

The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.

-Psalm 22

Welcome to
The Immaculata

Broken Branches by Jim Infantine

“I am the vine, you are the branches.” (Jn 15:1-8). It is a beautiful assurance that, if we stay connected to Jesus, we will be nourished. And yet, so many American young people have broken away from Christ and his Church and now wander in search of other nourishments. As Bishop Robert Barron has pointed out, 50 percent of millennial Catholics now claim no religious identity.

They break away from the vine for many reasons, but primarily because they don't believe in the teachings of classical Christianity. Father John A. Hardon, S.J. pointed out that, “from infancy, children are exposed to all the means of communication”. “The masters of communication,” said Hardon, are for the most part openly hostile to the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.



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Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (April 21, 2021)

In our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of vocal prayer. In our dialogue with God, he first spoke to us through his own Word made flesh. He invites us in turn to speak to him in words that embody our deepest thoughts, emotions and experiences. Words do not only express our ideas, they also shape us and often reveal us to ourselves. In the inspired words of the Book of Psalms, we find a model of vocal prayer. The Psalmist gives us the words to bring our joys, fears, hopes and needs to God and to share with him every aspect of our lives. The prayer of the heart and the prayer of our lips can never be separated. As the Catechism tells us, “vocal prayer is an essential element of the Christian life” (No. 2701). Through our spoken or



chanted prayer, alone or in common, we find the words that enable us to grow daily in our relationship with God. Prayer thus quietly becomes an essential part of our lives, like the air we breathe. When the disciples asked Jesus to show them how to pray, he responded by teaching them, and us, the words of the Our Father.

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

Saint of the Week

St. Rose Venerini 1656-1728. Feast day May 7



Rose was born at Viterbo in Italy, the daughter of a doctor. Following the death of her fiancé she entered a convent, but soon returned home to care for her newly widowed mother. Meanwhile, Rose invited the women of the neighborhood to recite the rosary in her home, forming a sort of sodality with them. As she looked to her future under the spiritual guidance of a Jesuit priest, Rose became convinced that she was called to become a teacher in the world rather than a contemplative nun in a convent. Clearly, she made the right choice: She was a born teacher, and the free school for girls she opened in 1685 was well received. Soon the cardinal invited her to oversee the training of teachers and the administration of schools in his diocese of Montefiascone. As Rose’s reputation grew, she was called upon to organize schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome. Her disposition was right for the task as well, for Rose often met considerable opposition but was never deterred. She died in Rome in 1728, where a number of miracles were attributed to her. She was beatified in 1952 and canonized in 2006. The sodality, or group of women she had invited to prayer, was ultimately given the rank of a religious congregation. Today, the so-called Venerini Sisters can be found in the United States and elsewhere, working among Italian immigrants.

To read more www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day

(“Broken Branches” continuation from page 1)

Parents, then, have to be prepared to answer the objections to Christian belief and practice that have become the air our children breathe in their media-saturated environment. To accomplish this, Bishop Barron recommends that we, “read, read, read; learn the great tradition; and cultivate a Catholic sensibility...appreciating the whole range of the Church's beauty and wisdom.”

Five books that helped my wife and me keep our three kids connected to the vine are *Mere Christianity*, by C.S. Lewis; *Confessions*, by St. Augustine; *Jesus, God and Man*, by Wolfhart Pannenberg; *Tell Me Why*, by Michael and Jana Novak; and *Five Pillars of the Spiritual Life*, by Fr. Robert J. Spitzer. Some of these books helped us answer our own questions, and some were also for the kids to read, but all contributed to a Catholic sensibility that, hopefully, permeated our home.

Notre Dame sociologist Christian Smith maintains that “...no other institution or program comes close to shaping youth religiously as their parents do...” Parents must “believe and practice their own religion -genuinely and faithfully.”

Beyond that, says Smith, “...the religious parents who most successfully raise religious children tend to exhibit an “authoritative” parenting style, as opposed to an “authoritarian” or a “passive” style. Such parents combine two crucial traits. “First, they consistently hold their children to clear and demanding expectations, standards, and boundaries in all areas of



life. Second, they relate to their children with an abundance of warmth, support, and expressive care.”

Smith says that, “a second trait of parents who successfully pass on religious faith and practice to their children is that, as a normal part of family life *during the week*, they talk with their children about religious things— what they believe and practice, what it means and implies, and why it matters to them...it is not compartmentalized in certain slots of the week, nor is it an unusual or awkward topic. It is part of ‘who we are and what we care about.’”

Finally, as a complementary activity, channel your children into youth groups, congregations, activities, and friend groups likely to reinforce the family’s values. Our children were greatly influenced by youth group leaders, teachers, and coaches. Then, we did what Smith says parents should do, “...pray and hope that the divine forces in which they believe will lead their children into lives of truth, goodness, and beauty.” So far, with three practicing Catholic kids who are now practicing Catholic adults, God has smiled on this recipe.



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

Tuesdays: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
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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SACRED TEXTS
THE IMMACULATA PARISH

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Mass Readings & Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

First Reading

Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.
Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
Psalm 22

Second Reading

This is God's commandment: that we may believe and love.
1 John 3:18-24

Gospel

I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.
John 15:1-8

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, May 3

1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Psalm 19:2-5; John 14:6-14
Intention: +Carmen Della Corna

Tuesday, May 4

Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-13, 21; John 14:27-31
Intention: +Dr. Noli Zosa

Wednesday, May 5

Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-5; John 15:1-8
Intention: +Marie Madeleine Danh Phan

Thursday, May 6

Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-3, 10; John 15:9-11
Intention: +John Polak

Friday, May 7

Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57:8-10, 12; John 15:12-17
Intention: +Jim Benefield

Saturday, May 8

Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1-3, 5; John 15:18-21
Intention:
8:00 a.m. +Anna Hahn & Paul Thong Nguyen
4:30 p.m. +Jaye Ann Bosque

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

Other

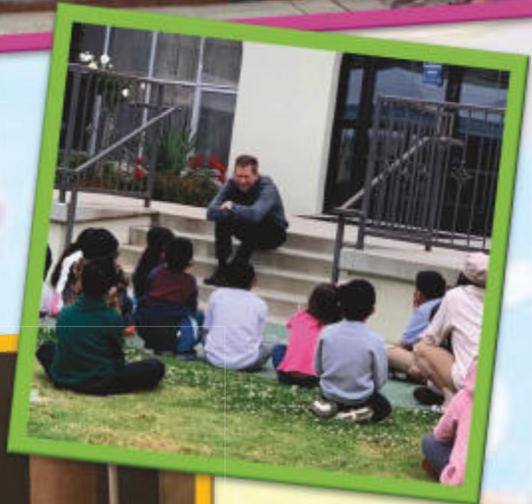
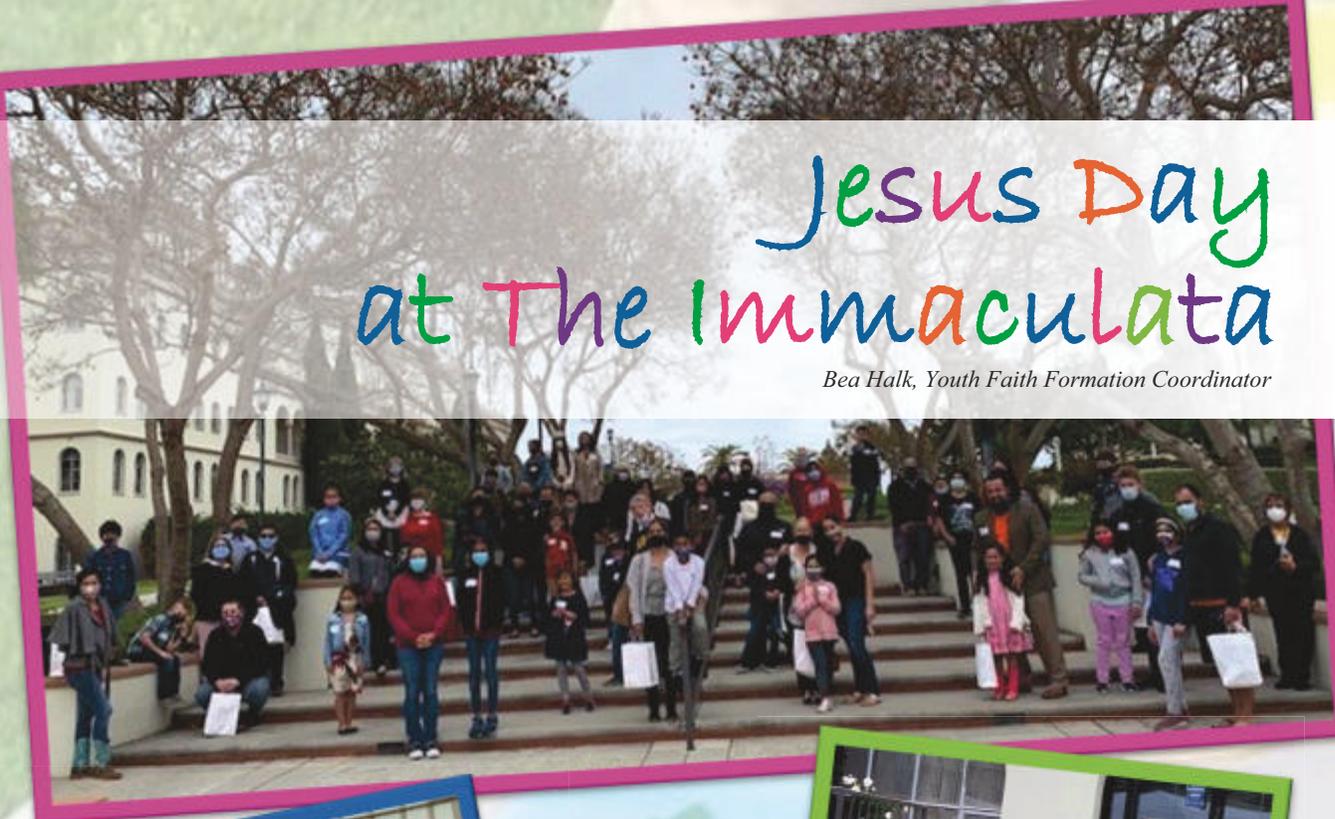
Mailing Volunteers

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.

Jesus Day at The Immaculata

Bea Halk, Youth Faith Formation Coordinator



Students preparing to receive First Holy Communion attended “Jesus Day” half day retreat along with their parent. The half day retreat included Mass, presentation on how to receive the Eucharist, tour of the church, arts & crafts, banner making, music and a visit from Fr. Matt.

Many thanks to Catechist Suzanne Schumacher for designing the program; Nina Brown for sharing her musical gifts with our students; volunteers Lisa Becerra, Lisa Betterton, and Carol Roccato for assisting with crafts and seminarians Brian, Kyle, Anthony, David & Greg for taking care of set up and technology.

The Immaculata Announcements

Senior Walkers

Yes, this Tuesday, May 4, is the first Tuesday of the month but relax, we are taking a break! The walk is canceled this month while we prepare for a new location. On June 1 we will meet at Kate Sessions Park. Details to follow. If you have questions or concerns please email brucevhoward@gmail.com.

The BBC (Best Book Club)

We meet this week on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom to complete our discussion of the Antonin Scalia book, *On Faith*. We will be selecting our next book so please feel free to join in on the decision. We are a wonderful church community of readers who continue to grow in our faith with the books we share with each other. We always welcome new parishioners; contact Lynne at (858) 245-7632 or lynne.m.howard@gmail.com.

Donation Boxes for Outside Masses

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



"I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves on earth."

~ J.R.R. Tolkien

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

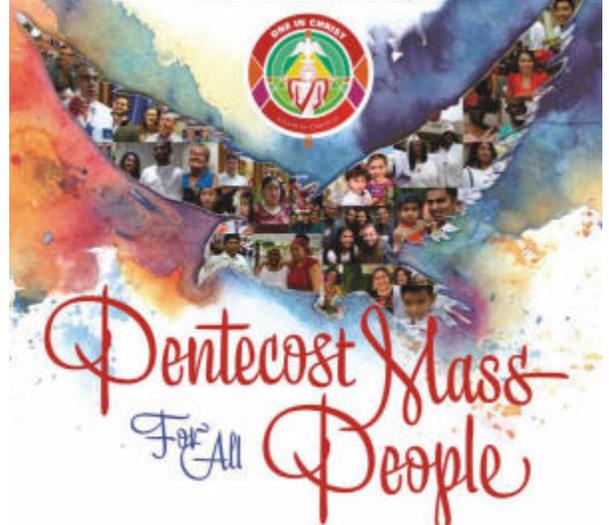
Every Tuesday
from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

Diocese Announcements



Pentecost Mass
For All People

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@sdccatholic.org

Stewardship of Treasure

For where your treasure is, There also will your heart be.
-Matthew 6:21

Week of April 25, 2021

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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.

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 call (619) 574-5703.

New Parishioners

Green Family
 Patricia Hurt & Kevin Adam
 Vitolo Family
 Bridget O'Keefe
 Samaniego Family
 Murrillo Family
 Galvan Family
 Dang-Ngo Family
 Anton Myskiw
 Gluf Family

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Words of Wisdom

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Liseux