

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

12	8 AM	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> †Antonio Gonsalves	RP
13	8AM	<i>St. Lucy</i> Ignacio Rodriguez	RE
14	8 AM	<i>St. John of the Cross</i> †Javier Zamudio	RP
15	8 AM	<i>Advent Weekday</i> †Sylvia Valderrama	RP
16	8 AM	<i>Advent Weekday</i> Thomason Family, SI	RP
17	8 AM	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> †Martin Morris	RP
	5:15 PM	Gertrude Rivera, SI	RP
18	8:30 AM	†Joseph Daleo	RE
	10:00 AM	Avalos-Naungayan Family, SI	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RP
	5:15 PM	All Souls	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	Dcn. Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
PY	Antonio Morales, PY

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

12	Rev. Joseph Masar
13	Rev. Devadhasan Masillamony
14	Rev. Federico Masutti, FSSP
15	Rev. Basil Mattingly, OSB
16	Rev. Anthony May
17	Rev. Stephen McCall
18	Rev. Scott McColl

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 Jdt 13:18-9; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-13; Ps 34:2-23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45: 6-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-13; Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-8; Ps 67:2-8; Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2-10; Ps 72:1-17; Mt 1:1-17
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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. 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	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	Jesse Benitez
Jeannette Toczko	Margaret Kelly
José Teofilo Solorio	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
Arthur Wilbur Martinez	Robert Curry

**WOE TO THE SOUL THAT DOES NOT
HAVE CHRIST DWELLING IN IT**

FROM THE PASTOR

Saint Macarius, bishop

When God was displeased with the Jews, he delivered Jerusalem to the enemy, and they were conquered by those who hated them; there were no more sacrifices or feasts. Likewise angered at a soul who had broken his commands, God handed it over to its enemies, who corrupted and totally dishonored it. When a house has no master living in it, it becomes dark, vile and contemptible, choked with filth and disgusting refuse. So too is a soul which has lost its master, who once rejoiced there with his angels. This soul is darkened with sin, its desires are degraded, and it knows nothing but shame.

Woe to the path that is not walked on, or along which the voices of men are not heard, for then it becomes the haunt of wild animals. Woe to the soul if the Lord does not walk within it to banish with his voice the spiritual beasts of sin. Woe to the house where no master dwells, to the field where no farmer works, to the pilotless ship, storm-tossed and sinking. Woe to the soul without Christ as its true pilot; drifting in the darkness, buffeted by the waves of passion, storm-tossed at the mercy of evil spirits, its end is destruction. Woe to the soul that does not have Christ to cultivate it with care to produce the good fruit of the Holy Spirit. Left to itself, it is choked with thorns and thistles; instead of fruit it produces only what is fit for burning. Woe to the soul that does not have Christ dwelling in it; deserted and foul with the filth of the passions, it becomes a haven for all the vices.

When a farmer prepares to till the soil he must put on clothing and use tools that are suitable. So Christ, our heavenly king, came to till the soil of mankind devastated by sin. He assumed a body and, using the cross as his plowshare, cultivated the barren soul of man. He removed the thorns and thistles which are the evil spirits and pulled up the weeds of sin. Into the fire he cast the straw of wickedness. And when he had plowed the soul with the wood of the cross, he planted in it a most lovely garden of the Spirit, that could produce for its Lord and God the sweetest and most pleasant fruit of every kind.

**IF WE ARE SHEEP, WE OVERCOME, IF
WOLVES, WE ARE OVERCOME**

Saint John Chrysostom, bishop

As long as we are sheep, we overcome and, though surrounded by countless wolves, we emerge victorious; but if we turn into wolves, we are overcome, for we lose the shepherd's help. He, after all, feeds the sheep not wolves, and will abandon you if you do not let him show his power in you.

What he says is this: "Do not be upset that, as I send you out among the wolves, I bid you be as sheep and doves. I could have managed things quite differently and sent you, not to suffer evil nor to yield like sheep to the wolves, but to be fiercer than lions. But the way I have chosen is right. It will bring you greater praise and at the same time manifest my power." That is what he told Paul: *My grace is enough for you, for in weakness my power is made perfect.* "I intend," he says, "to deal the same way with you." For, when he says, *I am sending you out like sheep*, he implies: "But do not therefore lose heart, for I know and am certain that no one will be able to overcome you."


The Lord, however, does want them to contribute something, lest everything seem to be the work of grace, and they seem to win their reward without deserving it. Therefore he adds: *You must be clever as snakes and innocent as doves.* But, they may object, what good is our cleverness amid so many dangers? How can we be clever when tossed about by so many waves? However great the cleverness of the sheep as he stands among the wolves - so may wolves! - what can it accomplish? However great the innocence of the dove, what good does it do him, with so many hawks swooping upon him? To all this I say: Cleverness and innocence admittedly do these irrational creatures no good, but they can help you greatly.

What cleverness is the Lord requiring here? The cleverness of a snake. A snake will surrender everything and will put up no great resistance even if its body is being cut in pieces, provided it can save its head. So you, the Lord is saying, must surrender everything but your faith: money, body, even life itself. For faith is the head and the root; keep that, and though you lose all else, you will get it back in abundance. The Lord therefore counseled the disciples to be not simply clever or innocent; rather he joined the two qualities so that they become a genuine virtue. He insisted on the cleverness of the snake so that deadly wounds might be avoided, and he insisted on the innocence of the dove so that revenge might not be taken on those who injure or lay traps for you. Cleverness is useless without innocence.

Do not believe that this precept is beyond your power. More than anyone else, the Lord knows the true natures of created things; he knows that moderation, not a fierce defense, beats back a fierce attack.


AROUND THE PARISH

Thank You...



Special thanks to the Immaculate Conception Choir, under the direction of Marsha Long, and to the Trinitarian sisters for the beautiful music provided at the Christmas Concert on December 9.

Special thanks to Sue Sullivan and her committee of volunteers who helped to make the Christmas Dinner a success. We also thank our benefactor who underwrote the the event.



Linda Acuna
Frankie Diaz
Teri Milbauer
Bayardo Murguia
Carole Pietras
Penny Sampo
Bob Sullivan
Marie Wagner
Marie Whitman

**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.

**11 DEC ... RETIREMENT FUND FOR
RELIGIOUS SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Your donation helps furnish nursing care, medications, and more for aging religious. Please support this week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime. Special envelopes will be provided.

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!

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 Mass at 5:15 p.m.**



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 and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord.

Dec. 04, 2016

Total Collection: \$4,522.51
Envelopes: \$3,339.00 Plate: \$1,183.51,
Total contributing households: 85

5:15 Sat	\$ 983.00
8:30 Sun	\$1008.92
10:00 Sun	\$1337.55
11:30 Sun	\$ 173.54
5:15 Sun	\$ 688.00
Mailed	\$ 331.50

EXPENSES

Nov. 28-Dec. 02, 2016

Cable/Internet	\$132.58
Copier Lease	\$291.81
Diocesan Tax	\$2395.25
Health Insurance	\$1530.58
Music	\$625.00
Office/HallSupplies	\$403.83
Supply Priests	\$1325.00
Waste Disposal	\$297.20
Workers Comp	\$107.47

Total: \$7,108.72

Credit Cards Welcome!

Immaculate Conception now accepts credit cards for tile donations, weddings, baptisms, Mass intentions, etc.

Please visit the parish office during regular business hours.

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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 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

57. I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfill their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems. The situations that concern us are challenges. We should not be trapped into wasting our energy in doleful laments, but rather seek new forms of missionary creativity. In every situation that presents itself, "the Church is conscious of the need to offer a word of truth and hope... The great values of marriage and the Christian family correspond to a yearning that is part and parcel of human existence". If we see any number of problems, these should be, as the Bishops of Colombia have said, a summons to "revive our hope and to make it the source of prophetic vi- sions, transformative actions and creative forms of charity".

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

DECEMBER

11 Retirement Fund for Religious Collection	
Parish Breakfast	8:30 AM
Awesome Fabrics Arts Sale	9:00 AM
Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
14 Choir Practice	6:00 PM
17 Quilting Group	9:30 AM
18 Quarters & Cans Sunday	
21 Choir Practice	6:00 PM
24 Quilting Group -- No meeting	
25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	
See page 4 for Mass Schedule.	
26 Christmas Holiday Observed	
Parish Office and Gift Shop closed	
28 Choir Practice	6:00 PM
31 Quilting Group	9:30 AM

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," 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.

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.

I asked God, "Why are you taking me through troubled water?"

He replied, "Because your enemies can't swim."

Sober Origins

**MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR
TIMES**

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

Parents and even parish priests no longer saw catechesis as their principal responsibility toward children. As a result, many children and young people were going down a path of sin and moral corruption without anyone correcting them or showing them the way of Christ, the way of truth and love.

The only effective means to address the gravity of the situation threatening the present and future of our society, Father Hardon reminded us, is God, Who "put us here at this time and place knowing full well the gravity of our times" and His grace which "is available in superabundance."

**LET US SING ALLELUIA TO THE
GOOD GOD WHO DELIVERS US
FROM EVIL**

Saint Augustine, bishop

Let us sing alleluia here on earth, while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in heaven in full security. Why do we now live in anxiety? Can you expect me not to feel anxious when I read: *Is not man's life on earth a time of trial?* Can you expect me not to feel anxious when the words still ring in my ears: *Watch and pray that you will not be put to the test?* Can you expect me not to feel anxious when there are so many temptations here below that prayer itself reminds us of them, when we say: *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us?* Every day we make out petitions, every day we sin. Do you want me to feel secure when I am daily asking pardon for my sins, and requesting help in time of trial? Because of my past sins I pray: *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,* and then, because of the perils still before me, I immediately go on to add: *Lead us not into temptation.* How can all be well with people who are crying out with me: *Deliver us from evil?* And yet, brothers, while we are still in the midst of this evil, let us sing alleluia to the good God who delivers us from evil.

Even here amidst trials and temptations let us, let all men, sing alleluia. *God is faithful,* says holy Scripture, *and he will not allow you to be tried beyond your strength.* So let us sing alleluia, even here on earth. Man is still a debtor, but God is faithful. Scripture does not say that he will not allow you to be tried, but that *he will not allow you to be tried beyond your strength.* Whatever the trial, he will see you through it safely, and so enable you to endure. You have entered upon a time of trial but you will come to no harm - God's help will bring you through it safely. You

are like a piece of pottery, shaped by instruction, fired by tribulation. When you are put into the oven therefore, keep your thoughts on the time when you will be taken out again; for God is faithful, and *he will guard both your going in and your coming out.*

But in the next life, when this body of ours has become immortal and incorruptible, then all trials will be over. *Your body is indeed dead, and why? Because of sin.* Nevertheless, *your spirit lives, because you have been justified.* Are we to leave our dead bodies behind then? By no means. Listen to the words of holy Scripture: *If the Spirit of him who raised Christ from the dead dwells within you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your own mortal bodies.* At present your body receives its life from the soul, but then it will receive it from the Spirit.

O the happiness of the heavenly alleluia, sung in security, in fear of no adversity! We shall have no enemies in heaven, we shall never lose a friend. God's praises are sung both there and here, but here they are sung by those destined to die, there, by those destined to live for ever; here they are sung in hope, there, in hope's fulfillment; here they are sung by wayfarers, there, by those living in their own country.

So, then, my brothers, let us sing now, not in order to enjoy a life of leisure, but in order to lighten our labors. You should sing as wayfarers do - sing, but continue your journey. Do not be lazy, but sing to make your journey more enjoyable. Sing, but keep going. What do I mean by keep going? Keep on making progress. This progress, however, must be in virtue; for there are some, the Apostle warns, whose only progress is in vice. If you make progress, you will be continuing your journey, but be sure that your progress is in virtue, true faith and right living. Sing then, but keep going.