

The Catholic Church of the  
**Immaculate Conception**

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**APRIL 23, 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

24	8 AM	<b>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</b> †Fred Lee Rowbotham	MT
25	8AM	<b>St. Mark</b> †Bosiljka Maras Family	RE
26	8 AM	<b>Easter Weekday</b> †Martin Morris	MT
27	8 AM	<b>Easter Weekday</b> †Dr. Joseph Nicolosi	MT
28	8 AM	<b>St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort</b> Mariela Whitman, SI	MT
29	8:00 AM	<b>St. Catherine of Siena</b> †Fernando Balelo	MT
30	5:15 PM	†Jon Quilter	MT
	8:30 AM	Melanie & Zachary Walker, SI	RE
	10:00 AM	Spera Family, SI	RE
	11:30 AM	†William Kennedy	MT
	5:15 PM	†Martin Morris	MT

### 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	Den. Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
PY	Antonio Morales, PY

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

24	Rev. Manuel Villarreal
25	Rev. Patrick Wainwright, MC
26	Rev. Cávana Wallace
27	Rev. Raymundaus Wea, SVD
28	Rev. Allan White, OP
29	Rev. Michael White, CSSp
30	Rev. Robert White

### PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-17; Mk 16:15-20  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2-20; Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1-14; Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-19; Jn 6:16-21  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14-33; Ps 16:1-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

### 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 Marguerite Vorst Martha Zamudio Tony Jenkins Peter Nalwalker Socorro Pacheco Amparo Valenzuela Phyllis Altomare Alicia Ambrose Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi Maria Casanova Mark Brandon Jeanne Pontius 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 Arthur Acuna, Jr. Frankie Diaz, Jr. Earl Jenkins Shirley Ilog Max Christian Deena Marchiano Encino Nungaray Fred Arnold John O'Brien
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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.*

Lydia Castillo Herrera Bertha Lockwood Salvador Rivera 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 Gerry Lyons Wilbur J.R. Monigold James Sonny Martinez Christopher Mahan Evelyn Quinn Alfonso Esquivel Esther Salazar
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**FROM THE PASTOR***Tertullian, priest***The spiritual offering of prayer**

Prayer is the offering in spirit that has done away with the sacrifices of old. *What good do I receive from the multiplicity of your sacrifices?* asks God. *I have enough of burnt offerings of rams, and I do not want the fat of lambs and the blood of bulls and goats. Who has asked for these from your hands?*

What God has asked for we learn from the Gospel. *The hour will come, he says, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. God is a spirit and so he looks for worshipers who are like himself.*

We are true worshipers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to him: it is the offering he has asked for, the offering he planned as his own.

We must dedicate this offering with our whole heart, we must fatten it on faith, tend it by truth, keep it unblemished through innocence and clean through chastity, and crown it with love. We must escort it to the altar of God in a procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God.

Since God asks for prayer offered in spirit and in truth, how can he deny anything to this kind of prayer? How great is the evidence of its power, as we read and hear, and believe.

Of old, prayer was able to rescue from fire and beasts and hunger, even before it received its perfection from Christ. How much greater then is the power of Christian prayer. No longer does prayer bring an angel of comfort to the heart of a fiery furnace, or close up the mouths of lions, or transport to the hungry food from the fields. No longer

does it remove all sense of pain by the grace it wins for others. But it gives the armor of patience to those who suffer, who feel pain, who are distressed. It strengthens the power of grace, so that faith may know what it is gaining from the Lord, and understand what it is suffering for the name of God.


In the past, prayer was able to bring down punishment, rout armies, withhold the blessing of rain. Now, however, the prayer of the just turns aside the whole anger of God, keeps vigil for its enemies, pleads for persecutors. Is it any wonder that it can call down water from heaven when it could obtain fire from heaven as well? Prayer is the one thing that can conquer God. But Christ has willed that it should work no evil, and has given it all power over good.

Its only art is to call back the souls of the dead from the very journey into death, to give strength to the weak, to heal the sick, to exorcise the possessed, to open prison cells, to free the innocent from their chains. Prayer cleanses from sin, drives away temptations, stamps out persecutions, comforts the fainthearted, gives new strength to the courageous, brings travelers safely home, calms the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, overrules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports those who are falling, sustains those who stand firm.

All the angels pray. Every creature prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray and bend the knee. As they come from their barns and caves they look up to heaven and call out, lifting up their spirit in their own fashion. The birds too rise and lift themselves up to heaven: they open out their wings, instead of hands, in the form of a cross and give voice to what seems to be a prayer.

What more need be said on this duty of prayer? Even the Lord himself prayed. To him be honor and power for ever and ever. Amen.

**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.

**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.

**23 APRIL ... QUARTERS & CANS SUNDAY**

Please drop your Quarters and Cans envelopes in the regular collection this 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.

**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.

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:

**06 MAY ... NIGHT FEVER EVANGELIZATION**

The church will be lit up, with its doors wide open. Street team will be outside in the crowds, inviting people to come inside, light a candle and spend some time with our Lord.

For information, contact Michael Camacho, mcamacho@sdatholic.org.

- ◆ 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.

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

For information--Mr. Zoltan Abraham  
 Tel: (425) 391-1178 x117 • Email:  
 zoltan.abraham@mqp.org

**SAVE UP**

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

--Anonymous

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

# AROUND THE PARISH

### Gifts of Treasure

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

**April 16, 2017**

**Total Collection: \$11,243.56**  
**Envelopes: \$7,613.00 Plate: \$3,630.56,**  
**Total contributing households: 130**

Holy Thursday	\$460.74
8:00 Sat	\$ 947.04
8:30 Sun	\$2566.73
10:00 Sun	\$2055.84
11:30 Sun	\$1279.23
5:15 Sun	\$ 826.98
Mailed	\$3107.00

**Good Friday (Collection for the Holy Land)**  
**\$771.38**

#### EXPENSES April 10-14 2017

Maintenance Supplies	\$237.06
Music	\$825.00
Office/HallSupplies	\$317.95
Payroll (incl. taxes)	\$3,044.41
Payroll Service	\$46.45
Pension	\$372.42
Postage	\$100.00
Priests Pension	\$791.55
Property Insurance	\$1193.91
Workers Compensation	\$132.19

**Total: \$7,060.94**

**Annual Catholic Appeal**  
**Goal: \$24,000**  
**Paid Pledges-ytd: \$9288.00**

*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

*Love is not boastful*

97. The following word, *perpereúetai*, denotes vainglory, the need to be haughty, pedantic and somewhat pushy. Those who love not only refrain from speaking too much about themselves, but are focused on others; they do not need to be the centre of attention. The word that comes next – *physiouútai* – is similar, indicating that love is not arrogant. Literally, it means that we do not become “puffed up” before others. It also points to something more subtle: an obsession with showing off and a loss of a sense of reality. Such people think that, because they are more “spiritual” or “wise”, they are more important than they really are. Paul uses this verb on other occasions, as when he says that “knowledge puffs up”, whereas “love builds up” (*1 Cor 8:1*). Some think that they are important because they are more knowledgeable than others; they want to lord it over them. Yet what really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern, and embraces the weak. Elsewhere the word is used to criticize those who are “inflated” with their own importance (cf. *1 Cor 4:18*) but in fact are filled more with empty words than the real “power” of the Spirit (cf. *1 Cor 4:19*)

### 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**

<u>Parish Calendar</u>		
<b>APRIL</b>		
23	Quarters & Cans Sunday Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
26	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
29	Quilting Group	9:30 AM
<b>MAY</b>		
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 Night Fever Evangelization	9:30 AM 7:00 PM
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
28	Building Fund Collection Family Catechesis	9:45 AM
29	Memorial Day Holiday Parish Office Closed - Gift Shop Open	
31	Choir Practice	6:00 PM

**MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1977**

The 40th Class Reunion is on Saturday, June 24, 9:00 p.m., in St. Charles Church's hall, 990 Saturn Blvd., San Diego.

If you are an alumni and would like to attend, please contact Alan Gates at 619-829-7617.

**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**

... 27. The pastoral activity of the Church must help everyone to discover and to make good use of the role of the elderly within the civil and ecclesial community, in particular within the family. In fact, "the life of the aging helps to clarify a scale of human values; it shows the continuity of generations and marvelously demonstrates the interdependence of God's people. The elderly often have the charisma to bridge generation gaps before they are made: how many children have found understanding and love in the eyes and words and caresses of the aging! And how many old people have willingly subscribed to the inspired word that the 'crown of the aged is their children's children' (Prv. 17:6)!"

**II - SERVING LIFE**

1. The Transmission of Life

**Cooperators in the Love of God the Creator**

28. With the creation of man and woman in His own image and likeness, God crowns and brings to perfection the work of His hands: He calls them to a special sharing in His love and in His power as Creator and Father, through their free and responsible cooperation in transmitting the gift of human life: "God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it.'"

**MARTYRDOM FOR THE FAITH IN OUR TIMES**

*His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke*

Today, we think of the Christians who have been beheaded or otherwise killed in Iraq and other countries by Islamic terrorists because they refuse to deny their faith in Jesus Christ and to embrace Islam.

Father Hardon reminds us of the many martyrs of blood in our own time, who "join with Christ in expiation [of the enormity of today's sins] and in an urgent plea for God's mercy." Father Hardon also reminds us that the martyrs of blood, uniting their suffering and dying to the Suffering and Death of Christ, apply "the fruits of the [world's] redemption to a sinning human race." He concludes: "One thing we dare not forget is that these present day martyrs are our fellow-members of the Mystical Body. Through their sufferings we are all made richer, as through their merits the whole Church becomes more holy."



*Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop*

**Prayer knocks, fasting obtains, mercy receives**

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other.

Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Let this be the pattern for all when they practice mercy: show mercy to others in the same way, with the same generosity, with the same promptness, as you want others to show mercy to you.

Therefore, let prayer, mercy and fasting be one single plea to God on our

behalf, one speech in our defense, a threefold united prayer in our favor.

Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting. There is nothing more pleasing that we can offer to God, as the psalmist said in prophecy: *A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit; God does not despise a bruised and humbled heart.*

Offer your soul to God, make him an oblation of your fasting, so that your soul may be a pure offering, a holy sacrifice, a living victim, remaining your own and at the same time made over to God. Whoever fails to give this to God will not be excused, for if you are to give him yourself you are never without the means of giving.

To make these acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit.

When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.