

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

19	8 AM	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> †Donald McMahon	RP
20	8AM	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> Gonzalez-Eacobellis Family, SI	RE
21	8 AM	<i>St. Peter Canisius</i> †Martin Morris	RP
22	8 AM	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> †Margaret Sampson	RP
23	8 AM	<i>St. John of Kanty</i> Nolan Saline, SI	RP
24	8 AM	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> †Nora Bate	RP
	5:15 PM	Albert Rivera	RP
25	12:00 AM	†Matt Monahan	RP
	8:30 AM	Ebbitt Family, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	†Flavia Resende	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	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

19	Rev. Michael McFadden, OSA
20	Rev. Peter McGuine
21	Rev. Edward McNulty
22	Rev. Edward McGuinness
23	Rev. Carlos Medina
24	Rev. Mark Menegatti, OSA
25	Rev. Christopher Merris

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Jgs 13:2--25; Ps 71:3-4-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18; Ps 33:2-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1-8; Lk 1:46-56
 Friday: Mal 3:1-34; Ps 25:4-14; Lk 1:57-66
 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-29; Acts 13:16-25; Mt 1:1-25

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



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,
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.

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
Arthur Wilbur Martinez	Robert F. Curry
Jesse Benitez	Jean Miller

THE VOICE IS JOHN, THE WORD IS CHRIST

FROM THE PASTOR

*Saint Augustine,
bishop*

John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was *in the beginning*. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives for ever.

Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is no understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart.

However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find a place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: *The word ought to grow, and I should diminish?* The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: *My joy is complete*. Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

Do you need proof that the voice passes away but the divine Word remains? Where is John's baptism today? It served its purpose, and it went away. Now it is

Christ's baptism that we celebrate. It is in Christ that we all believe; we hope for salvation in him. This is the message the voice cried out.

Because it is hard to distinguish word from voice, even John himself was thought to be the Christ. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what it was, anxious not to give offense to the word. *I am not the Christ, he said, nor Elijah, nor the prophet*. And the question came: *Who are you, then?* He replied: *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord*.


The voice of one crying in the wilderness is the voice of one breaking the silence. Prepare the way for the Lord, he says, as though he were saying: "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him."

To prepare the way means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory.

If he had said, "I am the Christ," you can imagine how readily he would have been believed, since they believed he was the Christ even before he spoke. But he did not say it; he acknowledged what he was. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself.

He saw where his salvation lay. He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.

AROUND THE PARISH



2017 Baptism Schedule

January 10	Class
January 15	Baptism

Class is held in Serra Hall.

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.

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.

13-15 JAN ... AFTER-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

... (or Catholic-friendly) given by Rachel's Hope on Jan 13-15, 2017. Professionally led. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Closing Mass included. Group Size limited. Cost \$45; partial scholarships available. Confidentiality maintained. Limited housing available. For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022. Visit us on our website: www.RachelsHope.org

2016 Donations

Letters will be mailed out at the end of January 2017 for donations totaling \$250 or more for the 2016 calendar year. If you have moved or if you prefer to have the letter sent via email, please contact Connie at the parish office at 619-295-4141 or parish@ic-sandiego.org.

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. 11, 2016

Total Collection: \$6,066.94
Envelopes: \$4,956.00 Plate: \$1,110.94
Total contributing households: 100

5:15 Sat	\$ 660.01
8:30 Sun	\$1201.20
10:00 Sun	\$1285.00
11:30 Sun	\$ 245.95
5:15 Sun	\$1549.78
Mailed	\$1125.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$157.00

EXPENSES

Dec. 05- 09, 2016

Maintenance Supplies	\$152.10
Music	\$850.00
Office/HallSupplies	\$ 95.12
Payroll (incl. tax)	\$3405.20
Payroll Service	\$46.45
Pension	\$379.09
Telephone	\$209.77

TOTAL: \$5,137.64
Total: \$ 1,192.95

Serra Gifts...

**Street Level of
Fr. Serra Hall
619-297-3426**



Open 7 days a week
 Monday - Friday 9:30 -4:00
 Saturday 10:00 to 4:00
 Sunday 9:30 to 3:00

Items now available for upcoming holiday season:

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

AMORIS LÆTITIA

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

59. Our teaching on marriage and the family cannot fail to be inspired and transformed by this message of love and tenderness; otherwise, it becomes nothing more than the defense of a dry and lifeless doctrine. The mystery of the Christian family can be fully understood only in the light of the Father’s infinite love revealed in Christ, who gave himself up for our sake and who continues to dwell in our midst. I now wish to turn my gaze to the living Christ, who is at the heart of so many love stories, and to invoke the fire of the Spirit upon all the world’s families.

60. This brief chapter, then, will summarize the Church’s teaching on marriage and the family. Here too I will mention what the Synod Fathers had to say about the light offered by our faith. They began with the gaze of Jesus and they spoke of how he “looked upon the women and men whom he met with love and tenderness, accompanying their steps in truth, patience and mercy as he proclaimed the demands of the Kingdom of God”. The Lord is also with us today, as we seek to practice and pass on the Gospel of the family.

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 _____

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

DECEMBER

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 -- No meeting	

JANUARY

02	New Year's Day Holiday Observed Parish Office and Gift Shop closed	
04	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
07	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
08	Parish Breakfast Family Catechesis	8:30 AM 9:45 AM
09	I.C. Seniors Bingo & Lunch	11:00 AM
11	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
14	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*

I - FORMING A COMMUNITY OF PERSONS

Love as the Principle and Power of Communion

18. The family, which is founded and given life by love, is a community of persons: of husband and wife, of parents and children, of relatives. Its first task is to live with fidelity the reality of communion in a constant effort to develop an authentic community of persons.

The inner principle of that task, its permanent power and its final goal is love: without love the family is not a community of persons and, in the same way, without love the family cannot live, grow and perfect itself as a community of persons. What I wrote in the Encyclical *Redemptor hominis* applies primarily and especially within the family as such: "Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it."

The love between husband and wife and, in a derivatory and broader way, the love between members of the same family-between parents and children, brothers and sisters and relatives and members of the household-is given life and sustenance by an unceasing inner dynamism leading the family to ever deeper and more intense communion, which is the foundation and soul of the community of marriage and the family.

**NEED BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION,
COMMUNION?**

Family Catechesis for parents with their children 6 years and older and for adults who need sacraments continues on January 08 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.

Any serious look at the history of human beings over the millennia shows that the species began in poverty. It is not poverty, but prosperity, that needs explaining. Poverty is automatic, but prosperity requires many things -- none of which is equally distributed around the world or even within a given society.

—Thomas Sowell

**MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR
TIMES**

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

As Father Hardon observed, engaging in the apostolate of catechesis does not require a Catholic to "leave [his] profession, quit [his] job, or move to a new location," but to devote himself to the spiritual and doctrinal formation required of one called to witness to the faith in our time. He reminded the reader of how the first Christians nourished themselves through frequent reception of Holy Communion and through their meetings in the catacombs, which constituted a kind of school for them "to gain the knowledge and build the cunning and the zeal to win souls for Christ."

TRUTH HAS ARISEN FROM THE EARTH, AND JUSTICE LOOKED DOWN FROM HEAVEN

Saint Augustine, bishop

Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. *Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you.* I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.

You would have suffered eternal death, had he not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had he not taken on himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for this mercy. You would never have returned to life, had he not shared your death. You would have been lost if he had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished, had he not come.

Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time.

He has become our justice, our sanctification, our redemption, so that, as it is written: Let him who glories glory in the Lord.

Truth, then, has arisen from the earth: Christ who said, *I am the Truth*, was born of a virgin. *And justice looked down from heaven:* because believing in this new-born child, man is justified not by himself but by God.

Truth has arisen from the earth: because *the Word was made flesh.* *And justice looked down from heaven:* because *every good gift and every perfect gift and every perfect gift is from above.*

Truth has arisen from the earth: flesh from Mary. *And justice looked down from heaven:* for man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

Justified by faith, let us be at peace with God: for justice and peace have embraced one another. through our Lord Jesus Christ: for Truth has arisen from the earth. Through whom we have access to that grace in which we stand, and our boast is in our hope of God's glory. He does not say: "of our glory," but of God's glory: for justice has not proceeded from us but has looked down from heaven. Therefore he who glories, let him glory, not in himself, but in the Lord.

For this reason, when our Lord was born of the Virgin, the message of the angelic voices was: *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

For how could there be peace on earth unless *Truth has arisen from the earth*, that is, unless Christ, were born of our flesh? And *he is our peace who made the two into one:* that we might be men of good will, sweetly linked by the bond of unity.

Let us then rejoice in this grace, so that our glorying may bear witness to our good conscience by which we glory, not in ourselves, but in the Lord. That is why Scripture says: *He is my glory, the one who lifts up my head.* For what greater grace could God have made to dawn on us than to make his only Son become the son of man, so that a son of man might in his turn become the son of God?

Ask if this were merited; ask for its reason, for its justification, and see whether you will find any other answer but sheer grace.