

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](mailto: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

25	8 AM	<b>St. James</b> Brad Rutkosky, SI	RP
26	8 AM	<b>Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Rev. Msgr. Robert Ecker	RE
27	8 AM	<b>Weekday</b> †Jorge Makayan	RP
28	8 AM	<b>Weekday</b> †Rev. Msgr. Thomas Prendergast	MO
29	8 AM	<b>St. Martha</b> †Dale Pearson	RE
30	8 AM	<b>St. Peter Chysologus; BVM</b> Rev. William Dillard, SI	RE
31	5:15 PM	Patricia Ann Werner, SI	LM
	8:30 AM	†Alex Mambo	RE
	10:00 AM	†Margaret Kelly & †Elizabeth Jean Coe	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	EO
	5:15 PM	Rev. Jacob Bertrand	DL

### APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

#### JULY: Intentions of the Holy Father

**Universal:** That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

**Evangelization:** That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

### PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

Ord	Derek Twilliger: Priestly Ordination June 24
Ord	David Exner, Priestly Ordination June 24
Ord	Corey Tufford, Priestly Ordination June 24
1st	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
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
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

25	Rev. Ben Davison
26	Rev. Dominic De Lay, OP
27	Rev. Alexander De Paulis
28	Rev. Italo De Pra
29	Rev. George Decasa
30	Rev. Thomas Dekaa
31	Rev. Kenneth Del Priore

### PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1-6; Mt 20:20-28  
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-13; Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10-21; Ps 59:2-18; Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-14; Jn 11:19-27  
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-24; Ps 69:15-34; Mt 14:1-12  
 Sunday: Eccl 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-17; Col 3:1-11; Lk 12:13-21

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

*Jesus protect all who serve our country.*

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander Natalie Augustine Major Jerry Bloomquist Col. Mike Bodkin Danny Carpenter, USMC LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN Cpl. Samuel James Comer Daniel Dinglebeck, USN PFC David Eley, USMC Micah Emery Sgt. Christopher Escalona 1Lt. Cortez Fabia Juan Carlos Galazza SSGT. Vincent Charles Lucario	Robert Clinton Long, MC2 Sgt. Adriana Matizel Wendell Miculob LTJG Joe F. Moralez, USN LCPL Matthew A. Pena Sgt. Richard Pierce Sgt. William Paul Powers and Cinco CPL Wilson Santiago Alfred Tello Ricky Thibeault Tony Tulloss PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. SCPO Desiree S. Hayes, USN Gil Perez, US Navy
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### † PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED †

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

Floyd Watson Iola Torre Emilie Graham Angela Cordova Ramiro Moreno Alexander Toczko Jeannette Toczko José Teofilo Solorio Ray & Betty Jackson Denise Cooney Joanne Mangiameli Edna Moore Paul Ramirez Maude Laracy Helen Peña Lydia Castillo Herrera	Bertha Lockwood Salvador Rivera John Cervantes Daniel Don Florence Messina Arthur Wilbur Martinez Jesse Benitez Margaret Kelly Martha Jane Hotchkiss Janet Meyers Hector Morales Carol Raiter Albina Farrie Stephanie Anzelone Fred Levine Eleanor Maycan
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## GOD CAN BE FOUND IN MAN'S HEART

**FROM THE PASTOR**

*St. Gregory of Nyssa,  
bishop*

In our human life bodily health is a good thing, but this blessing consists not merely in knowing the causes of good health but in actually enjoying it. If a man eulogizes good health and then eats food that has unhealthy effects, what good is his praise of health when he finds himself on a sickbed? Similarly, from the Lord's saying: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God*, we are to learn that blessedness does not lie in knowing something about God, but rather in possessing God within oneself.

I do not think these words mean that God will be seen face to face by the man who purifies the eye of his soul. Their sublime import is brought out more clearly perhaps in that other saying of the Lord's: *The kingdom of God is within you*. This teaches us that the man who cleanses his heart of every created thing and every evil desire will see the image of the divine nature in the beauty of his own soul. I believe the lesson summed up by the Word in that short sentence was this: You men have within you a desire to behold the supreme good. Now when you are told that the majesty of God is exalted above the heavens, that his glory is inexpressible, his beauty indescribable, and his nature transcendent, do not despair because you cannot behold the object of your desire. *If by a diligent life of virtue you wash away the film of dirt that covers your heart, then the divine beauty will shine forth in you.*

Take a piece of iron as an illustration. Although it might have been

black before, once the rust has been scraped off with a whetstone, it will begin to shine brilliantly and to reflect the rays of the sun. So it is with the interior man, which is what the Lord means by the heart. Once a man removes from his soul the coating of filth that has formed on it through his sinful neglect, he will regain his likeness to his Archetype, and be good. For what resembles the supreme Good is itself good. If he then looks into himself, he will see the vision he has longed for. This is the blessedness of the pure of heart: in seeing their own purity they see the divine Archetype mirrored in themselves.

Those who look at the sun in a mirror, even if they do not look directly at the sky, see its radiance in the reflection just as truly as do those who look directly at the sun's orb. It is the same, says the Lord, with you. Even though you are unable to contemplate and see the inaccessible light, you will find what you seek within yourself, provided you return to the beauty and grace of that image which was originally placed in you. For God is purity: he is free from sin and a stranger to all evil. If this can be said of you, then God will surely be within you. If your mind is untainted by any evil, free from sin, and purified from all stain, then indeed are you blessed, because your sight is keen and clear.

Once purified, you see things that others cannot see. When the mists of sin no longer cloud the peace and purity of your own heart. That vision is nothing else than the holiness, the purity, the simplicity and all the other glorious reflections of God's nature, through which God himself is seen.

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Fr. Perozich Thanks You**

who were so kind in your remembrances with greetings, cards and gifts on the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood June 26, 1992 as well as my birthday July 19, 1951. May God reward you for your kindness to me.

**2016 Baptism Schedule**



**August 9 Class**

**August 14 Baptism**

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

**05 August Catholic Night at Padres**

SD Padres vs Phillies  
7:40 p.m. -- Petco Park

[www.padres.com/events](http://www.padres.com/events) scroll to August 5 Catholic Night. **Password is MERCY**

**Aug 04-07 ... Photo Sessions for Parish Directory**

Sign up now for an individual or family portrait that may be included in our parish directory. Each household will receive one complimentary 8" x10" photograph and a free copy of the printed directory. Additional photos may be purchased.

Sign up in the parish hall this weekend or online through parish website.

**Volunteers Needed**

If you are able to serve as host/hostess during the photo dates or help with sign ups, please email [parish@ic-sandiego.org](mailto:parish@ic-sandiego.org).

**20 AUGUST - DAY OF RECOLLECTION**  
**Celebrating the Year of Mercy**  
**Mission San Diego de Alcala**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Mass concelebrated at 11 a.m.**

**LOVE OUR PRIESTS Prayer Group**



We invite you to join us for a special Mass honoring  
**REVEREND LUKE BUCKLES, O.P.**  
**PROFESSOR DOMINICAN PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY, ROME**

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

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Saturday August 6, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Ascension Parish**  
**11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.**  
**San Diego, CA 92124-1524**

*Saint Joseph first appeared in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. He was the earthly father of Jesus Christ and the husband of the Virgin Mary. Joseph's lineage is traced back to King David. Father Luke will speak to us more about Saint Joseph. In addition, he will teach us about the Contemplative Life, a lived response to a call from God, heard within the heart. We are guaranteed to learn a lot this day! Please join us to welcome this wonderful priest.*

**THE MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN INFORMAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

*Bring a friend & a dish to share!*

**Are you going to be hospitalized?**

If so, be sure to register with the hospital as a Roman Catholic. By doing so the Diocesan priest assigned to the hospital will be informed that you are there as a patient. He will then make every effort to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to you.

**Ascension Catholic Church 2016 Summer Speaker Series**

Begins June 21 and ends August 30  
7:00 p.m.  
Free Admission

See flyer in the bulletin board located in the hall.

**Remember to Support Our Advertisers**

**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Gifts of Treasure**

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

**July 17, 2016**

**Total Collection: \$5,513.51**  
**Envelopes: \$3,614.00 Plate: \$1,899.51**  
**Total contributing households: 77**

5:15 Sat	\$ 563.00
8:30 Sun	\$1082.00
10:00 Sun	\$1481.77
11:30 Sun	\$ 755.70
5:15 Sun	\$1231.04
Mailed	\$ 400.00

**EXPENSES**

July 11-15, 2016

Ministry Supplies	\$652.20
Music	\$625.00
Waste Management	\$305.74

**Total: \$ 1,582.94**

**...More from Regina Brett ...**

All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.

Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

**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...**

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 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.

Rosaries, religious medals, prayer books, and religious items are available in the gift shop.

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

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

23. At the beginning of Psalm 128, the father appears as a laborer who by the work of his hands sustains the physical well-being and tranquillity of his family: "You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you" (*Ps* 128:2). It is clear from the very first pages of the Bible that work is an essential part of human dignity; there we read that "the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it" (*Gen* 2:15). Man is presented as a laborer who works the earth, harnesses the forces of nature and produces "the bread of anxious toil" (*Ps* 127:2), in addition to cultivating his own gifts and talents.

24. Labor also makes possible the development of society and provides for the sustenance, stability and fruitfulness of one's family: "May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children!" (*Ps* 128:5-6). The Book of Proverbs also presents the labor of mothers within the family; their daily work is described in detail as winning the praise of their husbands and children (cf. 31:10-31). The Apostle Paul was proud not to live as a burden to others, since he worked with his own hands and assured his own livelihood (cf. *Acts* 18:3; *1 Cor* 4:12; 9:12). Paul was so convinced of the necessity of work that he laid down a strict rule for his communities: "If anyone will not work, let him not eat" (*2 Th* 3:10; cf. *1 Th* 4:11).

**PARISH & COMMUNITY**

Parish Calendar

**JULY**

- 24 Building Fund Collection
- 27 Choir Practice 6:00 PM
- 30 Quilting Group 9:30 AM

**AUGUST**

- 03 Choir Practice 6:00 PM
- 04 Directory Photos 1:00 PM
- 05 Directory Photos 1:00 PM  
Wedding 2:00 PM
- 06 Directory Photos
- 07 Directory Photos
- 08 I.C. Seniors Lunch 11:00 AM
- 09 Baptism Class 7:00 PM
- 10 Choir Practice 6:00 PM

**FROM FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO**

- Pope John Paul II 1981

**ON THE ROLE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY  
IN THE MODERN WORLD 1981**

**BRIGHT SPOTS AND SHADOWS FOR  
THE FAMILY TODAY**

**The Need To Understand the Situation**

... 4 To this ought to be added a further reflection of particular importance at the present time. Not infrequently ideas and solutions which are very appealing but which obscure in varying degrees the truth and the dignity of the human person, are offered to the men and women of today, in their sincere and deep search for a response to the important daily problems that affect their married and family life. These views are often supported by the powerful and pervasive organization of the means of social communication, which subtly endanger freedom and the capacity for objective judgment.

Many are already aware of this danger to the human person and are working for the truth. The Church, with her evangelical discernment, joins with them, offering her own service to the truth, to freedom and to the dignity of every man and every woman.

**LETTER TO WOMEN**

Church of St. Mary Magdalene invites you to attend an evening women's study. We will be taking an in-depth look at **Pope St. John Paul II's groundbreaking work, Letter to Women.**

Every Thursday beginning Aug. 25, 2016 – Oct.13, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Where: St. Mary Magdalene Church Conference Rm.  
Cost: \$29.95 (includes shipping and handling)

To register for the study, please visit:  
<https://store.endowonline.org/diane-kenney-p3110.aspx>  
For registration information: *diane.kenney@att.net*

**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.)

"The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated."

— Thomas Paine

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

23. God loves each of you and expects you to be His disciples and apostles. Be the light of the world so that those around you may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father (cf. Mt 5:14, 16). Raise your children in the Christian faith, transmitting to them the pearl of great price that is the faith (cf. Mt 13:46) you have received from your parents and forbears. Remember that "you have been purchased at a great price" (1 Cor 6:20), at the cost of the death on the cross of the Man-God Jesus Christ.

**NORMALCY BIAS AND PAPAL POSITIVISM**BY ERIC SAMMONS

Over the past few years, we've all seen articles advising people what to do in an active shooter situation. The advice usually goes, "run, hide, fight." But many articles point out that the biggest challenge for responding to a crisis isn't necessarily knowing what to do, but overcoming "normalcy bias." What is normalcy bias? It is the mental state people tend to enter when faced with a rare and disastrous situation. It is the tendency to deny the possibility that something disastrous is occurring. Even though the evidence points to something very, very bad happening, because we've never experienced it before, we assume it can't really be happening. Thus, many people upon hearing a gunshot will first want to believe it is just a car backfiring. They can't accept that they are in the midst of a crisis and need to react accordingly.

Normalcy bias is prevalent in any crisis. During the rise of Nazi Germany, the idea that Hitler was historically evil was simply too horrible to consider. So many Germans didn't strongly oppose his rise to power. Normalcy bias has also been a primary factor in many Catholics' reaction to the crisis in the Church today. We want to believe all is well, even if the evidence strongly suggests it is not. Nowhere is this bias more prevalent than with the pontificate of Francis.

**Covering Our Father's Nakedness**

Orthodox Catholics instinctively side with the pope. We are willing to defend the pope – the vicar of Christ and the rock on which the Church is built – against attacks from both inside and outside the Church. Even when a pope does something imprudent, we desire, like the sons of Noah, to cover his nakedness to protect him from shame (cf. Genesis 9:23). Furthermore, we live in a time when the Church has been blessed for centuries with pontiffs who have generally avoided scandal and faithfully taught the Catholic Faith. Sure, there have been some moments when a pope has said or done something imprudent over the past few generations, but nothing as scandalous as some popes acted in the late middle ages. So, for us, it is *normal* for popes to faithfully and clearly transmit the Catholic Faith.

Thus, when a pope says something that appears on its face outlandish, even contrary to the Catholic Faith, normalcy bias may predispose us to assume we have misunderstood him, or the media misquoted him, or the translation was bad. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, for we should always give our popes the benefit of the doubt. However, normalcy bias can be downright dangerous when these statements reach a crisis level. We can end up being paralyzed, or, even worse, defending the indefensible. We become papal positivists, proclaiming that everything a pope says is orthodox *simply because the pope said it*.

While normalcy bias plagues many Catholics today, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the opposite condition: worst-case bias. Someone with worst-case bias assumes that every situation is a crisis, based on the flimsiest data.

If a Middle-Eastern man walked into a church, someone with worst-case bias would immediately assume he is about to start firing shots. Likewise, every action of a pope becomes a cause for alarm and another reason to

believe we're in the End Times. This condition may be uncommon today, but it can be found in some traditionalist circles, so we should be aware and guard against it.

**Occam's Razor**

So although it is praiseworthy to desire to defend a pope from attack, there comes a point when the evidence is so overwhelming that Occam's Razor should apply: among competing hypotheses, the one with the fewest assumptions should be selected. If we are doing mental gymnastics to make a papal statement mean something that it clearly does not, this is no service to the truth. Nor to the pope, for that matter. We should ask ourselves, if I heard another prelate, say, perhaps the Archbishop of Chicago, state the same things, would I try to make excuses for him and explain that he didn't really mean what his words in their plain sense mean? Would I try to dismiss his words as a product of his culture? Or should I simply take him at his word? Our Lord said that we should let our 'yes' mean 'yes' and our 'no' mean 'no' (Matthew 5:37). A corollary to this is that we should accept the words of others, including the pope, at face value. We should assume they mean what they plainly say.

To overcome normalcy bias, we must reposition what we think of as "normal." If you live in a war-zone and you hear a loud noise in the distance, you will most likely assume that you heard a bomb explode. That would be "normal." But if you hear the same noise in your quiet suburban neighborhood, you might assume it is the neighbor's teenage son messing with firecrackers. Catholics of every age, however, live in a "war-zone," not a quiet, safe neighborhood. For the devil is constantly on the attack. He attacks in ways both subtle and obvious, but he always attacks. So we should never assume it is normal for Church prelates – at any level – to be holy and orthodox. Instead, we should assume they are under vicious attack. So when a Church prelate – again, at *any* level – says something contrary to the Faith, we recognize what it is: a victory for the devil. Excusing or even defending it does no one any good.

**Saints Are Not Normal**

In a crisis, the person who first overcomes normalcy bias, and who has the courage to act, is usually lauded as a hero after the fact. However, in the critical moment he acted in a way contrary to most of the people around him – that is what makes him a hero. After you overcome normalcy bias and are willing to speak out against the crisis in the Church today, you will be acting in a way contrary to most people around you. That does not make you wrong, however. Saints are not commonplace, and they are willing to go against the forceful tide of their times to defend our Lord and his divine teachings. We too must break free of "normal" and speak out, in charity and clarity, whenever anyone spreads confusion or falsehood, no matter what rank that person might have in the Church.

*Eric Sammons, a former Evangelical, entered the Catholic Church in 1993 and has been involved in Catholic evangelization efforts for over two decades. He is the father of seven children and author of four books. His website "Swimming Upstream" can be found at [ericssammons.com](http://ericssammons.com) and he can be followed on Twitter @EricRSammons.*