

The Catholic Church of the  
**Immaculate Conception**

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**JANUARY 8, 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

09	8 AM	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> Mr. & Mr. Wayne Tompkins, SI	MT
10	8AM	<b>Weekday</b> †George Driscoll, Sr.	RE
11	8 AM	<b>Weekday</b> †David L. Kassebaum	MT
12	8 AM	<b>Weekday</b> †Veronica Altermatt	MT
13	8 AM	<b>St. Hilary</b> Mike Inacio Family, SI	MT
14	8 AM	<b>Weekday; BVM</b> Harry Welch, SI	MT
	5:15 PM	†Carol Scherer	MT
15	8:30 AM	Katherine Gilcrist, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	Terry Pender, SI	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	MT
	5:15 PM	Roger Bernardo Ibarra, SI	MT

### 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

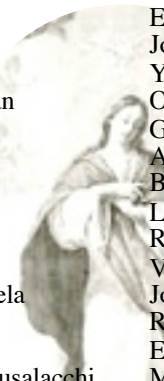
09	Rev. Patrick Mulcahy
10	Rev. Msgr. Patrick Mullarkey
11	Very Rev. Kevin Mullins, OSA
12	Rev. José Luis Muro
13	Rev. Michael Murphy
14	Rev. Patrick Murphy
15	Rev. John Bosco Musinguzi

### PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 42:1-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-10; Mt 3:13-17  
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2-9; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: Heb 4:1-11; Ps 78:3-8; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: Is 49:3-6; Ps 40:2-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

### 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.*

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 Marie Rita Dubler
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## THE MYSTERY OF OUR RECONCILIATION WITH GOD

### FROM THE PASTOR

*Saint Leo the Great, pope*

To speak of our Lord, the son of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as true and perfect man is of no value to us if we do not believe that he is descended from the line of ancestors set out in the Gospel.

Matthew's gospel begins by setting out *the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham*, and then traces his human descent by bringing his ancestral line down to his mother's husband, Joseph. On the other hand, Luke traces his parentage backward step by step to the actual father of mankind, to show that both the first and the last Adam share the same nature.

No doubt the Son of God in his omnipotence could have taught and sanctified men by appearing to them in a semblance of human form as he did to the patriarchs and prophets, when for instance he engaged in a wrestling contest or entered into conversation with them, or when he accepted their hospitality and even ate the food they set before him. But these appearances were only types, signs that mysteriously foretold the coming of one who would take a true human nature from the stock of the patriarchs who had gone before him. No mere figure, then, fulfilled the mystery of our reconciliation with God, ordained from all eternity. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon the Virgin nor had the power of the Most High overshadowed her, so that within her spotless womb Wisdom might build itself a house and the Word become flesh. The divine nature and the nature of a servant were to be united in one person so that the Creator of time might be born in time, and he through whom all things were made might be brought forth in their midst.

For unless the new man, by being made *in the likeness of sinful flesh*, had taken on himself the nature of our first parents, unless he had stooped to be one in substance with his mother while sharing the Father's substance and, being alone free from sin, united our nature to his, the whole human race would still be held captive under the dominion of Satan. The Conqueror's victory would have profited us nothing if the battle had been fought outside our human condition. But through this wonderful blending the mystery of new birth shone upon us, so that through the same Spirit by whom Christ was conceived and brought forth we too might be born again in a spiritual birth; and in consequence the evangelist declares the faithful to have *been born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God*.

## THE LORD HAS MADE HIS SALVATION KNOWN TO THE WHOLE WORLD

*Saint Leo the Great, pope*

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ.

A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, *who has made us worthy*, in the words of the Apostle, *to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son*. As Isaiah prophesied: *the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned*. He spoke of them to the Lord: *The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you*.


This is *the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see*, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, *giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised*.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: *All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name*. Again, *the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice*.

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

# 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.sdcaatholic.org](http://www.sdcaatholic.org).

**08 JAN ... CHILDREN OF THE IMMACULATE HEART**

Fr. Richard has given the group Children of the Immaculate Heart permission to distribute little plastic houses to fill with your change for housing, case management, therapy, and assistance with education for women and girls who have been victims of modern-day slavery.

**Credit Cards Welcome!**

Immaculate Conception now accepts credit cards for tile donations, weddings, baptisms, Mass intentions, etc. Please visit the parish office on weekdays.

**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**

This year, in the United States the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, but the traditional date for the Epiphany is January 6. The date we know as January 6 was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. People still kept January 6 for the solstice celebration, but December 25, matching nicely with the Roman pagan feast of the Unconquered Sun, launched an extended solstice holiday. By the time of the early church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere.

Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the manifestation to the Gentiles, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle. A twelve-day season was ready to be adapted, so Christians borrowed from the pagan calendar for their own season of light. Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the older date, January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

--Rev. James Field,  
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**2016 Donations**

Letters substantiating tax-deductible donation 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.

**Jan. 01, 2017**

**Total Collection: \$5,268.82**  
**Envelopes: \$3,689.00 Plate: \$1,579.82**  
**Total contributing households: 68**

5:15 Sat	\$1,136.86
8:30 Sun	\$ 906.30
10:00 Sun	\$ 989.56
11:30 Sun	\$582.59
5:15 Sun	\$ 955.51
Mailed	\$ 698.00

**EXPENSES**  
 Dec. 26-30, 2016

Diocesan Tax	\$3,892.75
Health Insurance	\$1,530.58
Internet/Cable	\$133.92
Music	\$1,375.00
Workers Comp	\$108.49

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND, PRAGUE, VIENNA**

Several spots have opened up for the pilgrimage to Poland, Prague, and Vienna May 15 to 26. If you are still interested, please call Fr. Perozich for a brochure at 619-295-4141 x 11.

**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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- Wall plaques*
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- Prayer Cards*
- Religious Music CDs*

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

65. The incarnation of the Word in a human family, in Nazareth, by its very newness changed the history of the world. We need to enter into the mystery of Jesus' birth, into that "yes" given by Mary to the message of the angel, when the Word was conceived in her womb, as well as the "yes" of Joseph, who gave a name to Jesus and watched over Mary. We need to contemplate the joy of the shepherds before the manger, the adoration of the Magi and the flight into Egypt, in which Jesus shares his people's experience of exile, persecution and humiliation. We need to contemplate the religious expectation of Zechariah and his joy at the birth of John the Baptist, the fulfillment of the promise made known to Simeon and Anna in the Temple and the marvel of the teachers of the Law who listened to the wisdom of the child Jesus. We then need to peer into those thirty long years when Jesus earned his keep by the work of his hands, reciting the traditional prayers and expressions of his people's faith and coming to know that ancestral faith until he made it bear fruit in the mystery of the Kingdom. This is the mystery of Christmas and the secret of Nazareth, exuding the beauty of family life! It was this that so fascinated Francis of Assisi, Theresa of the Child Jesus and Charles de Foucauld, and continues to fill Christian families with hope and joy.

**PARISH & COMMUNITY**

**Parish Calendar**

**JANUARY**

08	Parish Breakfast	8:30 AM
	Family Catechesis	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

**FEBRUARY**

01	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
04	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
08	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
11	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. Such a communion is radically contradicted by polygamy: this, in fact, directly negates the plan of God which was revealed from the beginning, because it is contrary to the equal personal dignity of men and women who in matrimony give themselves with a love that is total and therefore unique and exclusive. As the Second Vatican Council writes: "Firmly established by the Lord, the unity of marriage will radiate from the equal personal dignity of husband and wife, a dignity acknowledged by mutual and total love."

**An Indissoluble Communion**

20. Conjugal communion is characterized not only by its unity but also by its indissolubility: "As a mutual gift of two persons, this intimate union, as well as the good of children, imposes total fidelity on the spouses and argues for an unbreakable oneness between them." It is a fundamental duty of the Church to reaffirm strongly, as the Synod Fathers did, the doctrine of the indissolubility of marriage. To all those who, in our times, consider it too difficult, or indeed impossible, to be bound to one person for the whole of life, and to those caught up in a culture that rejects the indissolubility of marriage and openly mocks the commitment of spouses to fidelity, it is necessary to reconfirm the good news of the definitive nature of that conjugal love that has in Christ its foundation and strength.

**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).

With his humility went a rare and childlike simplicity; the thoughts of his heart were revealed in his words and actions. If he suspected that someone had felt insulted by his speaking the truth, before going to the altar, he would ask forgiveness for what was not so much his own sin as the other person's misunderstanding.

*St. John of Kanty*

**MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR TIMES**

*His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke*

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in fact, treats in two successive numbers the duty of Christians to witness to their faith and the supreme witness of martyrdom. Regarding the duty of witness to the faith, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* declares:

*The duty of Christians to take part in the life of the Church impels them to act as witnesses of the Gospel and of the obligations that flow from it. This witness is a transmission of the faith in words and deeds. Witness is an act of justice that establishes the truth or makes it known.*

*Saint Augustine, bishop*

**Truth has arisen from the earth, and justice looked down from heaven**

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?