

The Catholic Church of the
Immaculate Conception

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May 13, 2012

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Choir rehearsal every Wednesday, 6:30 P.M. in the Church

Immaculate Conception Seniors Club

Every first Monday of the month at 11 A.M.

Contact: Norm Henkels (619) 857-5126

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 A.M.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 P.M.

Sunday Morning: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.

Sunday Evening: 5:15 P.M. *Young Adult Folk Mass*

Holy Day Masses: 8 A.M., 5:30 P.M.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4 to 4:30 P.M., and *by appointment*

Baptisms & RCIA: *By appointment only.* Please email

Deacon Fitzmorris at rfitzmor@diocese-sdiego.org;

or call 858-490-8332

Weddings: *By appointment only.* Arrangements must be made at least **one year** in advance. Please contact Sr. Suzanne Ensminger, Ext. 62

Funerals: *For arrangements, please call the Parish Office.*

Bulletin Announcements: Please submit bulletin announcements no later than noon on Monday for the following weekend's bulletin. Announcements may be sent to parish@ic-sandiego.org.



History of Immaculate Conception Parish

It was here in Old Town that **Father Junipero 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.

Church of the Immaculate Conception

Sixth Sunday of Easter

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.”

— John 15:16



Sat., May 12 - Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

8 Rev. Justin Langille, S.I.
5:15 Manuel Correia †

Sun., May 13—Mother’s Day Mother’s Day Novena

Mon., May 14— St. Matthias Mother’s Day Novena

Tues., May 15 - St. Isidore Mother’s Day Novena

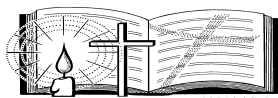
Wed., May 16 - Easter Weekday Mother’s Day Novena

Thurs., May 17 - Easter Weekday Communion Service

Fri., May 18 - St. John I Mother’s Day Novena

Sat., May 19 - Easter Weekday Mother’s Day Novena

Scripture Readings



Monday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23a

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Our Prayer Lists

Pray for Our Sick

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

Joseph Busalacchi, Rachel Cave, Marie Cerasoli, Mark Patrick Cotham, Barbara Esquivel, Irene Evans, David Fleming, Victoria Hitchcock-Cardenas, Pat Haase, Natalie Howard, Jill Jaeckels, Larry Kelley, Patricia & William Kennedy, Gale Meade, Jean Miller, Reagan Moore, Angie Olivarez, Nelson Rogae, Marla Shaffer-Revuelto, Nick Serrano, Juancho Sinon, and Mary Sperrazzo.

Pray for Our Deployed Military

As a faith community, let us pray that God will protect all who serve our country. Amen.

Sgt. Ahmed John Alexander, Natalie Augustine, Major Jerry Bloomquist, Col. Mike Bodkin, PFC Donovan Carroll, LTJG Joseph Colangelo, USN, Cpl. Samuel James Comer, Daniel Dinglebeck, USN, PFC David Eley, USMC, Micah Emery, Sgt. Christopher Escalona, Pedro Esquivel, 1Lt. Cortez Fabia, Juan Carlos Galazza; LCPL Ricardo C. Gonzalez, SSGT. Vincent Charles Lucario; Robert Clinton Long, MC2; Sgt. Adriana Matizel; LTJG Joe F. Morales, USN; Bob Naylor; LCPL Matthew A. Pena; Gil Perez; Sgt. Richard Pierce; CPL Wilson Santiago; Alfred Tello; Ricky Thibeault; Tony Tulloss; Sgt. Christopher P. Velez, USA; PFC Travis Vliet; & 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Pray for Our Dead

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

Marge Arnold, Antonio Buso, Emmett Casey, Remedios Colmenar, Ruth Faris, James Gordon, Josephine Harris, Joan McNally, Mario Merano, Marilyn Morris, Virginia Robinson, and victims of war & terrorism, natural disasters, and abortion.

If you would like to include a family member or friend, please contact the Parish Office, or email parish@ic-sandiego.org to request prayers for four weeks or the length of a deployment.

Mass Intentions



If you wish to remember a deceased loved one, or if a family member, a friend, or you, are in need of prayers, a special Mass can provide comfort and strength in a time of need. Contact the Parish Office (619-295-4148, ext. 22) to make arrangements at least 2-3 weeks in advance.

The Power of Powerlessness

There are different kinds of power and different kinds of authority. There is military power, muscle power, political power, economic power, moral power, charismatic power, and psychological power, among other things. There are different kinds of authority too: We can be bitterly forced into acquiescing to certain demands or we can be gently persuaded into accepting them. Power and authority are not all of a kind.

Imagine four persons in a room: The first is a powerful dictator who rules a country. His word commands armies and his shifting moods intimidate subordinates. He wields a brutal power. Next to him sits a gifted athlete at the peak of his physical prowess, a man whose quickness and strength have few equals. His skills are a graceful power for which he is much admired and envied. The third person is a rock star whose music and charisma can electrify an audience and fill a room with a soulful energy. Her face is on billboards and she is a household name. That's still another kind of power. Finally, we have too in the room a newborn, a baby, lying in its crib, seemingly without any power or strength whatsoever, unable to even ask for what it needs. Which of these is ultimately the most powerful?

The irony is that the baby ultimately wields the greatest power. The athlete could crush it, the dictator could kill it, and the rock star could out-glow it in sheer dynamism, but the baby has a different kind of power. It can touch hearts in a way that a dictator, an athlete, or a rock star cannot. Its innocent, wordless presence, without physical strength, can transform a room and a heart in a way that guns, muscle, and charisma cannot. We watch our language and actions around a baby, less so around athletes and rock stars. The powerlessness of a baby touches us at a deeper moral place.

And this is the way we find and experience God's power here on earth, sometimes to our great frustration, and this is the way that Jesus was deemed powerful during his lifetime. The entire Gospels make this clear, from beginning to end. Jesus was born as a baby, powerless, and he died hanging helplessly on a cross with bystanders mocking his powerlessness. Yet both his birth and his death manifest the kind of power upon which we can ultimately build our lives.

The Gospels describe Jesus' power and authority in exactly this way. In Greek, the original language of the Gospels, we find three words for power or authority. We easily recognize the first two: energy and dynamic. There is a power in energy, in physical health and muscle, just as there is a power in being dynamic, in dynamite, in having the power to generate energy; but when the Gospels speak of Jesus as "having great power" and as having a power beyond that of other religious figures, they do not use the words energetic or dynamic. They use a third word, *EXOUSIA*, which might be best rendered as VULNERABILITY. Jesus' real power was rooted in a certain vulnerability, like the powerlessness of a child.

This isn't an easy concept to grasp since our idea of power is normally rooted in the opposite, namely, the notion that power lies in the ability to overwhelm, not underwhelm, others. And yet we understand this, at least somewhat, in our experience of babies, who can overpower us precisely by their powerlessness. Around a baby, as most every mother and father has learned, we not only watch our language and try not to have bitter arguments; we also try to be better, more loving persons. Metaphorically, a baby has the power to do an exorcism. It can cast out the demons of self-absorption and selfishness in us. That's why Jesus could cast out certain demons that others could not.

And that's how God's power forever lies within our world and within our lives, asking for our patience. Christ, as Annie Dillard says, is always found in our lives just as he was originally found, a helpless baby in the straw who must be picked up and nurtured into maturity. But we are forever wanting something else, namely, a God who would come and clean up the world and satisfy our thirst for justice by showing some raw muscle power and banging some heads here and now. We are impatient with quiet, moral power that demands infinite patience and a long-term perspective. We want a hero, someone with the blazing guns of a Hollywood superhero but the heart of a Mother Theresa. The guns of the world blasting away evil, that's what we want from our God, not the power of a baby lying mute and helpless against the cruel powers of our time. Like the Israelites facing the Philistines, we are reluctant to send a shepherd boy against an ironclad giant. We want divine power in iron, muscles, guns, and charisma.

But that's not the way intimacy, peace, and God are found.

**Gifts of Treasure
Weekend of May 5-6, 2012**

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

Total Collection: \$4,639.00

Envelopes—Parishioners
\$2,769.00
Plate—Visitors
\$1,870.00

Breakdown of gifts received

\$0.01 to \$5.00	18
\$5.01 to \$10.00	19
\$10.01 to \$25.00	36
\$25.01 to \$50.00	13
\$50.01 to \$100.00	4
\$100.01 to \$150.00	0
\$150.01 to \$500.00	4

Total contributing households: 94

Total Collection for May 1-6, 2012	\$4,639.00
Total Operating Costs for May 1-6, 2012	\$10,313.00
Net Income for May 1-6	-\$5,674.00

Payroll (Salary & Benefits): \$ 9,151.00
Utilities & Telephone: \$ 517.00
Repairs & Maintenance: \$ 645.00



2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

“Partners in Mission”

Goal: \$24,000.00
Number of Pledges Received: 84
Amount Pledged: \$30,882.00
Amount Paid: \$22,409.50

Please drop your ACA pledge envelopes in the first collection basket.



The Ascension of the Lord will be observed on Sunday, May 20, 2012.

Thursday, May 17, is observed as an Easter Weekday.



“Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.”

We wish all mothers a happy Mother’s Day. We remember all our beloved Mothers, living or deceased, in our Mother’s Day Novena beginning Sunday, May 13.



Tour of Augustinian Italy

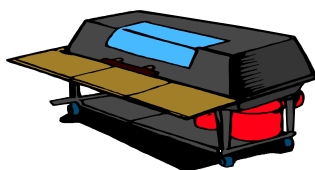
Fr. Gary Sanders, OSA, is escorting a tour entitled “Augustinian Italy” from July 8-19, 2012. The eleven-day tour includes Ostia Antica, Rome, Genazzano, the Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia, the Shrine of St. Clare of Montefalco, two nights in Florence, Siena, the 13th century monastery of San Gimignano, and Milan. For more information call (800) 262-1718 or visit adriatictours.com

Parish Life



Parish Breakfast
will be served
next Sunday, May 20, 2012

Please plan to join family and friends
in Fr. Serra Hall
for delicious food and good fellowship.
Adults \$5 Children \$3



Save the Date

Coming Soon!

Santa Maria Barbeque

June 22, 2012

Stay tune for more information!

Serra Gifts...

Street level of
Fr. Serra Hall



Gift Shop Hours

Tues. thru Sat. 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Sunday after 8:30 Mass— 4 P.M.

**Is there a Baptism, First Communion,
or Wedding in your future? Check out
our gift items.**

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

MOTHER

Mother is the name for God
in the lips and hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

Centering Prayer...



is a method of Christian contemplative prayer,
placing a strong emphasis on inner silence. Join
us **Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.**, in the Parish
Hall for twenty minutes of Centering Prayer
followed by Fellowship and Spiritual Formation.
Newcomers will be taught the method.

Put a Little

*Spring in
Your Marriage*



Marriage Encounter helps couples turn good marriages
into GREAT marriages.

In San Diego, we offer a weekend retreat for married
couples about once a month. The retreats last from Friday
night through Sunday afternoon, and are held in local
hotels or retreat centers. The weekend is presented in a
Catholic format, but non-Catholic couples are welcome to
attend.

A marriage encounter weekend may be just what you
need to put the spark back in your marriage. It provides
couples an opportunity to spend quality time focused on
each other, teaches valuable tools for improving your
communication, and helps bring God into your marriage.
Our weekends do not involve group therapy or open
sharing.

Call 866 473 7730 if you have questions about attending a
Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in San Diego.
San Diego Dates: May 18, 2012 & September 21, 2012



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

**The Church of St. Mary Magdalene
1945 Illion St.
San Diego
St. Francis Room**

**Fridays, May 11 through June 8
12 Noon to 1:15 p.m.**





Treasures from our Tradition

Just as the origins of Lent have to do with accompanying people in the final stages of preparation for baptism at Eastertime, so does the structure of the Easter season help the newly received Catholics take root in the community. This is the season of “mystagogy,” which means “reflection on the mysteries.” This means that new Catholics are remembering the sacraments by which they become one with us, and are sorting out the implications for their everyday life. They can understand the excitement of Cornelius and his family in the first reading, filled with the Holy Spirit, and so eager to begin their new life that they overwhelm St. Peter. The second reading and the Gospel today likewise help our new brothers and sisters explore their new life as an experience of God’s tender love.

Long ago, our tradition named these newly baptized adults and children the “neophytes,” from Greek words meaning “newly planted.” Newly planted in the garden of faith, they look to us to provide the fertile soil in which their new life can take root and grow. You can help. If you have “neophytes” in your parish, a card or note of welcome, or warm words of congratulation, are still timely. It’s Easter!

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Courtesy Announcements

San Diego History Center

Makers of San Diego History Gala
HONORING THE TUNA INDUSTRY

Saturday, June 9, 2012
6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Town and Country Resort

Exhibition: April 21 - December 30, 2012

For more information, visit
www.sandiegohistory.org/tuna

Attention Class of 1972

**Three-school reunion—Saints, Rosary,
and Our Lady of Peace**

August 11, 2012

Chapel patio, St. Augustine High School

For information, email:

40threunioncommittee@gmail.com

Wine and Roses Charity Wine Tasting

Hosted by The Social Service Auxiliary of San Diego
and

The San Diego International Wine Competition

June 10, 2012

3:00—6:30 p.m.

Liberty Station

Luce Court-Liberty Plaza

Tickets: \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door

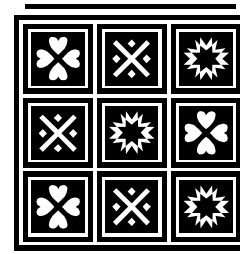
Benefits Camp Oliver, operated by the Sisters of Social Service

Contact: helenalli@cox.net or 619-697-9864



The Catholic Alumni Club International is looking to continue to expand in the San Diego Diocese. We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information, please check out www.caci.org or contact Steve at valksr@yahoo.com.

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QUEEN-SIZE QUILT (ON DISPLAY IN SERRA HALL)

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\$1 PER TICKET

\$5 FOR 6 TICKETS

\$10 FOR 15 TICKETS

TICKETS AVAILABLE SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 8:00 TO 11:30 A.M.

IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

Tune in to

Immaculate Heart Radio
KCEO AM 1000.

For the first time in the history of the Diocese of San Diego, a Catholic radio station is on the air.

"Blue Mass"



Knights of Columbus, Our Mother of Confidence Council 9776, will sponsor a Blue Mass to honor current, retired and deceased members of law enforcement, the military, and fire/rescue departments.

Saturday, May 26, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Our Mother of Confidence Church
3131 Governor Drive
San Diego



After the Mass, there will be a reception in the church hall to meet, greet, and say thanks to members of the military, law enforcement, and fire/rescue departments.

[http:](http://www.vatican.va)
Catholic Internet Sites

www.vatican.va

www.bustedhalo.com

(an online magazine for spiritual seekers)

www.lifeteen.com

(questions and answers for Catholic teens)

www.caregiving.org

(a resource to help caregivers find the information they need)

PASSION & PURPOSE LIVE

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MATTHEW KELLY

With special musical guest

ELIOT MORRIS

Passion & Purpose Live is the inspiring yet practical experience of dynamic teaching and application of the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of your life including prayer and spirituality, work, dating and marriage, personal finances, health and well-being, parenting and more!

Sat, Jun 2 ~ 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

St. Rose of Lima Church

293 H St, Chula Vista, 91910

\$39.00 fee benefits Dynamic Catholic Mission. Purchase tickets online at www.DynamicCatholic.com



Gather with Young Adults (ages 18-39)

on Tuesdays in May 2012

6:30—7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30-9:00 pm Speaker

Old Spaghetti Factory

111 N. Twin Oaks Rd, San Marcos

Tuesday, May 15

Dulce Maria Silva, Speaker

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose YOU

"Knowing and embracing the Love of God the Father."

WHY RETURN TO SUNDAY MASS

PART 2

1. If you knew Jesus would be somewhere, wouldn't you go see him?
2. Guaranteed Bible readings. Countless lives have been changed by Scripture. Might yours?
3. Statistics say that people who go to church are less stressed.
4. It's the best way to pray for your family and friends — and to cope with troubled times.
5. One out of Ten Commandments asks us to go to Mass every Sunday
6. You'll become a better person at Mass. The more you are a part of God's life, the better you'll be.
7. Life is complicated. Get directions that *work* — from the One who created life.
8. It's your way to go most directly through Jesus Christ to God the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit in prayer.
9. Is one hour too much to give to God? How many do you spend on other priorities?

From the National Catholic Register