

# The Beacon

Newsletter of The Immaculata Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.

-Psalm 118

Welcome to  
The Immaculata

## The Wonder of Transformation

by John Gillman Ph.D.



One of my most enjoyable moments in the spring is to pay close attention to the very first, almost imperceptible signs of new leaves appearing on our pomegranate and two crape myrtle trees. The tiniest glimmer of green breaking through little nodes on the grey-brown branches is a wonder to behold. The first delicate white blossoms on our ornamental pear tree attract attention, as does the flowering bougainvillea holding onto its pallet of color through the winter months.

Annie Dillard, author of *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, speaks about “The color-patches of vision part, shift, and reform as I move through space in time.” The Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins was taken up with the marvels of nature captured in that memorable phrase: “The world is charged with the grandeur of God.”

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## Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (April 14, 2021)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer we now consider the Church herself as a great school of prayer. Our parents, who first taught us to pray, planted within us a seed that matures through our experience of the Christian life. Through the example of other men and women of faith, through our sharing in the life of our parishes and above all through the sacred liturgy, we not only develop our prayer life as individuals, but gradually come to appreciate the richness of the Church's patrimony of prayer and spirituality. Particularly at difficult moments in life, we come to realize the importance of prayer in strengthening our faith and hope. History shows the importance of communities of prayer – monasteries and religious congregations



– for the spiritual renewal of the Church and of society as a whole. Prayer remains the wellspring of the Church's life and the true source of her strength in bearing witness to the risen Lord. For this reason, Jesus insists on the need of his disciples to pray tirelessly and without ceasing. To pray and to teach others to pray, then, is essential for the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel, serving Christ in our brothers and sisters, and drawing all people into the unity of his kingdom.

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

## Saint of the Week

St. Peter Chanel 1803-1841. Feast day April 28



Anyone who has worked in loneliness, with great adaptation required and with little apparent success, will find a kindred spirit in Peter Chanel. Wanting to be a missionary, he joined the Society of Mary, the Marists, at 28. Then, as superior of seven Marists, he traveled to Western Oceania. The bishop accompanying the missionaries left Peter and a brother on Futuna Island northeast of Fiji, promising to return in six months. He was gone five years. Peter struggled with this new language and mastered it, making the difficult adjustment to life with whalers, traders, and warring natives. Despite little apparent success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit, plus endless patience and courage. A few natives had been baptized, a few more were being instructed. When the chieftain's son asked to be baptized, persecution by the chieftain reached a climax. Father Chanel was clubbed to death. Within two years after his death, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Peter Chanel is the first martyr of Oceania and its patron.

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

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If the wonders of nature’s budding color patches inspire us, how much more the resurrection, the mystery of faith we continue to ponder during this Easter Season. St. Paul surely followed nature’s pattern, and this became for him a symbol of the dying and rising that we now know in the small measure of our daily lives and will experience in all fullness with the transformation of our earthly body at the resurrection. Paul uses the image of a seed: “what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed...but God gives it a body as the Holy One has chosen” (1 Corinthians 15:37-38).

Then Paul expands our vision in his resurrection chapter to the array of glory manifest in the heavens (1 Corinthians 15). The sun and moon, the stars in all diversity, manifest their own distinctive glory. But this is hardly a glimmer of the glory of the resurrected body. If he were writing today, Paul might speak about how our bodies participate in what was once the stardust of the cosmos, and that at the resurrection, all creation which is groaning now in labor pains will ultimately be set free and radically transformed (Romans 8:18-25).



As faithful Christians this is what we hope for and long for.

Gerald O’Collins, S.J., expressed this beautifully some years ago: the resurrection will be the “full and final personalizing and spiritualizing of our matter, not its abolition.” The totality of our life experience, including all that we have learned from the hard knocks of life, will participate in the total transformation of our person. In the meantime, pause in the space of time allotted us to be awe-inspired by the new life budding around us.

*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).*



## “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)

### 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

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# Mass Readings & Intentions

## Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 2021

### First Reading

There is no salvation through anyone else.  
Acts 4:8-12

### Responsorial Psalm

The stone rejected by the builders  
has become the cornerstone.  
Psalm 118

### Second Reading

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that  
we may be called the children of God.  
1 John 3:1-2

### Gospel

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
John 10:11-18

#### 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 26

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; John 10:1-10  
**Intention:** +Francis & Josephine Bennett

### Tuesday, April 27

Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1-7; John 10:22-30  
**Intention:** +Judith Misage

### Wednesday, April 28

Acts 12:24 — 13:5; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44-50  
**Intention:** +Chris & Bea Knott

### Thursday, April 29

Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; John 13:16-20  
**Intention:** +Nancy Wohleber

### Friday, April 30

Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-11; John 14:1-6  
**Intention:** +Sharon Jenkins

### Saturday, May 1

Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1-4; John 14:7-14  
**Intention:**  
8:00 a.m. +Nenita Andres  
4:30 p.m. Olivia Gibbons

# 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

### Other

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.

The Immaculata  
Sacred Pascal Triduum  
April, 2021



# The Immaculata Announcements

## Holy Hour Hosted by Immaculata Young Adults

Starting April 27, 2021 The Immaculata Young Adults will be hosting a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. inside the church. All Ages are Welcome.

## Donation Boxes for Outside Masses

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



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)

# Courtesy Announcements

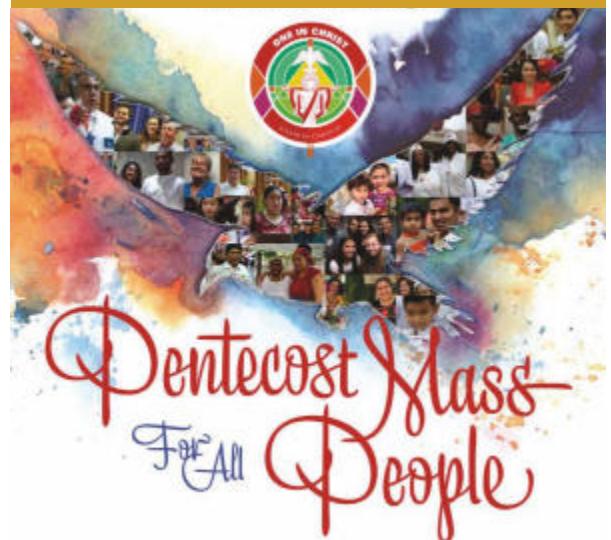
## Earth Day

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren. Learn more at [usccb.org/environment](http://usccb.org/environment).

## Diocese Announcements



May 22 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at 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 18, 2021

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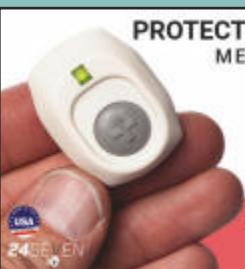
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# The Last Word

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

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



**SACRED TEXTS**  
THE IMMACULATA PARISH  
STAY INFORMED - SIGN UP TO FLOCKNOTE

## Newlyweds

Daniel & Melissa Kachi  
Christopher & Cristal Poston  
Angelo & Elena Alessio

## 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

**THE GLORY OF GOD**  
**The glory of God is humanity fully alive.**

—St. Irenaeus