

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

07	8 AM	<i>Weekday</i> All Souls Novena	RP
08	8AM	<i>Weekday</i> All Souls Novena	RE
09	8 AM	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> All Souls Novena	RP
10	8 AM	<i>St. Leo the Great</i> All Souls Novena	RP
11	8 AM	<i>St. Martin of Tours</i> †Jame DiEdoardo	RP
12	8 AM	<i>St. Josaphat</i> †Hellen Smith Driscoll	RP
	5:15 PM	†Andrea & Maria Cuccia	RP
13	8:30 AM	†Florence Messina	RP
	10:00 AM	†Angie Olivares	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	†Bob Cleator	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

NOVEMBER: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose conviction differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

2nd	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
1st	Josué Jiménez, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
3rd	Oscar Lopez, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
2nd	Michael O'Connor, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
4th	Nathan McWeeney, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
PY*	Antonio Morales
2nd	Raymond Napuli, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Michael O'Connor, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
3rd	Eric Tamayo, North American College, Rome
4th	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

07	Rev. Niranjam Kanmury
08	Rev. John Keller, OSA
09	Rev. Brian Kelly
10	Rev. Ronald Kelso, SSC
11	Rev. William Kernan
12	Rev. Chris Kintanar
13	Rev. Ignatius Kipchirchir

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-6; Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Ti 2:1-14; Ps 37:3-29; Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Ez 47:1-12; Ps 46:2-9; 1 Cor 3:9-17; Jn 2:13-22
 Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-18; Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Mal 3:19-20; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

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	Esther Salazar
Dorothy Kleint	Joane Anderson
Dena Mendoza	Yolanda Garcia
Jean Miller	Olivia Ingram
Patricia O'Grady	Grace Mulvanity
Mary Jane Tiernan	Angelica Ortega
Marguerite Vorst	Barbara Driscoll
Martha Zamudio	Lucille Miller
Tony Jenkins	Reginald Custodio
Peter Nalwalker	Victoria Cardenas
Frances Garcia	John Hobbs
Socorro Pacheco	Robert Rolli
Amparo Valenzuela	Eleanor Anderson
Phyllis Altomare	Marie Whitman
Alicia Ambrose	Deirdre Rigney
Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi	Marie Wagner
Maria Casanova	Joanne Daleo
Steve Stone	Dominic Castagnola
Mark Brandon	Gerry Lyons
Jeanne Pontius	Earl Jenkins



PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY

Jesus protect all who serve our country.

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

Alexander Toczko	Arthur Wilbur Martinez
Jeannette Toczko	Jesse Benitez
José Teofilo Solorio	Margaret Kelly
Ray & Betty Jackson	Martha Jane Hotchkiss
Denise Cooney	Janet Meyers
Joanne Mangiameli	Hector Morales
Edna Moore	Carol Raiter
Paul Ramirez	Albina Farrie
Maude Laracy	Stephanie Anzelone
Helen Peña	Fred Levine
Lydia Castillo Herrera	Eleanor Maycan
Bertha Lockwood	Ronald Monreal
Salvador Rivera	Mary Louise Fillet
John Cervantes	Inez Cerda Bull
Daniel Don	Bernice Lyons
Florence Messina	Elias Barajas

FROM THE PASTOR October 30, 2016*attributed to Fr. George W. Rutler***FROM THE PASTOR**

Exactly eight years ago I wrote a column titled "The One We Were Waiting For" in which I referred to a book by Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson, *The Lord of the World*. That dystopian novel has been cited by Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis said he has read it several times. The protagonist, if one can apply that term to an Anti-Christ, imposed a new world religion with Man himself as god. His one foe was Christianity, which he thwarted in part by using "compromised Catholics and compliant priests to persuade timid Catholics."

Since then, that program has been realized in our time, to an extent beyond the warnings of the most dire pessimists. Our federal government has intimidated religious orders and churches, challenging religious freedom. The institution of the family has been re-defined, and sexual identity has been Gnosticized to the point of mocking biology. Assisted suicide is spreading, abortions since 1973 have reached a total equal to the population of Italy, and sexually transmitted diseases are at a record high. Objective journalism has died, justice has been corrupted, racial bitterness ruins cities, entertainment is degraded, knowledge of the liberal arts spirals downwards, and authentically Catholic universities have all but vanished. A weak and confused foreign policy has encouraged aggressor nations and terrorism, while metastasized immigration is destroying remnant western cultures, and genocide is slaughtering Christian populations. The cynical promise of economic prosperity is mocked by the lowest rate of labor participation in forty years, an unprecedented number of people on food stamps and welfare assistance, and the largest disparity in wealth in over a century,

In his own grim days, Saint Augustine warned against nostalgia: "The past times that you think were good, are good because they are not yours here and now." The present time, however, might try even his confidence. Sands blow over the ruins of churches he knew in

North Africa where the Cross is virtually forbidden. By a blessed irony, a new church is opened every day in formerly Communist Russia, while churches in our own formerly Christian nation are being closed daily. For those who bought into the seductions of politicians' false hopes, there is the counsel of Walt Kelly's character Pogo: "It's always darkest before it goes pitch black."

It is incorrect to say that the coming election poses a choice between two evils. For ethical and aesthetic reasons, there may be some bad in certain candidates, but badness consists in doing bad things. Evil is different: it is the deliberate destruction of truth, virtue and holiness.

While one may pragmatically vote for a flawed candidate, one may not vote for anyone who advocates and enables unmitigatedly evil acts, and that includes abortion, "In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it" (*Evangelium Vitae*, 73),

At one party's convention, the name of God was excluded from its platform and a woman who boasted of having aborted her child was applauded. It is a grave sin, requiring sacramental confession and penance, to become an accomplice in objective evil by voting for anyone who encourages it, for that imperils the nation and destroys the soul.

It is also the duty of the clergy to make this clear and not to shrink, under the pretense of charity, from explaining the Church's censures. Wolves in sheep's clothing are dangerous, but worse are wolves in shepherd's clothing. While the evils foreseen eight years ago were realized, worse would come if those affronts to human dignity were endorsed again. In the most adverse prospect, God forbid, there might not be another free election, and soon Catholics would arrive at shuttered churches and vacant altars. The illusion of indifference cannot long be perpetuated by lame jokes and synthetic laughter at banquets, for there is handwriting on the wall."

VOTE CATHOLIC!

AROUND THE PARISH

07 NOV ... I.C. SENIORS

Join us in Serra Hall for bingo and lunch on Monday, Nov 07. Bingo is free; lunch is \$5 per person.

Bingo game starts at 11:00; lunch is served immediately following Bingo game.

08 NOV ... ELECTION DAY

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

11 NOV ... VETERANS DAY

The parish office and the gift shop will be open.

16 NOV ... OPEN HOUSE

St. Charles Borromeo Academy (SCBA) Open House is Wednesday Nov. 16, 5:30 to 7pm. Take an early sneak peak and join us for light refreshments and student led tours. RSVP online today. Visit us: SaintCharlesAcademy.com, learn more at vimeo.com/SCBASanDiego or call (619) 223-8271.

26 NOV ... Father Joe's Thanksgiving 5K Run

A perfect head start for the run: Mass at 6:30am Celebrated by Father Gil Gentile in the Plaza de Panama in Balboa Park

Register for the run online at www.neighbor.org Questions? Contact Savannah Evans at savannah.evans@neighbor.org or 619-446-2133

02 DEC ... Day of Recollection
Spiritual Preparation for Christmas Season

8am to 2pm...Day begins with Mass followed by Benediction and Recitation of the Rosary. (Confessions prior to Mass.) Presentations by Fr Richard Perozich on prayer, forming a good conscience and current issues in the Catholic Church. Continental breakfast and lunch.

Registration required. For more info, contact Sue Sullivan at (619) 886-1057 or the parish office.

 **2016 Baptism Schedule**

November 08 Class (Meet in the church)

November 13 Baptism

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

09 DEC ... Christmas Concert and Dinner

Concert in the church begins at 6:00 p.m. Music to be provided by Immaculate Conception Choir and the Trinitarian sisters.

Dinner in Serra Hall begins at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets go on sale November 13 ... \$30 per person.

Enjoy a prime rib dinner and great fellowship. No-host cocktails.

 

Immaculate Conception
FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

Angels are needed to help families for Thanksgiving and Christmas through Catholic Charities. Drop off the following *non-perishable* in Serra Hall after morning Masses on November 6th and November 13th before 12 noon for delivery November 14th.

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Cranberry Jelly or Sauce
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Boxed Stuffing
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Gravy
- Marshmallows
- Box of Brown Sugar
- Boxed Pie Crust
- Pumpkin Pie Filling



The Quarters & Cans Committee will provide grocery gift cards towards the purchase of a turkey.
God Bless. Quarters & Cans Committee

Remember to Support Our Advertisers

Our bulletin is an important way for us to communicate with you. The parish does not pay for the printing, saving us hundreds of dollars each year. The J.S. Paluch Company arranges for the bulletin to be supported through the generosity of the businesses that advertise on the back cover.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

October 30, 2016

Total Collection: \$4,671.47
Envelopes: \$3,410.00 Plate: \$1,261.47
Total contributing households: 77

5:15 Sat	\$ 448.00
8:30 Sun	\$1378.35
10:00 Sun	\$ 856.10
11:30 Sun	\$ 567.02
5:15 Sun	\$ 970.00
Mailed	\$ 452.00

EXPENSES

October 24-28, 2016

Cable/Internet	\$132.27
Gate Repairs	\$425.00
Music	\$850.00
Ministry Supplies	\$304.25
Payroll (incl. taxes)	\$3,427.97
Payroll Service	\$46.45
Pension	\$379.03
Property Tax	\$29.50

Total: \$ 5,594.47

Quarters & Cans: \$150.00

Missions (ytd): \$1674.00

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.)

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 _____

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<http://www.ic-sandiego.org/gift-shop>

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

48. “Most families have great respect for the elderly, surrounding them with affection and considering them a blessing. A special word of appreciation is due to those associations and family movements committed to serving the elderly, both spiritually and socially... In highly industrialized societies, where the number of elderly persons is growing even as the birth rate declines, they can be regarded as a burden. On the other hand, the care that they require often puts a strain on their loved ones”. “Care and concern for the final stages of life is all the more necessary today, when contemporary society at- tempts to remove every trace of death and dying. The elderly who are vulnerable and dependent are at times unfairly exploited simply for economic advantage. Many families show us that it is possible to approach the last stages of life by emphasizing the importance of a person’s sense of fulfillment and participation in the Lord’s paschal mystery. A great number of elderly people are cared for in Church institutions, where, materially and spiritually, they can live in a peaceful, family atmosphere. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are serious threats to families worldwide; in many countries, they have been legalized. The Church, while firmly opposing these practices, feels the need to assist families who take care of their elderly and infirm members”.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

NOVEMBER

06	Food for Families drop-off in the hall	
07	I.C. Seniors-Bingo & Lunch	11:00 AM
08	Baptism Class	7:00 PM
09	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
12	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
13	Food for Families drop-off in the hall	
	Parish Breakfast	8:30 AM
	Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
16	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
19	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
20	National Needs Special Collection	
22	Choir Practice (Note change of day)	6:00 PM
24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday	
	Parish Office and Serra Gifts Closed	

FROM FAMILIARIS CONSORTIO
- Pope John Paul II 1981

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

THE PLAN OF GOD FOR MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

Man, the Image of the God Who Is Love

... 13. Like each of the seven sacraments, so also marriage is a real symbol of the event of salvation, but in its own way. "The spouses participate in it as spouses, together, as a couple, so that the first and immediate effect of marriage (res et sacramentum) is not supernatural grace itself, but the Christian conjugal bond, a typically Christian communion of two persons because it represents the mystery of Christ's incarnation and the mystery of His covenant. The content of participation in Christ's life is also specific: conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter- appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, the unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility. In a word it is a question of the normal characteristics of all natural conjugal love, but with a new significance which not only purifies and strengthens them, but raises them to the extent of making them the expression of specifically Christian values."

LECTORS

The 2017 Workbook for Lectors is available in the sacristy for lectors to pick up.

Did you remember to turn back your clock?

Daylight savings ended this morning.

NEED BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, COMMUNION?

Family Catechesis for parents with their children 6 years and older and for adults who need sacraments continues on Nov. 13 in the parish hall at 9:45 am sharp, right after the 8:30 Mass. Call Fr. Perozich to register: 295-4141 x 11 or email pastor@ic-sandiego.org.

Chesterton told us that "Merely having an open mind is nothing. The object of opening the mind, as of opening the mouth, is to shut it again on something solid." In fact, the Catholic faith tells us to fix our eyes on the most solid matter of all: Jesus the Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Heb 13:8) — James Toner

MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR TIMES

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

He knew that the only way to transform the society, that is, to turn the society around to Christ and His Mystical Body, holy Church, is for individual Catholics to live their faith with complete integrity, also in the face of loneliness, ridicule, persecution, and even death.

In other words, if the Church in our day is to carry out its mission of evangelization of the world, then she must first be evangelized, she must first be purified of anything that is not of Christ Whom she is called to bring to the world, at every time and in every place. In his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, Pope Saint John Paul II addressed the need of a new evangelization of society, which must have its beginning with a new evangelization of the ecclesial community.

OUR NATIONAL IDOLATRY: A CONTEST OF COMPETING FAITHS

By Rev. Mark H. Creech

Tim Walter, in a sermon titled, *Filled with God's Grace and Power*, said, "Golden calves are built in every generation..."

We don't seem to see it that way. We mostly think of idolatry as something long abandoned to the past. But just as sure as the gods of the Egyptians, the Canaanites, the Babylonians, the Assyrians, and the Romans of yesteryear clashed with the bearers of true religion, it is no less true today.

Recently, we've witnessed an unprecedented assault on religious liberty. Not an assault on religion in general, but an attack on particular religious beliefs. Those who hold to traditional religious convictions are now to be punished.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a California law that requires pregnancy resource centers to promote abortion or face the wrath of the state.

In Iowa and left-leaning Massachusetts, churches have filed lawsuits challenging new transgender non-discrimination laws that require them to allow persons of the opposite sex to use a restroom, shower or locker room, opposite to their biological sex. The law singles out and penalizes these churches if they won't comply.

A Lay minister in Georgia, who filed a lawsuit on the grounds of religious discrimination after losing his job with the Georgia Department of Public Health, is now being compelled by the state's attorney general to hand over his sermons. His problems started after being hounded by LGBTQ activists for preaching what the Bible says about homosexuality.

The situation is appalling and leaves many Americans scratching their heads and wondering how we got to where we are – something they never thought they would see in their lifetimes.

In her book, *It's Dangerous to Believe: Religious Freedom and its Enemies*, Mary Eberstadt, explains our nation's descent into the abyss.

- "For more than a half century now, at least since the invention of the birth control pill, men and women of the West, especially secularists and progressives, have collectively assembled...an orthodoxy, thinkingly or no. In place of the Judeo-Christianity of yesterday, and mimicking its outlines to an uncanny degree, this new body of belief has by now a well-developed secular catechism. Its fundamental faith is that the sexual revolution, that is, the gradual destigmatization of all forms of consenting nonmarital sex, has been a boon to all humanity..."
- "It follows...that traditional moral codes represent systems of unjust repression. In the new dispensation, traditional restrictions and attitudes are viewed as judgmental, moralistic – even as forms of socially sanctioned aggression, especially against women and sexual minorities. In this profound and still-unfolding transvaluation, yesterday's 'sinners' have become the new secular saints; and yesterday's 'sins' have become virtues, as positive expressions of freedom..."
- "[I]mperatives are that whatever contributes to consenting sexual acts is an absolute good, and that anything interfering, or threatening to interfere, with them is ipso facto wrong..."
- "Note the absolutist character of these beliefs as they play out in practice. For example, it is precisely the sacrosanct, nonnegotiable status assigned to contraception and abortion that explains why –

despite historical protestations of wanting abortion to be 'safe, legal, and rare' – in practice, secularist progressivism defends each and every act of abortion tenaciously, each and every time...this new faith will not even draw the line at what is known as 'partial-birth' abortion..."

- "It is only if we understand the quasi-religious impulse behind the tenacity with which each and every abortion is defended that the otherwise puzzling, resolutely uncompromising character of the 'pro-choice' position makes sense..."
- "Christianity present, like Christianity past and Christianity to come, contends with many foes and countervailing forces. But its single most powerful enemy now is not the stuff of the philosophy of the common room. It is the sexual revolution – and the current absolutist defense of that revolution by its adherents and beneficiaries..."
- "The followers of this newfound code further accept as the equivalent of Holy Writ a canon of texts and doctrine – a body of literature and commentary that cannot be questioned without risk of excommunication...if you are against abortion, therefore you are anti-woman; if you believe in Christian teaching, therefore you hate people who endorse same-sex marriage'..."
- "Foundational to today's secularism/progressivism is the doctrine that the Pill and its back-up plan, abortion on demand, have liberated humanity – first, by freeing women from the chains of their fertility; and second, by having broken down the door to the fortress of traditional morality, after which one sexual minority after another has also been liberated. This, in a nutshell, is the new secularist faith, and in various influential quadrants, it is the culturally dominant narrative of our time..."
- "The so-called culture war, in other words, has not been conducted by people of religious faith on one side, and people of no faith on the other. It is instead a contest of competing faiths: one in the Good Book, and the other in the more newly written figurative book of secularistic orthodoxy about the sexual revolution."

Dr. Billy Graham has written, "When a nation turns from the true and living God of its Christian heritage, then it substitutes false gods."

This new secularist faith is in essence idolatry. Its face is as dark and bloody as Moloch of Israel's later days, demanding her children for sacrifice. It is as aberrant as the deities of ancient Rome and the licentious rites associated with them, referenced by the apostle Paul in Romans chapter one. Its objective is to overthrow traditional Christian teaching, making it subordinate to abortion and LGBTQ rights.

It is the war of the ages. It started in Genesis 3:5 when the serpent tempted Adam and Eve to reject God's sovereignty and be their own gods, and it ends with the declaration of Revelation 21:8, "Idolaters...shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."

No matter how much this idolatry advances, like all false gods, its destiny is the ash-heap of history.

God will spare from judgment the repentant. There's still time to turn to him and receive his grace and mercy in Christ.

Religious liberty cannot be separated from its Christian roots and survive. Moreover, religious liberty is at the heart of all other freedoms. It's still not too late to save freedom.