

The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 4, 2021



Keep FAITH Alive!

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.
-Psalm 118

Welcome to
The Immaculata

Seeking Easter Joy

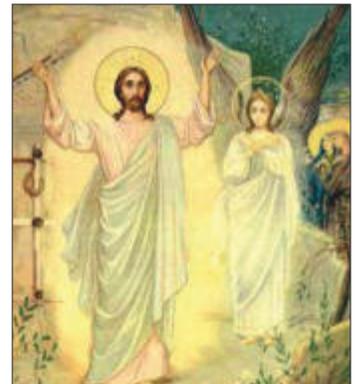
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Christ is risen! Truly He is risen! The stone is rolled away. The tomb where Christ once laid is empty. Death did not hold Him. He conquered death and restored life. Jesus, Our Redeemer, brings us life, love, and hope won for us all through His passion, death, and resurrection.

This year, in these unprecedented times, our celebration of the Holy Triduum and Easter has certainly been far different than usual. The Coronavirus Pandemic and its effects

have forced us all our lifetimes. However, the same truths of our faith in the Paschal Mystery that we joyfully celebrate each year reign true today in the time of pandemic as “causes for joy.”

What I find special (and encouraging!) is how all the Easter Sunday Gospels begin with disciples seeking. In each of the Gospel accounts of the empty tomb, the women, Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” or, Mary, the mother of James and John, go to



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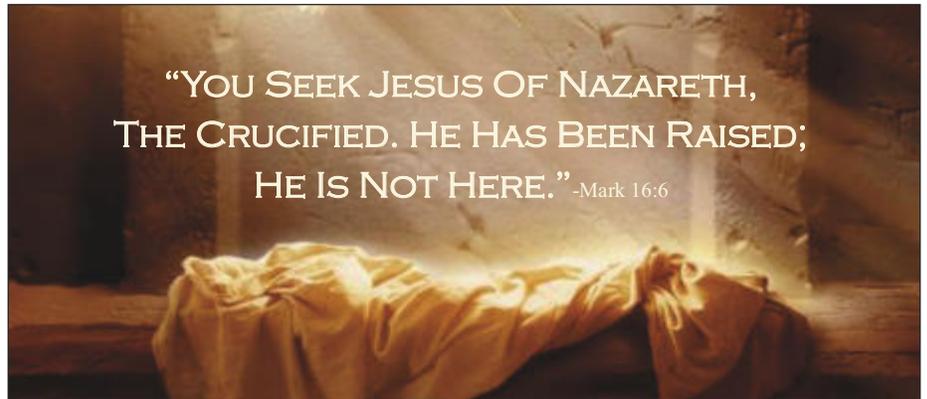
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Easter 2021

Before they actually encounter the risen Lord, the disciples are confronted with an empty tomb (an ambiguous sign at best) and the pronouncement of angels, which must have seemed like nonsense. The ambiguity of the sign of an empty tomb seems perfect for our celebration of Easter this year as we hopefully move out of the pandemic. The disciples knew something was amiss and could only hope that the good news they were being told was indeed true. Likewise for us in these days. With vaccine distribution in high gear, the holiday spike hopefully behind us, and the loosening of public health restrictions, the first real signs of an end to this pandemic and new life are all around us. As a result, Easter 2021 may be all the more meaningful as we sing our Alleluias with a special joy.

The truth is however, that those disciples did eventually encounter the risen Lord and, through his commission to them, every generation since has encountered him. That is why the celebration of Easter has perennial power and meaning. No matter the circumstances of our lives or the world, the risen Lord continues to encounter us bringing life from death. This year we hope to see yet another instance of that as we emerge from the pandemic, but regardless of our fortunes in this life, we know the crucified one comes to us with the gift of his risen life and that, in every year, is the reason for our Alleluias.

Though safety measures will still require some adjustments, thankfully, we will be able to celebrate Easter in person this year. For those who are not yet able to join us in person, the services will continue to be livestreamed. All Masses on Easter Sunday will be held outside on the east lawn (weather permitting) and chairs will be provided. Please consult the schedule of celebrations on the opposite page and join us for as many as possible either in person or via livestream. Even outside of our liturgical celebrations however, in our homes and places of work, let us observe these days as time for extra prayer and quiet awareness of their significance. Prayerful best wishes to you and your family during these holy days. May the crucified one bring us the consolation and joy of his risen life.

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the empty tomb. “On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb” (John 20:1).

What are they seeking? Perhaps the Resurrected Christ, but they didn’t all understand how the Scriptures would be fulfilled yet. Maybe they were seeking to mourn the Lord’s death more or to pray for Him. Maybe they were hoping to find some comfort in praying where His body laid at rest. No matter what, they were seeking. They didn’t immediately encounter the Lord either, they had to let the story continue to unfold and find Him. When they found Him, inexpressible joy was certainly the reaction!

Easter Joy, an encounter with our Risen Lord doesn’t just come to us. We must seek it. All of us approximately 2,000 years later are truly blessed to know how the story unfolds. We can seek to meet the Risen Lord knowing that He comes to us and calls us to Himself. Easter Joy, the joy of the Risen Lord is indeed ours when we seek Him!

How can we seek the Lord in such difficult times? In such depressing, scary, difficult times?

In faith, in hope, and in charity!

Seek Him! Believe in the power of God to transform our mourning into laughter and our fear into confidence. Live the truths and



commandments of our faith. Long for the coming of God’s Kingdom, fulfillment only in Jesus Christ, and eternal life with Him. Long for the glory of God to be revealed through these difficult times.

Love, serve, and be charitable! Be kind, patient, and forgiving. Reach out to those who are lonely whether they be family, friends, or strangers. Share what you have with those in need. Recognize that praying for and supporting others are the greatest gifts of all through these times!

In these “uncharted lands,” we can hold true to our faith and the glory of the Resurrection. We can seek Jesus in opportunities that we never have before. We can find Easter Joy – the joy that “dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners” (Exsultet: The Proclamation of Easter).

Once Mary saw, what did she do? “She ran and went” (John 20:2). Once you’ve found a glimmer of the Easter Joy, like Mary, bring it to others.

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“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!”

~ PSALM 46:11

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 12:45 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.



Mission Statement of The Immaculata

Inspired and strengthened by the Sacraments, Scripture, and Liturgy, we are a vibrant, diverse Roman Catholic community called to serve as faithful disciples of Christ in our lives and ministries. With our Blessed Mother to guide us, we strive to be a beacon of faith and a spiritual home to all who seek God.

MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
(Mass inside the church & livestreamed)

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
(Mass inside the church)

Sunday 7:30 a.m.
(Mass inside the church & livestreamed)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
(Mass inside the church)

Sunday 11:00 a.m.
(Mass on the East lawn)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays
8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 12:45-2:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:30 p.m.– 4:15 p.m.
(Inside the church)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Closed on Saturdays & Sundays

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Mass Readings & Intentions

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading

Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen.
Acts 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.
Psalm 118

Second Reading

All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven.
Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel

Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John;
each responds to the empty tomb.
John 20:1-9

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 3

Intention: For newly baptized, received and confirmed

Easter Sunday, April 4

Intention:

7:30 a.m. For an end to the pandemic & for its victims
9:00 a.m. For the sick of the parish
11:00 a.m. For All Parishioners
12:30 p.m. For Peace & Justice

Monday, April 5

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Matthew 28:8-15
Intention: Mary, Howard & Family

Tuesday, April 6

Acts 2:36-41; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; John 20:11-18
Intention: +Holly Erwin

Wednesday, April 7

Acts 3:1-10; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9; Luke 24:13-35
Intention: +Judith Misage

Thursday, April 8

Acts 3:11-26; Psalm 8:2, 5-9; Luke 24:35-48
Intention: +Holly Erwin

Friday, April 9

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; John 21:1-14
Intention: Huge & Rosemary Van Doren

Saturday, April 10

Acts 4:13-21; Psalm 118:1, 14-15, 16-21; Mark 16:9-15
Intention:
8:00 a.m. +Al & Rita Nader
4:30 p.m. +Bill Long



The Joy of Easter

Oh, dear Lord, when I first learned
about your Crucifixion,
fear was in my heart.
Knowing what they did to you
is hard to understand.
I was worried that we lost you
but trusted, this was planned.
Now, I understand the joy
your painful path would bring.
Now, I know your sacrifice
that we rejoice and sing.
Behold the joy of Easter,
the miracle we were shown.
Rejoice your Resurrection,
our faith forever sown. Amen

Immaculata Ministries & Programs

Councils

Finance Council • Pastoral Council

Evangelization

New Parishioner Welcome

Faith Formation

Adult

Adult Faith Formation
Becoming Catholic (RCIA)
Book Club

Immaculata Young Adults
Vocations

Youth

High School Youth
Infant Baptism
Middle School Youth

Family-Centered Faith
Formation

Family Life & Spirituality

Bereavement Ministry
Childcare
Divorce Support
Homebound Ministry
Knights of Columbus

Ladies of The Immaculata
Marriage Enrichment
Men's Chastity
Mental Health Ministry
Parent Faith Sharing

Parish Rosary
Prayer Support for the Engaged
Sacred Shuttles: Rides to Mass
Witness to Love Marriage Preparation
Senior Ministry

Liturgy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Altar Linen Care
Altar Servers

Eucharistic Ministers
Kids Pew Krew
Lectors

Liturgical Environment
Music Ministry
Ushers/Greeters

Youth Music Ministry
Children's Liturgy of the Word
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Divine Diners • Donut Ministry • Parish Events

Life, Peace & Justice

Creation Care Team • Food Pantry • Give-Back Sunday Team • Safe Families for Children • St. Vincent de Paul

Stewardship

Other

Mailing Volunteers • Safe Environment

For more information on how to get involved in any of our parish ministries & programs contact the parish office (619) 574-5700 or visit theimmaculata.org and click on the Ministries tab

Becoming Catholic RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA program is especially designed for the following people:

- Not baptized but interested in learning about baptism.
- Baptized in another faith, but interested in the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholic but missed out on religious instruction and the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.
- Or, if simply, you or anyone you know is interested in examining your faith life, baptism, prayer or the Catholic Church, then this is for you.

For more information, please contact Laura Martin-Spencer at lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu. or (619) 574-5703.

The Immaculata Announcements

Senior Walkers

What is the antidote for treating yourself to too much Easter candy? A walk at Mission Bay Park! Join us Tuesday, April 6, at 9:00 a.m. We meet at the most northern parking lot (turn left into the parking lot rather than going into De Anza Trailer Park. We will stretch before starting the 6 mile trek at 9:15 a.m. There are stops available along the way and benches if you need a break. We'll pick you up when we make the return loop. Questions? Call Bruce (858) 245-5198 or Lynne (858) 245-7632.

Senior Discussion Group

All are welcome to join our monthly Senior Discussion Group that covers a wide variety of older adult-related issues. The next meeting will be via Zoom on Wednesday April 14, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Laura will stay on to answer any senior-related questions. Register by contacting Laura Runkle at (619) 920-6449 or lrunkle@gmail.com.

Stronger Together– Caregivers’ Support

COVID19 stay-at-home orders are tough on many Americans, but none more so than caregivers, who struggle with stress, anxiety and isolation while caring for a loved one. But you are not alone. Nourish for Caregivers will help you find resilience, balance and connectivity through shared tips, practical tools and spiritual encouragement. It’s absolutely necessary for your well-being. *Nourish for Caregivers:* (A Caregiver Support Group that empowers caregivers through the gift of faith). Meets the Second Monday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. First meeting will be Monday, April 12, 2021, Topic: Roles in Caregiving and the Decisions We Face. Facilitator: Rita McCreery is a Social Worker with specialties in Health Care and Gerontology, a Pastoral Counselor and a long-time family caregiver. For more information, Zoom link and program materials, contact Rita McCreery at (619) 922-6059 or rita@ritamccreery.com.

Donation Boxes for Outside Masses

Donation boxes are located at the four corners of the East Lawn.



Diocese Announcements



Bilingual Earth Day Mass

April 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint James, Solana Beach. 625 South Nardo Avenue, Solana Beach CA, 92075 Both indoor and via live stream. No-cost event. Both indoor and via live stream

There has been a growing conviction that our planet is a homeland and the humanity is one people, living in common home. (Pope Francis, Laudato Si #164)

Se debe integrar la justicia en las discusiones sobre el ambiente para escuchar tanto el clamor de la tierra como el clamor de los pobres. (Pope Francis, Laudato Si #49) Presider/Celebrante: Most Rev. Robert W. McElroy, Bishop of San Diego

Embracing our Vulnerable Children: Supporting Foster Families in our Parishes

Date: May 12 Time: 7:00pm - 8:30 p.m. Online event (via Zoom). No-cost event. Fostering is a challenging ministry, especially for first-time foster families. How can parishes support this pro-life call to help vulnerable children in our churches and in our communities? Join us for this panel presentation where foster parents and representatives from organizations supporting foster families discuss what it means to embrace our vulnerable children. Contact Janelle Peregoy at jperegoy@sdatholic.org or (858) 490-8292. Registration is required.



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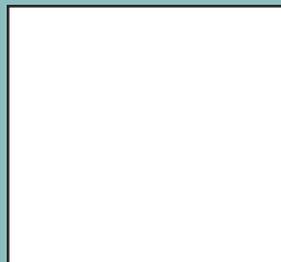


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The Last Word

Keep in Your Prayers

*Amen, I say to you,
if two of you agree on earth
about anything for which
they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them
by my heavenly father.
Matthew 18:19*

Healing

Alma Church	Bruce Perretti
Donald J. Gray	Riley Manahan
Marian Oddo	Robert Molina
Pat Boorman	Ruby Molina
Lucia Yandell	Larry Downey
Sandy Perretti	Roger Ravela

The sick list is updated on a monthly basis. Please call the parish office to add a parishioner to the list.

Easter Sunday

of the Resurrection of the Lord



Sunday, April 4, 2021

Masses: 7:30 a.m. (outdoors & live-streamed);
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (outdoors)

New Parishioners

Calata Family
Jessica Roland & Zachary Brungard
Danny Lopez & Elaine DiMatteo
DeLuca Family
Maria Marin



The Mass will continue to be video-streamed for the parishioners that continue to shelter-at-home theimmaculata.org

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Words of Wisdom

NEW BORN

**For I remember it is Easter morn,
And life and love and peace are all new born.**

—Alice Freeman Palmer