

# The Beacon

·Newsletter of The Immaculata Church·

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

*Keep FAITH Alive!*

Lord, let your face shine on us.

-*Psalm 4*

Welcome to  
The Immaculata

## The Resurrection of the Dead

by John Gillman Ph.D.



Every Sunday when professing our faith in unison, we come to the last phrase in the Nicene Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Yes, of course, who would not look forward to a better world, indeed a much better world than the one we now know. But it is that prior expression, "resurrection of the dead" that I find perplexing. The Catechism puts it more graphically, "We believe in the true resurrection of this flesh" (1017).

Our lived experience seems to belie such an outlandish belief. All around us we notice that living beings, including human bodies gradually age, eventually die, and then deteriorate. St. Paul was seemingly mocked when he spoke about the resurrection of dead to the sophisticated Corinthians who objected, to paraphrase: "Really Paul! Would you explain to us your ridiculous claim that the bodies of the dead are raised?" (1 Corinthians 15:35).

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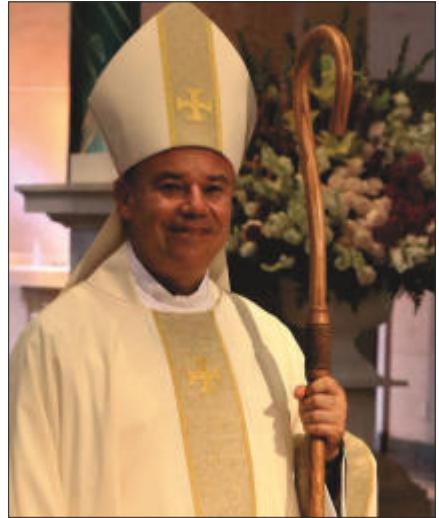
# Welcome

## Most Reverend Ramón Bejarano

### Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego

We welcome Most Reverend Ramón Bejarano, Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego in his first Pastoral visit to The Immaculata Church.

Auxiliary Bishop Bejarano was born in Texas, the son of José and María Elena Bejarano. His family moved back to Mexico soon after his birth, and he spent his early life in Aldama, Chihuahua. He and his family moved to Tracy, in California's San Joaquin Valley, when he was 18. He immediately began working in the fields to help support his family, later working in maintenance at a hotel.



At age 20, he was able to act on his long-standing desire to become a priest and applied to be a seminarian for the Diocese of Stockton. He studied philosophy for the diocese at the Archdiocesan Seminary of Tijuana and completed his theological studies at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon.

He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Donald Montrose on Aug. 15, 1998 for service in the Diocese of Stockton, where he served in several parishes and a variety of positions for nearly 22 years.

He served as parochial vicar in the parishes of St. George in Stockton and Sacred Heart in Turlock. He was called, in 2005, to be the founding pastor of Holy Family parish in Modesto. He was the pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Modesto from 2008 to 2019, when he was named the Pastor of the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Stockton.

During his tenure in the Central Valley, he served as chaplain to the Migrant Ministry, celebrating Mass for families and workers in migrant camps, providing the sacraments and counseling. He served as the spiritual director for the Spanish Catholic Radio in the area. And he served in leadership positions at the Stockton diocese as a member of the Presbyteral Council, the Diaconate Board, the Preparatory Commission for the Diocesan Synod of 2005, and the College of Consultors.

Auxiliary Bishop Bejarano is part of Bishop Robert W. McElroy's leadership team, which includes Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan. While serving the entire diocese, Bishop Bejarano will focus on serving the Hispanic Catholic community of the diocese. Appointed as Vicar for Justice, Life and Peace.

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Believing that only the soul is immortal, they would probably scoff at today’s Gospel, when the Risen Jesus appealed to the sense perception of the startled and terrified disciples: “Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have” (Luke 24: 39).

To press the issue further, in our resurrected state, will we have the kind of body that resembles the vigor of our youth, the way we appear at the height of our career, or our condition at old age with wrinkled skin and decreased mental capacity? Our hope would probably be for either of the first two. It is only natural to wonder and maybe be a little skeptical about whether there will even be a “resurrection of this flesh.”

This is where our faith in the living God comes in. Paul assures us that the power of the Holy One “is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 2:30). Rather than engage in an imaginative description of the



resurrection body, which he calls a “spiritual body,” Paul uses clothing imagery, already familiar to believers from baptism when they have clothed themselves with Christ (Galatians 3:27). He reassures the dubious Corinthians that the corruptible and transient bodies they now experience will at the resurrection put on imperishability and immortality, for the living God has given us “victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:54,5).

*John Gillman Ph.D. is a longtime parishioner at The Immaculata and the author of “What Does the Bible Say About Life and Death?” (New City Press, 2020).*

## Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (April 7, 2021)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer we now consider the communion of saints. Whenever we pray, we find ourselves immersed in a great stream of past, present and future intercession for the needs of individuals and of the whole world, for we pray together with all the saints in the communion of the Body of Christ which is the Church. The saints – this great “cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1) both known and unknown – ceaselessly pray with us and for us in giving glory to God. Our veneration of the saints draws us closer to Jesus, the

sole Mediator between man and God. In Christ too, we sense a mysterious solidarity with our loved ones who have died, for whom we continue to pray. We experience this prayerful solidarity also here below, as we pray for one another and for our brothers and sisters who are poor, suffering and most in need. In these challenging times, let us thank the Lord for the great gift of the saints and confidently entrust ourselves to their intercession, for the spread of the Gospel and the salvation of our human family.

To read more visit <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis>



### 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)

### EUCARISTIC 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**  
**(619) 574-5700**  
**theimmaculata@sandiego.edu**

# Mass Readings & Intentions

## Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

### First Reading

The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead.  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your face shine on us.  
Psalm 4

### Second Reading

We have an Advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous one.  
1 John 2:1-5

### Gospel

Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and  
rise from the dead on the third day.  
Luke 24:35-48

#### 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

### Monday, April 19

Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; John 6:22-29  
**Intention:** +Fremont Nash

### Tuesday, April 20

Acts 7:51 — 8:1; Psalm 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21; John 6:30-35  
**Intention:** All Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, April 21

Acts 8:1-8; Psalm 66:1-3, 4-7; John 6:35-40  
**Intention:** +Madelyn McMahon

### Thursday, April 22

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; John 6:44-51  
**Intention:** +Jane Huizinga

### Friday, April 23

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 117:1, 2; John 6:52-59  
**Intention:** Mindy McGreevy

### Saturday, April 24

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;  
1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18  
**Intention:**  
8:00 a.m. +Trisha Montoya  
4:30 p.m. +Rev. Harry Nealy, OSA

# 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 (CLOW)

### Parish Fellowship

Divine Diners      Donut Ministry      Parish Events

### Life, Peace & Justice

Creation Care Team  
Food Pantry  
Give-Back Sunday Team

Racial Justice  
Safe Families for Children  
St. Vincent de Paul

### Stewardship

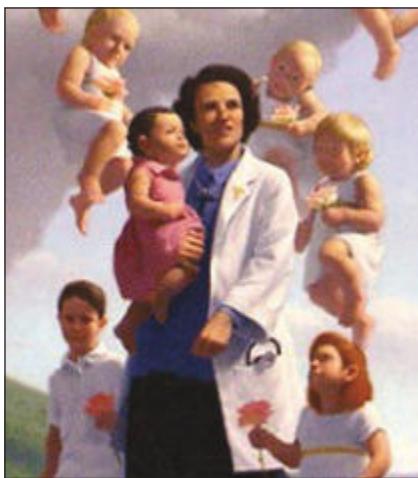
Mailing Volunteers

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](http://theimmaculata.org) and click on the Ministries tab.

# Saint of the Week

St. Gianna Beretta Molla 1876–1926. Feast day April 28



In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint!

She was born in Magenta near Milano, the tenth of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics. In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where she met engineer Pietro Molla.

Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women." In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Two pregnancies following ended in miscarriage.

Early in her fourth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week Gianna Molla died at home, and was buried in the cemetery of Mesero.

Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in 1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on April 28.

## Reflection

With great faith and courage, Gianna Molla made the choice that enabled her daughter to be born. We can often wish that we were in different circumstances, but holiness frequently comes from making difficult choices in bad situations.

*To read more [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day)*

*Seniors*  
**Coffee Meet-Up**  
Celebrated Easter with  
their Easter Bonnets

Group meets monthly on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the Month at 9:00 a.m., online (via Zoom). If you would like to join the fun contact Bea Halk at [bhalk@sandiego.edu](mailto:bhalk@sandiego.edu).



# The Immaculata Announcements

## New Book Releases

Long time parishioner and lector, John Gillman Ph.D., has recently published two new books: What Does the Bible Say About Life and Death? (New City Press, 2020) and What Does the Bible Say About Angels and Demons? (New City Press, 2021) that address key themes of our faith in dialogue with contemporary issues.

## Donation Boxes for Outside Masses

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



**“BE STILL AND  
KNOW THAT  
I AM GOD!”**

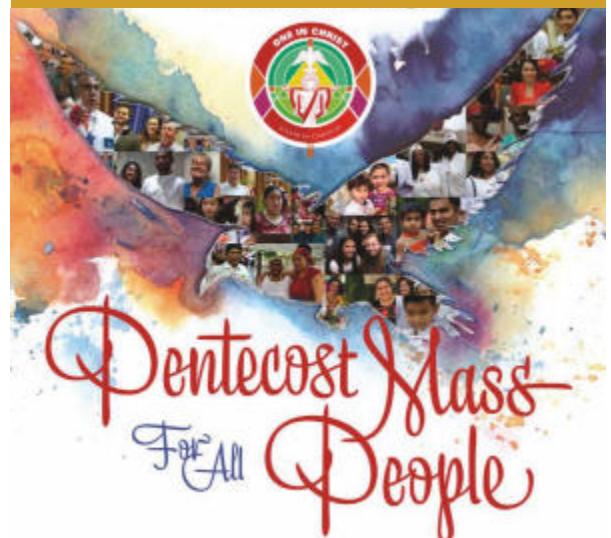
~ PSALM 46:11

Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Every Wednesday  
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. &  
12:45 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.



The Mass will continue to be video-streamed for the parishioners that continue to shelter-at-home. Look for the live-stream button on the top menu at [theimmaculata.org](http://theimmaculata.org)

## Diocese Announcements



May 22 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Good Shepherd Parish, 8200 Gold Coast Drive, San Diego CA, 92126 No-cost Event. All people are invited to the diocese's annual Pentecost Mass, which brings together the cultures and traditions of our universal Church. Contact: Alejandra Diaz, (858) 490-8306, [adiaz@sdcatholic.org](mailto:adiaz@sdcatholic.org)

## Stewardship of Treasure

*For where your treasure is,  
There also will your heart be.*

-Matthew 6:21

### Week of April 11, 2021

Plate:	.....	\$612.00
Envelope:	.....	\$3,526.00
Online:	.....	\$7,640.08
<b>Total:</b>	.....	<b>\$11,778.08</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



# 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	Riley Manahan
Donald J. Gray	Robert Molina
Marian Oddo	Ruby Molina
Pat Boorman	Larry Downey
Lucia Yandell	Roger Ravela
Sandy Perretti	Leonard Hayden
Bruce Perretti	Rita Winrow

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

## Newly Baptized

William Thomas Pruitt
Aryssa Benetta De Los Santos MacLean
Vivienne Frances Jurado
Suehaylie Quetzali Rosales
Sophia Ellie Lopez

## 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](mailto:lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu). or call (619) 574-5703.

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## Words of Wisdom

### NATURE'S LESSONS

*Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.*

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux