

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

05	8 AM	<i>Advent Weekday</i> †Lucien Pietrusa	RP
06	8AM	<i>St. Nicholas</i> Shirley Pearson Family, SI	RE
07	8 AM	<i>St. Ambrose</i> Rev. Ben Davison SI	RP
08	7 PM	†Conceição DaSilva	RP
	8 AM	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> †Conceição Virissimo	RP
09	7 PM	Gregory Dire, SI	RP
	8 AM	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i> †Elias Barajas	RP
10	8 AM	<i>St. Francis Xavier; BVM</i> †Pauline Skradski	RP
	5:15 PM	Sr. Constance Fitzgerald, SI	RP
11	8:30 AM	Ebbitt Family, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	†Phil Mages Amato	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RP
	5:15 PM	Hoffman Family, SI	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

DECEMBER: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

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

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

05	Rev. Fernando Maldonado Rosales
06	Rev. Reynaldo Manahan
07	Rev. Eduardo Manalac, SRC
08	Rev. Elmer Mandac
09	Rev. Herman Manuel, SVD
10	Rev. Victor Maristela
11	Rev. Ramón Marrufo

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:2-19; Mt 17:9-13
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6-10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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	



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. Morales,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	Gil Perez, US Navy
Lucario	Scott Walker, US Navy
Robert Clinton Long, MC2	

† 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

**BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,
THE HOLY ONE, THE SAVIOR**

FROM THE PASTOR

Saint Andrew of Crete, bishop

Let us say to Christ: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.* Let us wave before him like palm branches the words inscribed above him on the cross. Let us show him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under his feet like garments, so that entering with the whole of his being, he may draw the whole of our being into himself and place the whole of his in us. Let us say to Zion in the words of the prophet: *Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.*

He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; he is coming to achieve in you his work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid then: *God is in the midst of you, and you shall not be shaken.*

Receive him with open, outstretched hands, for it was on his own hands that he sketched you. Receive him who laid your foundations on the palms of his hands. Receive him who laid your foundations on the palms of his hands. Receive him, for he took upon himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is his. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. *Celebrate your feasts.* Glorify him for his mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly, daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. *Be enlightened, be enlightened,* we cry to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, *for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you.*

What kind of *light* is this? It is that which *enlightens every man coming into the world.* It is the everlasting light, the timeless light revealed in time, the light manifested in the flesh although hidden by nature, the light that shone round the shepherds and guided the Magi. It is the light that was in the world from the beginning, through which the world was made, yet the world did not know it. It is that light which came to its own, and its own people did not receive it.

And what is this *glory of the Lord*? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, he, the radiance of the Father's glory, even as he said when he faced his passion: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once.* The Glory of which he speaks here is his lifting up on the cross, for Christ's glory is his cross and his exaltation upon it, as he plainly says: *When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.*

**THE HEART OF THE JUST MAN WILL REJOICE
IN THE LORD**

Saint Augustine, bishop

The just man will rejoice in the Lord and put his hope in him; the hearts of all good men will be filled with joy. We must surely have sung these words with our hearts as well as with our voices. Indeed, the tongue of the Christian expresses his deepest feelings when it addresses such words to God. *The just man will rejoice,* not in the world, but *in the Lord.* *Light has dawned for the just,* Scripture says in another place, *and joy for the upright of heart.* Were you wondering what reason he has for joy? Here you are told: *The just man will rejoice in the Lord.* Another text runs: *Delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.*

What are we instructed to do then, and what are we enabled to do? To rejoice in the Lord. But who can rejoice in something he does not see? Am I suggesting that we see the Lord then? No, but we have been promised that we shall see him. *Now, as long as we are in the body, we walk by faith, for we are absent from the Lord. We walk by faith, and not by sight.* When will it be by sight? *Beloved,* says John, *we are now the sons of God; what we shall be has not yet been revealed, but we know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.* When this prophecy is fulfilled, then it will be by sight.

That will be the great joy, the supreme joy, joy in all its fullness. Then we shall no longer drink the milk of hope, but we shall feed on the reality itself. Nevertheless, even now, before that vision comes to us, or before we come to that vision, let us rejoice in the Lord; for it is no small reason for rejoicing to have a hope that will some day be fulfilled.

Therefore, since the hope we now have inspires love, *the just man rejoices,* Scripture says, *in the Lord;* but because he does not yet see, it immediately goes on the say, *and hopes in him.*

Yet already we have the first fruits of the Spirit, and have we not also other reasons for rejoicing? For we are drawing near to the one we love, and not only are we drawing near – we even have some slight feeling and taste of the banquet we shall one day eagerly eat and drink.

But how can we rejoice in the Lord if he is far from us? Pray God he may not be far. If he is, that is your doing. Love, and he will draw near; love, and he will dwell within you. *The Lord is at hand; have no anxiety.* Are you puzzled to know how it is that he will be with you if you love? *God is love.*

“What do you mean by love?” you will ask me. It is that which enables us to be loving. What do we love? A good that words cannot describe, a good that is for ever giving, a good that is the Creator of all good. Delight in him from whom you have received everything that delights you. But in that I do not include sin, for sin is the one thing that you do not receive from him. With that one exception, everything you have comes from him.

AROUND THE PARISH

04 DEC ... Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)

The AMS provides the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese, to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, and undergoing treatment at any of the 153 VA Medical Centers.

Special envelopes may be returned this weekend or next in the regular collection.

07 DEC ... ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE on Wed, Dec 7, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Celebrating 22 years, St. Joseph Academy High School is an affordable, WASC accredited, Catholic Classical (no common core) high school with a schoolwide SAT avg 1255, avg class size of 16 . Come see our beautiful 4-acre campus nestled in the hills of San Marcos and visit us at www.SaintJosephAcademy.org. Personal tours available anytime at (760) 305-8505.

08 DEC ... IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, Dec. 07 7:00 PM

Mass Schedule, Thursday, Dec. 08 8:00 AM and 7:00 pm

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. 

11 DEC ... AWESOME FABRICS ARTS PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

Unique gift items for home and for the holidays. Great hostess gifts! All made by talented members of the Awesome Fabric Arts Group of Immaculate Conception.

Enjoy breakfast in Serra Hall and do a little shopping.
Sale is from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADVENT

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Saturday, Dec. 24 5:15 p.m.

Christmas Sunday, Dec. 25 12:00 Midnight Mass
Mass: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. No 5:15 p.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary

Vigil Mass Saturday, Dec. 31 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 01 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 5:15 p.m. Mass





Immaculate Conception
FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM

Angels are needed to help families for Christmas through Catholic Charities.

Drop off the following *non-perishable* in Serra Hall after morning Masses on December 11 and December 18th before 12 noon for delivery December 19th.

- 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

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

Nov. 27, 2016

Total Collection: \$3,470.25
Envelopes: \$1,974.00 Plate: \$1,496.25
Total contributing households: 72

5:15 Sat	\$ 739.50
8:30 Sun	\$ 929.48
10:00 Sun	\$ 500.00
11:30 Sun	\$ 800.00
5:15 Sun	\$ 438.27
Mailed	\$ 63.00

National Needs: \$452.00
Building Fund: \$548.00

EXPENSES
 Nov. 21-25, 2016

Ministry Supplies	\$57.70
Music	\$825.00
Office/Hall Supplies	\$354.76
Payroll (incl. tax)	\$3,401.79
Payroll Service	\$46.45
Pension	\$375.45
Pest Control	\$110.00
Telephone	\$49.26
Water Utility	\$1,447.97

Total: \$6,668.38

11 DEC ... RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Your donation helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more for aging religious. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Special envelopes will be provided.

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

To register at the parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the basket or call the office at 295-4141.

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

Items now available for upcoming holiday season:

- Armed Forces Prayer Book*
- Marian Devotions*
- Nativity Sets*
- Hostess gifts*
- Jewelry*
- Stocking stuffers*

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

55. Men “play an equally decisive role in family life, particularly with regard to the protection and support of their wives and children... Many men are conscious of the importance of their role in the family and live their masculinity accordingly. The absence of a father gravely affects family life and the upbringing of children and their integration into society. This absence, which may be physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual, deprives children of a suitable father figure”.
56. Yet another challenge is posed by the various forms of an ideology of gender that “denies the difference and reciprocity in nature of a man and a woman and envisages a society without sexual differences, thereby eliminating the anthropological basis of the family. This ideology leads to educational programs and legislative enactments that promote a personal identity and emotional intimacy radically separated from the biological difference between male and female. Consequently, human identity becomes the choice of the individual, one which can also change over time”.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

DECEMBER

4	Collection for Archdiocese for the Military Services	
5	IC Seniors Luncheon with Christmas Program (no bingo)	11:00 AM
6	Choir Practice (note change of date)	6:00 PM
9	Christmas Concert Christmas Dinner	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
11	Retirement Fund for Religious Collection Parish Breakfast Awesome Fabrics Arts Sale Family Catechesis	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:45 AM
14	Choir Practice	6:00 PM

13 DEC ... STEVE BREEN PRESENTATION

The Young Catholic Professionals Speakers Series presents author and 2-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Steve Breen on Tuesday, Dec 13, 7:00 pm, Ascension Catholic Church, 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Come hear Steve's faith walk as a Catholic professional. All are welcome!

A GIFT FOR A LIFETIME

Make this Christmas one to remember. Consider providing a unique gift to someone special or in memory of a loved one.

Courtyard tiles are still available. Order forms may be picked up at the gift shop or the parish office. Proceeds benefit our parish church maintenance fund.

NEED BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, COMMUNION?

Family Catechesis for parents with their children 6 years and older and for adults who need sacraments continues on Dec. 11 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.

Thomas Sowell has said, "The charge is often made against the intelligentsia and other members of the anointed that their theories and the policies based on them lack common sense. But the very commonness of common sense makes it unlikely to have any appeal to the anointed. How can they be wiser and nobler than everyone else while agreeing with everyone else?"

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

Family, Become What You Are

17. The family finds in the plan of God the Creator and Redeemer not only its identity, what it is, but also its mission, what it can and should do. The role that God calls the family to perform in history derives from what the family is; its role represents the dynamic and existential development of what it is. Each family finds within itself a summons that cannot be ignored, and that specifies both its dignity and its responsibility: family, become what you are.

Accordingly, the family must go back to the "beginning" of God's creative act, if it is to attain self-knowledge and self-realization in accordance with the inner truth not only of what it is but also of what it does in history. And since in God's plan it has been established as an "intimate community of life and love,"^[44] the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is to say, a community of life and love, in an effort that will find fulfillment, as will everything created and redeemed, in the Kingdom of God. Looking at it in such a way as to reach its very roots, we must say that the essence and role of the family are in the final analysis specified by love. Hence the family has the mission to guard, reveal and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church His bride.

MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR TIMES

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

Faith in the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist had dramatically diminished, resulting also in a practically total loss of Eucharistic devotion. Sunday Mass was no longer seen as a serious obligation, under pain of mortal sin, and regular access to the Sacrament of Penance was abandoned by a great number of Catholics. A lack of formation in the virtues, and general confusion and error regarding the moral law was wreaking destruction and death in the lives of many individuals and of many families.

THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS*Eusebius of Caesarea*

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God." The prophecy makes clear that it is to be fulfilled, not in Jerusalem but in the wilderness: it is there that the glory of the Lord is to appear, and God's salvation is to be made known to all mankind.

It was in the wilderness that God's saving presence was proclaimed by John the Baptist, and there that God's salvation was seen. The words of this prophecy were fulfilled when Christ and his glory were made manifest to all: after his baptism the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove rested on him, and the Father's voice was heard, bearing witness to the Son: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

The prophecy meant that God was to come to a deserted place, inaccessible from the beginning. None of the pagans had any knowledge of God, since his holy servants and prophets were kept from approaching them. The voice commands that a way be prepared for the Word of God: the rough and trackless ground is to be made level, so that our God may find a highway when he comes. "Prepare the way of the Lord": the way is the preaching of the Gospel, the new message of consolation, ready to bring to all mankind the knowledge of God's saving power.

"Climb on a high mountain, bearer of good news to Zion. Lift up your voice in strength, bearer of good news to Jerusalem." These words harmonise very well with the meaning of what has gone before. They refer opportunely to the evangelists and proclaim the coming of God to men, after speaking of the voice crying in the wilderness. Mention of the evangelists suitably follows the prophecy on John the Baptist.

What does Zion mean if not the city previously called Jerusalem? This is the mountain referred to in that passage from Scripture: Here is mount Zion, where you dwelt. The Apostle says: You have come to mount Zion. Does not this refer to the company of the apostles, chosen from the former people of the circumcision?

This is the Zion, the Jerusalem, that received God's salvation. It stands aloft on the mountain of God, that is, it is raised high on the only-begotten Word of God. It is commanded to climb the high mountain and announce the word of salvation. Who is the bearer of the good news but the company of the evangelists? What does it mean to bear the good news but to preach to all nations, but first of all to the cities of Judah, the coming of Christ on earth?

GOD'S PROMISES ARE HELD OUT TO US BY HIS SON*Saint Augustine, bishop*

God established a time for his promises and a time for their fulfillment.

The time for promises was in the time of the prophets, until John the Baptist; from John until the end is the time of fulfillment.

God, who is faithful, put himself in our debt, not by receiving anything but by promising so much. A promise was not sufficient for him; he chose to commit himself in writing as well, as it were making a contract of his promises. He wanted us to be able to see the way in which his promises were redeemed when he began to discharge them. And so the time of the prophets was, as we have often said, the foretelling of the promises.

He promised eternal salvation, everlasting happiness with the angels, an immortal inheritance, endless glory, the joyful vision of his face, his holy dwelling in heaven, and after resurrection from the dead no further fear of dying. This is as it were his final promise, the goal of all our striving. When we reach it, we shall ask for nothing more. But as to the way in which we are to arrive at our final goal, he has revealed this also, by promise and prophecy.

He has promised men divinity, mortals immortality, sinners justification, the poor a rising to glory.

But, brethren, because God's promises seemed impossible to men - equality with the angels in exchange for mortality, corruption, poverty, weakness, dust and ashes - God not only made a written contract with men, to win their belief but also established a mediator of his good faith, not a prince or angel or archangel, but his only Son. He wanted, through his Son, to show us and give us the way he would lead us to the goal he has promised.

It was not enough for God to make his Son our guide to the way; he made him the way itself, that you might travel with him as leader, and by him as the way.

Therefore, the only Son of God was to come among men, to take the nature of men, and in this nature to be born as a man. He was to die, to rise again, to ascend into heaven, to sit at the right hand of the Father, and to fulfill his promises among the nations, and after that to come again, to exact now what he had asked for before, to separate those deserving his anger from those deserving his mercy, to execute his threats against the wicked, and to reward the just as he had promised.

All this had therefore to be prophesied, foretold, and impressed on us as an event in the future, in order that we might wait for it in faith, not find it a sudden and dreadful reality.