaders of time past recognized that humanity is best off when religion is not forced on anyone. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom in 1777 (passed, 1786). This gave freedom to all in that state, regardless of religion.

Jefferson argues that it violates the principles of Jesus (“the holy author of our religion”) to force anyone as to how they believe.

Obviously, professing Christians have sometimes gotten this wrong through the ages--but Jesus, the Prince of Peace, does not operate that way.

So, how is Jesus the answer to the Muslims? I think some clues can be found within the Qur’an *itself*, for those willing to see the truth.

I had the privilege of learning many things about the Qur’an from the late Aril Edvardsen, a follower of Jesus from Norway who was a preacher. In 1998 and 1999, I went with him to Malawi, Africa and to Islamabad, Pakistan.

Aril held open air Gospel meetings for Muslims and Christians in these places, using the Bible and the Qur’an. His goal was for everyone to have a better understanding of who Jesus (Isa bin Miriam, Jesus, Son of Mary) really is.

Here are some things found in the Qur’an worth highlighting:

*The Gospel (injl) is good, according to the Qur’an, but it does not specify what the gospel is.

*The Qur’an uses the term “Jesus Christ.” Christ was not the last name of Jesus. It was His title. The Hebrew word is Messiah; in Greek, it is Christ; in English, it means Anointed One.

*The Qur’an calls Jesus “the Word of God.” This means God has communicated to us through Jesus.

*The Qur’an teaches Jesus is born of a virgin and was conceived by the Spirit of God. There are liberal “Christians”---including many “Christian” leaders---who do not even believe that.

*The Qur’an references briefly the miracles of Jesus.

*It also says that Jesus will return one day. But Christians and Muslims disagree on the details surrounding that.

So what’s the point of all of this? That we all hug and sing Kumbaya? No. The point is that there is One who can be found in the Qur’an itself who can bring personal peace and salvation to those who believe in Him.

But doesn’t the Qur’an teach that Jesus was *not* crucified, but rather Judas in His place? No, but *commentators* on the Qur’an proclaim that. But that is just an interpretation. Who is to say that that interpretation is the correct one?

What the Qur’an actually says is that the Jews *claimed* that they crucified Him, but they crucified Him not. That is technically correct. The Romans took the right to perform capital punishment out of the hands of the Jews in AD 10, and it was they who crucified Jesus.

Meanwhile, the Qur’an teaches two of the most important things about Jesus: that He dies and rises again. Specifically, in Surah 19:33, where Jesus is talking, it is written of Him: “So peace is on me the day I was born, the day that I die, and the day that I shall be raised up to life (again)! Such (was) Jesus the son of Mary: (it is) a statement of truth, about which they (vainly) dispute.”

Thus, the death and resurrection of Jesus are found in the Qur’an, although commentators dispute that too.

So *why* did Jesus die? When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he declared, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”

Another great prophet, Isaiah, said that all of us like sheep have gone astray. But the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

When people come to believe in Jesus and ask Him into their hearts and ask Him to forgive their sins, they are amazed at the peace and positive transformation He brings. Through faith in Him, because of His substitutional death, we can find the removal of our guilt and shame, and find true forgiveness from all our sins. When people truly trust in Him, violence finds no place in their hearts.

As the late Andre Crouch sang, “Jesus is the answer for the world today. Above Him there’s no other. Jesus is the way...”