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 goers 7:30 AM. For Parish on

Saturday: 4:30 to 5:00 P.M., and by appointment

Baptisms & RCIA: By appointment only. Please email

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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				
07	8 AM	Ss. Perpetua and Felicity	RP	
08	8AM	Rev. Fadi Thomas Maria Auro SI St. John of God	RE	
09	8 AM	Sylvia Kelly, SI St. Frances of Rome	RP	
10	8 AM	Kathleen McGill, SI Lenten Weekday	RP	
11	8 AM	Jill Scillo, SI Lenten Weekday	RP	
12	8 AM	†Martin Morris Lenten Weekday	RP	
	5:15PM	†Fermina Mallari †Jerome Fischer	RP	
13	8:30 AM	Custodio Family, SI †Laurie Massa	RP	
	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	l i	RE RE	
	5:15 PM	†Martin Morris	RP	

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

March: Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

PRAY: SEMINARIANS IN THEOLOGY

1st	Manuel Del Rio, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
4th	David Exner, North American College, Rome
4th	Brian Frice, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Oscar Lopez, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo
3rd	Nathan McWeeney, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Raymond Napuli, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
1st	Michael O'Connor, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
2nd	Eric Tamayo, North American College, Rome
4th	Corey Tufford, North American College, Rome
4th	Derek Twilliger, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR
3rd	Billy Zondler, Mt. Angel Seminary, OR

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Rev. Henry Rodriguez, Jr.
Rev. Carlos Rojas, Sch. P.
Rev. Reynaldo Roque
Rev. William Rowland, CJM
Rev. Eddie Ruiz
Rev. Czeslaw Rybacki, SChr
Rev. Gary Rye, OSA

PRAY THE SCRIPTURES

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2-13b; Jn 4:43-54 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-12; Ps 46:2-9; Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-18; Jn 5:17-30 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47 Friday: Wis 2:1-22; Ps 34:17-23; Jn 7:1-30 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

PRAY FOR HEALING

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

Inez Cerda Bull Esther Fitch Cosmo Busalacchi Margaret Kelly Patricia Kennedy Maria Casanova Dorothy Kleint Steve Stone Dena Mendoza Maria Esperanza Kramer Jean Miller Joan Busalacchi Patricia O'Grady Mark Brandon. Mary Jane Tiernan Jeanne Pontius Marguerite Vorst Esther Salazar Joane Anderson Martha Zamudio Carlos Amaya Mike Rodriguez Janet Meyers Yolanda Garcia Maguire Fitzpatrick Susan Rykowskj Tony Jenkins Elias Barajas Shirley Ilog
Olivia Ingram
Grace Mulvanity Peter Nalwalker **Bob Witt** Frank Garay Frances Garcia Angelica Ortega Socorro Pacheco Barbara Driscoll Linda Lee Lucille Miller Amparo Valenzuela Robby Witt Phyllis Altomare Reginald Custodio Frankie Diaz, Jr. Victoria Cardenas Alicia Ambrose Adela Diaz

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 Capt. Pedro Esquivel 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

† PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED †

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

William Kennedy Joan Schmitten Robert McMahon Richard Solís Moreno Alvin Weaver William Bethel Lillian Sinclair Olga Hritz Alice Perry Joseph Moreno Louie Serrano Gustavo Sosa Floyd Watson Iola Torre Emilie Graham Angela Cordova

Ramiro Moreno
Alexander Toczko
Jeannette Toczko
José Teofilo Solorio
Ray & Betty Jackson
Denise Cooney
Joanne Mangiameli
Edna Moore
Paul Ramirez
Isabella Asaro
Maude Laracy
Helen Peña
Lydia Castillo Herrera
Bertha Lockwood
Salvador Rivera

Deborah Bute

GOOD NEWS! BAD NEWS!

FROM THE PASTOR

- Dennis M. Howard

The Good News is that Jesus came into this world 2000 years ago as a tiny, helpless babe in the little town of Bethlehem. Through the miracle of the Incarnation, He took on our humanity in order to save us from the consequences of human weakness and sin.

The Bad News, unfortunately, is that humanity today is every bit as much in need of saving as it was on that silent night 2000 years ago when three Kings came from the East and a few shepherds gathered to pay Him homage.

Now as then, there are people so threatened by His innocence that they are willing to destroy literally millions of other innocents across the world in a vain attempt to deny mankind's one, secure hope for eternal happiness.

First it was Herod, so fearful of losing his worldly power that he ordered the slaughter of every infant boy in his kingdom under the age of two. He wanted to make sure that he eliminated this one child who was heralded to be the promised King of the Jews.

Years later, it was Pilate and the High Priests of Israel who felt threatened by the Man who claimed to be head of a new Kingdom not of this world.

To satisfy the political correctness of their day, they had Him crucified. Nevertheless, He triumphed by rising again on the third day and giving birth to a faith and a church that He promised would survive until the end of time.

Survive it has, but not without more pain and suffering down the centuries traceable to that same narcissistic impulse that tested Jesus from His first encounter with Satan in the desert to His suffering and death on the cross.

Satan tempted Jesus by offering Him power over all the kingdoms of the world, saying: "All this I will give you if you bow down and worship me."

Always it is this same temptation to power and might that persuades men to sacrifice all that is good and holy for a shortlived grasp on power over others. Jesus didn't fall for it, but far too many flawed humans do.

In his book "People of the Lie," M. Scott Peck defined this as the essence of evil: "the use of power to destroy the spiritual growth of others for the purpose of defending and preserving the integrity of our own sick selves."

No other century has carried this to the same length as we have over the last 100 years, starting with the Communist revolution, two world wars, followed by murderous population control and abortion movements in the U.S and around the world.

Two world wars took the lives of 67 million people to satisfy the thirst for power of Nazi, Fascist, and Communist dictators across the Eurasian land mass.

But that was small stuff compared to the 2 billion lives taken by the worldwide abortion movement cloaked in the spurious claim of helping women. Abandoned in a veil of tears were the billions of women who, like Rachel, still mourn for their lost children.

So what are the consequences of this, the bloodiest century in history? What is it that the Christ Child would save us from . . . if we just listened?

Unfortunately, the handwriting is on the wall. We are about to reap the whirlwind of a century of selfish, narcissistic behavior unlike any other in history. We are about to start feeling the echo effect of nearly a century of eugenics, birth control, and abortion.

We have refused to face the fact that those 2 billion we aborted are no longer around to raise a new generation of humans. The impact of that will echo down the centuries from one generation to the next, and will be felt all across the non-Muslim industrial world.

Europe, Russia, Japan, and even China are already headed inexorably toward implosive population decline. China, for example, will lose 400 million people by 2050. Russia will be down to 100 million people within a lifetime. Long before that, Russia will be no match for the Muslim world that surrounds it like a crescent.

Meanwhile, since 2007, births in the U.S have begun a new downhill slide of 1.7% a year. As a result, within just 15 years, deaths in the U.S. are likely to exceed births for the first time. By 2050, as the last of the Baby Boomers die off, deaths may well be twice the number of births, and America will be in a precipitous population free fall.

Tragically, this is the world we are leaving to our children and grandchildren. By 2050, children born today will be young people trying to make their way in the world. How will they cope with the growing challenge of passing on life to still another generation?

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AROUND THE PARISH

TIME CHANGE SATURDAY NIGHT MARCH 12

Please, don't forget to advance your clocks 1 hour ahead on Saturday March 12 before you go to bed so that you arrive on time for Holy Mass on March 13. If you go to bed at 9, advance your clock to 10, and it will be right for Sunday.



Stations of the Cross continue on each Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent through March 25.

Exception: Stations of the Cross will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday, March 25.

Note: Free Soup Supper served from 6:00-6:45 p.m. in Serra Hall.



Palm Sunday - The Passion of the Lord

March 20

8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m. (Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 19 at 5:15 p.m.)

Holy Thursday

March 24 No 8:00 a.m. Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

March 25 No 8:00 a.m. Mass Stations 2:30 & 6:15 pm The Passion 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

March 26 No 8:00 a.m. Mass Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

March 27 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

13 MAR ... FAMILY CATECHESIS

Parents and children as well as all interested adults are welcome to attend Family Catechesis in the bride's room of the parish hall every other week. The program continues on Sunday, February 28 at 9:45 right after the 8:30 AM Mass. All children must be accompanied by their parents at each session.

06 March ... Annual Lenten Collection

Special envelopes will be available in the pews this weekend for donations to the Annual Lenten Collection. The envelopes may be dropped in the collection basket on March 06 or on March 13. Donations support the works of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa, and the Church in Latin America.

What Is Laetare Sunday?

Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Laetare means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the Introit (entrance antiphon)begins "Laetare, Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem").

Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. It has a counterpart in <u>Advent</u>: <u>Gaudete Sunday</u>, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones.

The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARISH

With responsible accounting, the parish debt is erased, the over taxing of the parish by the diocese has ended, and savings are in place. Immaculate Conception now is updating facilities. The priceless Tiffany windows received an acrylic protection from the elements and delinquents. The courtyard patio drainage protects the church foundation, and adds beauty to the plant. The hall has been brightened with paint, new flooring added, and a deep cleaning of the kitchen assures good hygiene and safety in food preparation.

The front steps of the church will get a larger landing upon exiting the church, up to current code hand railings, and new tiles to replace the broken edges currently in place.

Most importantly, we continue our spiritual journey this Lent toward the Resurrection at Easter.

AROUND THE PARISH

Gifts of Treasure

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

February 28, 2016

Total Collection: \$6,100.68 Envelopes: \$4,597.00 Plate: \$1,503.68 Total contributing households: 79

5:15 Sat	\$1727.00
8:30 Sun	\$1046.00
10:00 Sun	\$ 987.00
11:30 Sun	\$ 960.68
5:15 Sun	\$ 645.00
Mailed	\$ 735.00

EXPENSES

February 22-26, 2016

Cable/Internet	\$ 88.42
Ministry Supplies	\$230.00
Music	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$207.35
Priest Pension	\$400.51
Property Insurance	\$1,152.67
Workers Comp	\$217.36

Total: \$ 2,796.31

Annual Catholic Appeal Goal: \$24,000

Pledged: \$19,806.50 -- Paid: \$15,063.50

Quarters & Cans: \$628.30

WELCOME TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

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The Way of the Cross with text from the Scriptures
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Alphonse Liguori

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See our online catalog at: http://www.ic-sandiego.org/gift-shop

SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: DIGNITATIS HUMANAE

MAN'S DIGNITY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

... 13. Indeed it is so much the property of the Church that to act against it is to act against the will of God. The freedom of the Church is the fundamental principle in what concerns the relations between the Church and governments and the whole civil order.

In human society and in the face of government the Church claims freedom for herself in her character as a spiritual authority, established by Christ the Lord, upon which there rests, by divine mandate, the duty of going out into the whole world and preaching the Gospel to every creature. The Church also claims freedom for herself in her character as a society of men who have the right to live in society in accordance with the precepts of the Christian faith.

In turn, where the principle of religious freedom is not only proclaimed in words or simply incorporated in law but also given sincere and practical application, there the Church succeeds in achieving a stable situation of right as well as of fact and the independence which is necessary for the fulfillment of her divine mission.

This independence is precisely what the authorities of the Church claim in society. At the same time, the Christian faithful, in common with all other men, possess the civil right not to be hindered in leading their lives in accordance with their consciences. Therefore, a harmony exists between the freedom of the Church and the religious freedom which is to be recognized as the right of all men and communities and sanctioned by constitutional law.

PARISH & COMMUNITY

Parish Calendar

MARCH

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06	Annual Lenten Collection		
07	I.C. Seniors Luncheon Meeting		
09	Choir Practice	6:00 PM	
10	Harp Meditation	2:00 PM	
11	Soup Supper Stations of the Cross	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	
12	Quilting Group	9:30 AM	
13	Parish Breakfast	9:30 AM	
16	Choir Practice	6:00 PM	
17	Harp Meditation	2:00 PM	
18	Soup Supper Stations of the Cross	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	
19	Quilting Group	9:30 AM	
20	Building Fund Collection		
23	Choir Practice	6:00 PM	
24	Harp Meditation	2:00 PM	
	Triduum (See Holy Week Schedule, page 4)		

- 25 Good Friday Collection for the Church for the Holy Land Parish Office & Serra Gifts Closed
- 27 Easter Sunday -- Serra Gifts Closed
- 28 Easter Monday Holiday Parish Office Closed -- Serra Gifts Open.

APPLY....Saint Charles Borromeo Academy Accepting Applications

Applications are being accepted now for the 2016-2017 school year. Visit the school, take a tour and talk with staff, students and parents regarding our strong academics and our faith-filled environment. Ideally located across from Liberty Station just west of Old Town and the 5 freeway.

See our video page at <u>Vimeo.com/SCBASanDiego</u> or call: (619) 223-8271.

"These days, people are more concerned with being politically correct than in identifying and combating evil. This attitude has led to much confusion. There is no unity in confusion. Evil, on the other hand, is united towards the total destruction of good. This lack of purpose on the part of those who claim righteousness is claiming lives and chipping away at security of heart and nations."

${\it FROM} \, {\it MISERICORDIAE} \, {\it VULTUS-Pope}$

Francis

BULL OF INDICTION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY FRANCIS

BISHOP OF ROME SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD TO ALL WHO READ THIS LETTER, GRACE MERCY, AND PEACE

... 18. I ask my brother Bishops to invite and welcome these Missionaries so that they can be, above all, persuasive preachers of mercy. May individual dioceses organize "missions to the people" in such a way that these Missionaries may be heralds of joy and forgiveness. Bishops are asked to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their people so that the time of grace offered by the Jubilee Year will make it possible for many of God's sons and daughters to take up once again the journey to the Father's house. May pastors, especially during the liturgical season of Lent, be diligent in calling back the faithful "to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace" (Heb 4:16).

19. May the message of mercy reach everyone, and may no one be indifferent to the call to experience mercy. I direct this invitation to conversion even more fervently to those whose behavior distances them from the grace of God. of God" (Heb 2:17). I particularly have in mind men and women belonging to criminal organizations of any kind. For their own good, I beg them to change their lives. I ask them this in the name of the Son of God who, though rejecting sin, never rejected the sinner. Do not fall into the terrible trap of thinking that life depends on money and that, in comparison with money, anything else is devoid of value or dignity. This is nothing but an illusion! We cannot take money with us into the life beyond. Money does not bring us happiness. Violence inflicted for the sake of amassing riches soaked in blood makes one neither powerful nor immortal. Everyone, sooner or later, will be subject to God's judgment, from which no one can escape.

JOINT DECLARATION OF POPE FRANCIS AND PATRIARCH KIRILL OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA 2/12/16

- 3. By meeting far from the longstanding disputes of the "Old World", we experience with a particular sense of urgency the need for the shared labour of Catholics and Orthodox, who are called, with gentleness and respect, to give an explanation to the world of the hope in us (cf. 1 Pet 3:15).
- 4. We thank God for the gifts received from the coming into the world of His only Son. We share the same spiritual Tradition of the first millennium of Christianity. The witnesses of this Tradition are the Most Holy Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, and the saints we venerate. Among them are innumerable martyrs who have given witness to their faithfulness to Christ and have become the "seed of Christians".

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Meanwhile, the Muslim world will continue to grow. The average rate of population growth in 30 leading Muslim countries is currently 1.9% a year. If this continues, the Muslim population of the world will reach 5.5 billion by 2085, and account for fully half the population of the world. They are reproducing. We are not.

If you think we have a problem with radical Muslim immigration today, just imagine what that will be like in 2030, 2050, or later.

The truth is: if America and the West do not change NOW, the entire world may very well be living under Sharia Law by the latter half of this century.

And it won't be just because of sporadic attacks by small groups of radical Muslim Jihadists. It will be because we, the people of America, Europe, and Latin America embraced the current culture of narcissism and rejected our Christian past.

Just look at our current political scene, which seems at times like a narcissistic riot, fueled by an equally narcissistic media, who see their role not as conveyers of news and truth, but as final arbiters of who is up and who is down, who wins, who loses.

No wonder the biggest loudmouth easily dominates the dialogue in the Republican scrimmage for the nomination. Sane voices are lost in the melee, while some of the wisest have already quit the race. Narcissism pervades our political culture.

The situation is no better on the Democratic side, with one candidate already firmly positioned to become liar-in-chief, while a narcissistic president worries more about his legacy than about the future of the nation. It's a picture designed to engender apathy. And apathy is the death of hope.

So where is hope to be found in this broken century?

The answer takes us back to that stable in Bethlehem, where God sent His only Son to take on our humanity – with all its faults and all its fallen impulses – and to show us the way to sanctity, serenity and sanity. There is no easier, softer way. Somehow, we have to accept our

humanity and generously give it back to Him and let Him transform us.

Catholics have the opportunity to do this every time they celebrate Mass, as He commanded them to do. Others can do it in their own private way. But that is the only way this world can be transformed – by one person at a time turning his life and his will over to care of God and following in His footsteps. Conversion of heart is the answer.

I wonder: how many of us understand this? How many of us recognize this as the easier, softer way the Christ Child offers us to a better world?

I finally came to believe that 45 years ago, when shaking like a leaf I entered the rooms of AA and discovered that the price of regaining my sanity was turning my life and my will over to the care of God as I understood Him.

It was that decision that ultimately led to my starting Movement for A Better America.

Since then, by the grace of God, the only way alcohol has passed my lips was when receiving His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. But each time I receive Him is an opportunity to surrender my life and my will all over again.

The resistance we humans exercise in our effort to pursue "My Way" still amazes me. But the answer to our dilemma – and to the challenge of this violent century – still gets back to the same thing. There is no easier, softer way than turning our lives and our will over to the care of God, and letting Him guide us in everything we do.

There is no other way to save this troubled world. We have to get totally honest with ourselves, come to believe that only He can restore this world to sanity, and then take the steps we need to straighten out our corner of this selfish, insane world.

- The Joy of Doing God's Will
- *To give, and not to count the cost,*
- to fight, and not to heed the wounds,
- to toil, and not to seek for rest,
- *to labor, and not to ask for any reward,*
- save that of knowing that we do Thy will.
 - Ignatius of Loyola