

The Catholic Church of the  
**Immaculate Conception**

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**JANUARY 1, 2017**

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**Parish Office Hours**

Monday: Noon to 4:00 pm

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass:** Monday - Saturday at 8:00 am

**First Friday Mass & Devotion:** 8:00 am

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30 AM, 5:15 P.M.

**Holy Day Masses:** 8 A.M., 7:00 P.M.

**Penance:** For daily Mass goes 7:30 AM. For Parish on Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

**Baptisms & RCIA:** *By appointment only.* Please email Deacon Fitzmorris at [rfitzmor@sdcatholic.org](mailto:rfitzmor@sdcatholic.org).

**Weddings:** By appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact the office

**Funerals:** *For arrangements, please call the parish office.*



**History of Immaculate Conception Parish**

It was here in Old Town that Saint Junípero Serra celebrated his First Holy Mass in California on July 2, 1769, near the site of the present Immaculate Conception Church, and it was on the hill overlooking Old Town that he planted the cross which marked the site of the Mission and the Presidio.

In 1849, the first parish church was established in Old Town with the name of Immaculate Conception and was dedicated in 1858. It still stands and is known as the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. The cornerstone to the present Immaculate Conception Church was laid in 1868 under the direction of Father Antonio Ubach. With the population swing toward the south, it was not until July 6, 1919, that the church was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

## WE PRAY

### MASS INTENTIONS

02	8 AM	<i>Ss. Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</i>	RP
		In thanksgiving to St. Anthony	
03	8AM	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	RE
		†Dale Pearson	
04	8 AM	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	RP
		Patricia Werner, SI	
05	8 AM	<i>St. John Neumann</i>	RP
		†James DiEdoardo	
06	8 AM	<i>St. André Bessette</i>	RP
		In thanksgiving o St. Jude	
07	8 AM	<i>St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>	RP
		†Helen Smith Driscoll	
	5:15 PM	†Carmen & Ted Silva	RP
08	8:30 AM	†Manuel Gonsalves	RP
	10:00 AM	†Joseph & Margaret M. Werner	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	Rev. Richard Perozich, SI	RP

### APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

#### JANUARY: Intentions of the Holy Father

**Christian Unity:** That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

### 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

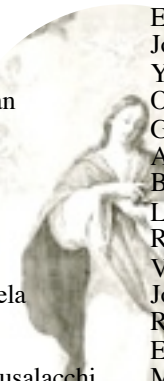
02	Bishop Robert McElroy
03	Bishop Robert Brom
04	Bishop Gilbert Chavez
05	Rev. William Mooney
06	Rev. Cecilio Moraga
07	Rev. Alfredo Moreno
08	Rev. Jorge Moreno

### PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a  
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-13; Eph 3:2-6; Mt 2:1-12

### PRAY FOR HEALING

*Jesus we ask you to bring your peace and healing touch to those who are ill afraid or worried. Amen*

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

*Jesus protect all who serve our country.*

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

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

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

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**THE WORD TOOK  
OUR NATURE FROM  
MARY**

The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, says the Apostle, and so had to be like his brothers in all things. He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake. Scripture records her giving birth, and says: She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born in you" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born from you," so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

By taking our nature and offering it in sacrifice, the Word was to destroy it completely and then invest it with his own nature, and so prompt the Apostle to say: This corruptible body must put on incorruption; this mortal body must put on immortality.

This was not done in outward show only, as some have imagined. This is not so. Our Savior truly became man, and from this has followed the salvation of man as a whole. Our salvation is in no way fictitious, nor does it apply only to the body. The salvation of the whole man, that is, of soul and body, has really been achieved in the Word himself.

What was born of Mary was therefore human by nature, in accordance with the inspired Scriptures, and the body of the Lord was a true body: It was a true body because it was the same as ours. Mary, you see, is our sister, for we are all born from Adam.

The words of St John, the Word was made flesh, bear the same meaning, as we may see from a similar turn of phrase in St Paul: Christ was made a curse for our sake. Man's body has acquired something great through its communion and union with the Word. From being mortal it has become immortal; though it was a living body it has become a spiritual one; though it was made from the earth it has passed through the gates of heaven.

Even when the Word takes a body from Mary, the Trinity remains a Trinity, with neither increase nor decrease. It is for ever perfect. In the Trinity we acknowledge one Godhead, and thus one God, the Father of the Word, is proclaimed in the Church.

From an address by Pope Paul VI

*Nazareth, a model*

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even

to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.


First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children – and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value – demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well being.

## AROUND THE PARISH



**2017 Baptism Schedule**

<b>January 10</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>Baptism</b>

Class is held in Serra Hall

**A GIFT FOR A LIFETIME**

It's never too late... 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.

**08 JAN ...Parish Pancake Breakfast**

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with all the fixings, including coffee and orange juice.

Breakfast is served after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. Only \$5 per person. Plan to join fellow parishioners & get reacquainted for the new year.

**REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE**

Complaints about sexual abuse by a member of the clergy or by a parish or Catholic school employee or volunteer can be made by contacting Lisa Petronis, 858-490-8353 or at [www.sd catholic.org](http://www.sd catholic.org).

**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](http://www.RachelsHope.org)

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

--James Field,  
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**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.

**2016 Donations**

Letters substantiating tax-deductible donations to Immaculate Conception Church will be mailed out at the end of January 2017. Letters will be mailed out to individuals or families whose donations totaled \$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](mailto:parish@ic-sandiego.org).

**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. 25, 2016**

**Due to publication deadlines, we were unable to report collections for the weekend of December 24-25, 2016.**

**EXPENSES**

Dec. 19-23, 2016

Gas & Electric	\$1,246.43
Music	\$200.00
Payroll (incl. taxes)	\$3,440.13
Payroll Service	\$61.45
Pension	\$382.37
Pest Control	\$110.00
Telephone	\$25.50

**Total: \$5,465.88**

*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

**New Year--New Items**

- Armed Forces Prayer Book*
- Marian Devotions*
- Hostess gifts*
- Jewelry*
- Wall plaques*
- Novena Prayer Books*
- Prayer Cards*
- Religious Music CDs*

**Monday, January 02 ...**

**In observance of the New Year's Holiday,  
the parish office and the gift shop will be closed.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

63. "Jesus, who reconciled all things in himself, restored marriage and the family to their original form (cf. *Mt* 10:1-12). Marriage and the family have been redeemed by Christ (cf. *Eph* 5:21-32) and restored in the image of the Holy Trinity, the mystery from which all true love flows. The spousal covenant, originating in creation and revealed in the history of salvation, takes on its full meaning in Christ and his Church. Through his Church, Christ bestows on marriage and the family the grace necessary to bear witness to the love of God and to live the life of communion. The Gospel of the family spans the history of the world, from the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God (cf. *Gen* 1:26-27), to the fulfillment of the mystery of the covenant in Christ at the end of time with the marriage of the Lamb (cf. *Rev* 19:9)". 64. "The example of Jesus is a paradigm for the Church... He began his public ministry with the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana (cf. *Jn* 2:1-11). He shared in everyday moments of friendship with the family of Lazarus and his sisters (cf. *Lk* 10:38) and with the family of Peter (cf. *Mk* 8:14). He sympathized with grieving parents and restored their children to life (cf. *Mk* 5:41; *Lk* 7:14-15). In this way he demonstrated the true meaning of mercy, which entails the restoration of the covenant (cf. John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 4). This is clear from his conversations with the Samaritan woman (cf. *Jn* 1:4-30) and with the woman found in adultery (cf. *Jn* 8:1- 11), where the consciousness of sin is awakened by an encounter with Jesus' gratuitous love".

**PARISH & COMMUNITY**

**Parish Calendar**

**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
18	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
21	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
22	Building Fund Collection Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
25	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
28	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**

*The Indivisible Unity of Conjugal Communion*

19. The first communion is the one which is established and which develops between husband and wife: by virtue of the covenant of married life, the man and woman "are no longer two but one flesh" and they are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving.

This conjugal communion sinks its roots in the natural complementarity that exists between man and woman, and is nurtured through the personal willingness of the spouses to share their entire life-project, what they have and what they are: for this reason such communion is the fruit and the sign of a profoundly human need. But in the Lord Christ God takes up this human need, confirms it, purifies it and elevates it, leading it to perfection through the sacrament of matrimony: the Holy Spirit who is poured out in the sacramental celebration offers Christian couples the gift of a new communion of love that is the living and real image of that unique unity which makes of the Church the indivisible Mystical Body of the Lord Jesus. The gift of the Spirit is a commandment of life for Christian spouses and at the same time a stimulating impulse so that every day they may progress towards an ever richer union with each other on all levels- of the body, of the character, of the heart, of the intelligence and will, of the soul-revealing in this way to the Church and to the world the new communion of love, given by the grace of Christ.

**2017 Catholic Calendar**

Parishioners may pick up their 2017 calendar in the hall after Mass -- one per household please.

**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](mailto:pastor@ic-sandiego.org).

Ideology is impatient, unkind, envious, vain; obnoxious, self-seeking, touchy; believing the worst, rejoicing in iniquity; seething against the truth, tolerating nothing; restless, without real faith or hope in God.

*Anthony Esolen*

**MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR TIMES**

*His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke*

The witness of catechesis in the home, while traveling, at work, doing business, exercising a profession, in whatever arena of human endeavor a Catholic is involved, is a preeminent form of the witness which Catholics are called to give at all times, especially in the critical times in which we live. The constant witness, of which catechesis is a most important form, involves martyrdom, as the Servant of God frequently reminded us.

*St. Bernard, abbot*

**IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME, THE  
FULLNESS OF DIVINITY  
APPEARED.**

*The kindness and love of God our savior for mankind were revealed.* Thanks be to God, through whom we receive such abundant consolation in this pilgrimage, this exile, this distress.

Before his humanity appeared, his kindness lay concealed. Of course it was already in existence, because the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, but how could men know it was so great? It was promised but not yet experienced: hence many did not believe in it. *At various times and in various different ways, God spoke through the prophets, saying I know the plans I have in mind for you: plans for peace, not disaster.*

What reply did man make, man who felt the affliction, and knew nothing of peace? ‘How long will you keep saying “Peace, peace” when there is no peace?’ And so *the angels of peace weep bitterly saying Lord, who has believed our report?*

But now at last let men believe their own eyes, because *all God’s promises are to be trusted.* So that it cannot escape the notice of even troubled eyes, *He has set up his tabernacle in the sun.* Behold, peace is no longer promised, but conferred; no longer delayed, but given; no longer predicted, but bestowed. Behold, God has sent down to earth a bag bulging with his mercy, a bag that, at the passion, is torn open so that our ransom pours out of it onto us. A small bag, perhaps, but a full one: for it was a small child that was given to us, but in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead.

After the fullness of time had come, there came too the fullness of the Godhead. He came in the flesh, so that at least he might make himself manifest to our earthly minds, so that when this humanity of his appeared, his kindness might also be acknowledged. Where the humanity of God appears, his kindness can no longer be hidden. In what way, indeed, could he have better commended his kindness than by assuming my flesh? My flesh, that is, not Adam’s, as it was before the fall.

What greater proof could he have given of his mercy than by taking upon himself that very thing which needed mercy? Where is there such perfect loving-kindness as in the fact that for our sake the Word of God became perishable like the grass? *Lord, what is man, that you make much of him or pay him any heed?*

Let man infer from this how much God cares for him. Let him know from this what God thinks of him, what he feels about him. Man, do not ask about your own sufferings; but about what God suffered. Learn from what he was made for you, how much he makes of you, so that his kindness may show itself to you from his humanity.

The lesser he has made himself in his humanity, the greater has he shown himself in kindness. The more he humbles himself on my account, the more powerfully he engages my love. *The kindness and humanity of God our Savior appeared* says St Paul. The humanity of God shows the greatness of his kindness, and he who added humanity to the name of God gave great proof of this kindness.