

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

17	8 AM	<i>Monday within Octave of Easter</i> †Roger M. Ibarra	RP
18	8AM	<i>Tuesday within Octave of Easter</i> Joseph Celentino, SI	RE
19	8 AM	<i>Wednesday within Octave of Easter</i> †Ana Orozco	RP
20	8 AM	<i>Thursday within Octave of Easter</i> LeighAnn Merola, SI	RP
21	8 AM	<i>Friday within Octave of Easter</i> †Fernando Balelo	RP
22	8:00 AM	<i>Saturday within Octave of Easter</i> †Alfonso M Cordero	RP
	5:15 PM	†Anne Harrington	RP
23	8:30 AM	†Francisco P. Cruz	RP
	10:00 AM	Gregory Dire, SI	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	RE
	5:15 PM	†Fernando Balelo	RP

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

APRIL: Intentions of the Holy Father

Young People: That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

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 McWeeney, 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

17	Rev. Danilo Valdepeñas
18	Rev. Luis Valenciano
19	Rev. Albino Vecina, CRSP
20	Rev. Romeo Velos, CS
21	Rev. Nelson Vencilao
22	Rev. Mario Vesga
23	Rev. Gonzalo Viana, MC

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Acts 2:14-33; Ps 16:1-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
 Jn 20:19-31

PRAY FOR HEALING

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

Mary Jane Tiernan	Lucille Miller
Marguerite Vorst	Reginald Custodio
Martha Zamudio	Victoria Cardenas
Tony Jenkins	John Hobbs
Peter Nalwalker	Robert Rolli
Socorro Pacheco	Eleanor Anderson
Amparo Valenzuela	Marie Whitman
Phyllis Altomare	Deirdre Rigney
Alicia Ambrose	Marie Wagner
Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi	Joanne Daleo
Maria Casanova	Dominic Castagnola
Mark Brandon	Arthur Acuna, Jr.
Jeanne Pontius	Frankie Diaz, Jr.
Esther Salazar	Earl Jenkins
Joane Anderson	Shirley Ilog
Yolanda Garcia	Max Christian
Olivia Ingram	Deena Marchiano
Grace Mulvanity	Encino Nungaray
Angelica Ortega	Fred Arnold
Barbara Driscoll	



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	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.

Lydia Castillo Herrera	Fred Levine
Bertha Lockwood	Eleanor Maycan
Salvador Rivera	Ronald Monreal
John Cervantes	Mary Louise Fillet
Daniel Don	Inez Cerda Bull
Florence Messina	Bernice Lyons
Arthur Wilbur Martinez	Elias Barajas
Jesse Benitez	Robert F. Curry, Jr.
Margaret Kelly	Jean Miller
Martha Jane Hotchkiss	Marie Rita Dubler
Janet Meyers	Gerry Lyons
Hector Morales	Wilbur J.R. Monigold
Carol Raiter	James Sonny Martinez
Albina Farrie	Christopher Mahan
Stephanie Anzelone	Evelyn Quinn
	Alfonso Esquivel

Theophilus of Antioch, Bishop

FROM THE PASTOR

**BLESSED ARE THE
CLEAN OF HEART, FOR
THEY WILL SEE GOD**

If you say, "Show me your God," I will say to you, "Show me what kind of person you are, and I will show you my God." Show me then whether the eyes of your mind can see, and the ears of your heart hear.

It is like this. Those who can see with the eyes of their bodies are aware of what is happening in this life on earth. They get to know things that are different from each other. They distinguish light and darkness, black and white, ugliness and beauty, elegance and inelegance, proportion and lack of proportion, excess and defect. The same is true of the sounds we hear: high or low or pleasant. So it is with the ears of our heart and the eyes of our mind in their capacity to hear or see God.

God is seen by those who have the capacity to see him, provided that they keep the eyes of their minds open. All have eyes, but some have eyes that are shrouded in darkness, unable to see the light of the sun. Because the blind cannot see it, it does not follow that the sun does not shine. The blind must trace the cause back to themselves and their eyes. In the same way, you have eyes in your mind that are shrouded in darkness because of your sins and evil deeds.

A person's soul should be clean, like a mirror reflecting light. If there is rust on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God.

But if you will you can be healed. Hand yourself over to the doctor, and he will open the eyes of your mind and heart. Who is to be the doctor? It is God, who heals and gives life through his Word and wisdom. Through his Word and wisdom he created the universe, for *by his Word the heavens were established, and by his Spirit all their array*. His wisdom is supreme. *God by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding he arranged the heavens, by his knowledge the depths broke forth and the clouds poured out the dew.*

If you understand this, and live in purity and holiness and justice, you may see God. But, before all, faith and the fear of God must take the first place in your heart, and then you will understand all this. When you have laid aside mortality and been clothed in immortality, then you will see God according to your merits. God raises up your flesh to immortality along with your soul, and then, once made immortal, you will see the immortal One, if you believe in him now.

Saint Hilary, bishop

The meaning of "the fear of the Lord"

Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. Notice that when Scripture speaks of the

fear of the Lord it does not leave the phrase in isolation, as if it were a complete summary of faith. No, many things are added to it, or are presupposed by it. From these we may learn its meaning and excellence. In the book of Proverbs Solomon tells us: *If you cry out for wisdom and raise your voice for understanding, if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord.* We see here the difficult journey we must undertake before we can arrive at the fear of the Lord.

We must begin by crying out for wisdom. We must hand over to our intellect the duty of making every decision. We must look for wisdom and search for it. Then we must understand the fear of the Lord.

"Fear" is not to be taken in the sense that common usage gives it. Fear in this ordinary sense is the trepidation our weak humanity feels when it is afraid of suffering something it does not want to happen. We are afraid, or are made afraid, because of a guilty conscience, the rights of someone more powerful, an attack from one who is stronger, sickness, encountering a wild beast, suffering evil in any form. This kind of fear is not taught: it happens because we are weak. We do not have to learn what we should fear: objects of fear bring their own terror with them.


But of the fear of the Lord this is what is written: *Come, my children, listen to me, I shall teach you the fear of the Lord.* The fear of the Lord has then to be learned because it can be taught. It does not lie in terror, but in something that can be taught. It does not arise from the fearfulness of our nature; it has to be acquired by obedience to the commandments, by holiness of life and by knowledge of the truth.

For us the fear of God consists wholly in love, and perfect love of God brings our fear of him to its perfection. Our love for God is entrusted with its own responsibility: to observe his counsels, to obey his laws, to trust his promises. Let us hear what Scripture says: *And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you except to fear the Lord your God and walk in all his ways and love him and keep his commandments, with your whole heart and your whole soul, so that it may be well for you?*

The ways of the Lord are many, though he is himself the way. When he speaks of himself he calls himself the way and shows us the reason why he called himself the way: *No one can come to the Father except through me.*

We must ask for these many ways, to find the one that is good. That is, we shall find the one way of eternal life through the guidance of many teachers. These ways are found in the law, in the prophets, in the gospels, in the writings of the apostles, in the different good works by which we fulfill the commandments. Blessed are those who walk these ways in the fear of the Lord.

AROUND THE PARISH



2017 Baptism Schedule

Class	May 9	
Baptism	May 14	

Class is held in Serra Hall.

NEW PASTOR

With Fr. Perozich's desire to maintain physical and spiritual health, the bishop has granted father's request for retirement status.

Rev. Michael Sinor has been named the new pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, effective July 1, 2017. Father Sinor is currently serving as pastor at St. Didacus parish in the diocese.

21-23 APRIL ... AFTER-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN
(or Catholic-friendly)

Given by Rachel's Hope at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Confidentiality maintained. Limited housing available. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed".

For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022. Visit us on our website: www.RachelsHope.org

23 APRIL ... QUARTERS & CANS SUNDAY

Please drop your Quarters and Cans envelopes in the regular collection next Sunday. Money collected will be used to assist those who come to us in need and to support other Catholic programs. Your generous donations will continue to be used to help feed, and in some cases assist those who are in need of our help with rent and utilities. The parish also provides gas and grocery cards. Resource information is also available so people can access public and private agencies that can help with their needs.

Food items collected will be taken by our volunteers to the Catholic Charities Food Resource Center. Please make sure these items are in non-breakable containers, unopened, and the dates have not expired. There is always a need for the following items:

- ◆ Canned goods including vegetables, fruit, chili, tuna fish, spam, chicken, beef, beans, soups, and spaghetti sauce;
- ◆ Peanut butter, jelly, and honey;
- ◆ Cereals, pasta, rice, and beans;
- ◆ Any paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, cups, napkins, Kleenex tissues, baby wipes;
- ◆ Hygiene items such as shampoo, soaps, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, mouthwash, disposable razors, shaving cream, lotions and feminine products;
- ◆ Plastic, paper or reusable grocery bags for carrying the above.

Thank You ...
for your continued support of these important programs

22 APRIL ... FAITH & FAMILY NITE AT PETCO PARK

Padres vs Miami Marlins 5:40 pm
All fans in attendance will receive a Padres Hoodie presented by Toyota.

Discounted tickets available.
For more information, contact Lars Leweck at 619.795.5287 or lleweck@padres.com.

23 APRIL ... Family Catechesis ...

...for parents with their children 6 years and older and for adults who need sacraments continues on April 23 in the parish hall, 9:45 am sharp, after 8:30 Mass.

5-7 MAY ... Old Town Cinco de Mayo

... will result in street closures for the event.

Parishioners may receive parking passes from ushers after Mass beginning April 22. Notice of affected streets will be posted in the bulletin board of the hall upon receipt.

Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines
September 18-30 , 2017
with Rev. Kevin Duggan

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AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

Due to publication deadlines, we were unable to report collections for the weekend of April 8-9, 2017.

April 2, 2017 Collection

**Total \$4040.00 Plate: \$1,574.19,
Total contributing households: 99**

5:15 Sat	\$1213.63
8:30 Sun	\$1234.00
10:00 Sun	\$1597.76
11:30 Sun	\$ 750.12
5:15 Sun	\$ 363.00
Mailed	\$ 455.00

**Annual Lenten Collection
ytd total: \$613.00**

**EXPENSES
April 3-7, 2017**

**Due to publication deadlines,
we were unable to report expenses
for the week of April 3-7, 2017.**

**Annual Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$24,000
Paid Pledges-ytd: \$8918.00**

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 ITEMS:
Cards for priests and religious
(anniversary, ordination, etc.)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS:
Miniature Stories of the Saints
The Easter Story
Celebrating Lent

Se habla español.
Libros y tarjetas para adultos y niños.

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

95. Saint Paul goes on to reject as contrary to love an attitude expressed by the verb *zelói* – to be jealous or envious. This means that love has no room for discomfiture at another person’s good fortune (cf. *Acts* 7:9; 17:5). Envy is a form of sadness provoked by another’s prosperity; it shows that we are not concerned for the happiness of others but only with our own well-being. Whereas love makes us rise above ourselves, envy closes us in on ourselves. True love values the other person’s achievements. It does not see him or her as a threat. It frees us from the sour taste of envy. It recognizes that everyone has different gifts and a unique path in life. So it strives to discover its own road to happiness, while allowing others to find theirs.

96. In a word, love means fulfilling the last two commandments of God’s Law: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s” (*Ex* 20:17). Love inspires a sincere esteem for every human being and the recognition of his or her own right to happiness. I love this person, and I see him or her with the eyes of God, who gives us everything “for our enjoyment” (*1 Tim* 6:17). As a result, I feel a deep sense of happiness and peace. This same deeply rooted love also leads me to reject the injustice whereby some possess too much and others too little. It moves me to find ways of helping society’s outcasts to find a modicum of joy. That is not envy, but the desire for equality.

**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

APRIL

17	Easter Monday Parish Office and Serra Gifts closed	
19	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
22	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
23	Quarters & Cans Sunday Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
26	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
29	Quilting Group	9:30 AM

MAY

01	IC Seniors Bingo & Lunch	11:00 AM
03	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
05	OTC Cinco de Mayo	
06	OTC Cinco de Mayo Quilting Group	9:30 AM
07	OTC Cinco de Mayo	
10	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
13	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
14	Mothers Day Family Catechesis Harp Concert	9:45 AM 1:00 PM
17	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
20	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
21	Tomorrow Project Parish Breakfast	8:30 AM
24	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
27	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 Rights and Role of Women

...26 Acceptance, love, esteem, many-sided and united material, emotional, educational and spiritual concern for every child that comes into this world should always constitute a distinctive, essential characteristic of all Christians, in particular of the Christian family: thus children, while they are able to grow "in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man," offer their own precious contribution to building up the family community and even to the sanctification of their parents.

The Elderly in the Family

27. There are cultures which manifest a unique veneration and great love for the elderly: far from being outcasts from the family or merely tolerated as a useless burden, they continue to be present and to take an active and responsible part in family life, though having to respect the autonomy of the new family; above all they carry out the important mission of being a witness to the past and a source of wisdom for the young and for the future.

Other cultures, however, especially in the wake of disordered industrial and urban development, have both in the past and in the present set the elderly aside in unacceptable ways. This causes acute suffering to them and spiritually impoverishes many families.

**The people say that the sun dances on this day
in joy for a risen Savior.**

--Alexander Carmichael

Father Richard and the staff of Immaculate
Conception extend to parishioners and visitors
their prayers for a joyful Easter.

**MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN
OUR TIMES**

His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

Before the choice of either betraying Christ or dying for Christ, the martyr of blood remains faithful and pours out his life for love of Christ. We think immediately of the many martyrs among the first Christians, beginning with Saint Stephen and also the martyrs down the centuries, for example, Saint Peter Verona, Saint Thomas a Becket, Saint Boniface, Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the North American Martyrs, Saint Paul Miki and his Companions (the Martyrs of Japan), Saint Andrew Kim and his Companions (the Martyrs of Korea), Saint Charles Lwanga and his Companions (the Martyrs of Uganda), and a host of others.

Saint Ambrose, bishop

Hold fast to God, the one true good

Where a man's heart is, there is his treasure also. God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. Since he is good, and especially to those who are faithful to him, let us hold fast to him with all our soul, our heart, our strength, and so enjoy his light and see his glory and possess the grace of supernatural joy. Let us reach out with our hearts to possess that good, let us exist in it and live in it, let us hold fast to it, that good which is beyond all we can know or see and is marked by perpetual peace and tranquillity, a peace which is beyond all we can know or understand.

This is the good that permeates creation. In it we all live, on it we all depend. It has nothing above it; it is divine. *No one is good but God alone.* What is good is therefore divine, what is divine is therefore good. Scripture says: *When you open your hand all things will be filled with goodness.* It is through God's goodness that all that is truly good is given us, and in it there is no admixture of evil.

These good things are promised by Scripture to those who are faithful: *The good things of the land will be your food.*

We have died with Christ. We carry about in our bodies the sign of his death, so that the living Christ may also be revealed in us. The life we live is not now our ordinary life but the life of Christ: a life of sinlessness, of chastity, of simplicity and every other virtue. We have risen with Christ. Let us live in Christ, let us ascend in Christ, so that the serpent may not have the power here below to wound us in the heel.

Let us take refuge from this world. You can do this in spirit, even if you are kept here in the body. You can at the same time be here and present to the Lord. Your soul must hold fast to him, you must follow after him in your thoughts, you must tread his ways by faith, not in outward show. You must take refuge in him. He is your refuge and your strength. David addresses him in these words: *I fled to you for refuge, and I was not disappointed.*

Since God is our refuge, God who is in heaven and above the heavens, we must take refuge from this world in that place where there is peace, where there is rest from toil, where we can celebrate the great sabbath, as Moses said: *The sabbaths of the land will provide you with food.* To rest in the Lord and to see his joy is like a banquet, and full of gladness and tranquillity.

Let us take refuge like deer beside the fountain of waters. Let our soul thirst, as David thirsted, for the fountain. What is that fountain? Listen to David: *With you is the fountain of life.* Let my soul say to this fountain: When shall I come and see you face to face? For the fountain is God himself.

Saint Basil the Great, bishop

Boast only of the Lord

The wise man must not boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man of his strength, nor the rich man of his riches. What then is the right kind of boasting? What is the source of man's greatness? Scripture says: *The man who boasts must boast of this, that He knows and understands that I am the Lord.* Here is man's greatness, here is man's glory and majesty: to know in truth what is great, to hold fast to it, and to seek glory from the Lord of glory. The Apostle tells us: *The man who boasts must boast of the Lord.* He has just said: *Christ was appointed by God to be our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption, so that, as it is written, a man who boasts must boast of the Lord.*

Boasting of God is perfect and complete when we take no pride in our own righteousness but acknowledge that we are utterly lacking in true righteousness and have been made righteous only by faith in Christ.

Paul boasts of the fact that he holds his own righteousness in contempt and seeks the righteousness in faith that comes through Christ and is from God. He wants only to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to have fellowship with his sufferings by taking on the likeness of his death, in the hope that somehow he may arrive at the resurrection of the dead.

Here we see all overweening pride laid low. Humanity, there is nothing left for you to boast of, for your boasting and hope lie in putting to death all that is your own and seeking the future life that is in Christ. Since we have its first fruits we are already in its midst, living entirely in the grace and gift of God.

It is God who is active within us, giving us both the will and the achievement, in accordance with his good purpose. Through his Spirit,

God also reveals his wisdom in the plan he has preordained for our glory.

God gives power and strength in our labors. *I have toiled harder than all the others,* Paul says, *but it is not I but the grace of God, which is with me.*

God rescues us from dangers beyond all human expectation. *We felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence of death, so that we might not trust ourselves but in God, who raises the dead; from so great a danger did he deliver us, and does deliver us; we hope in him, for he will deliver us again.*