

The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021



Keep FAITH Alive!

The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.
-Psalm 98

Welcome to
The Immaculata

Full, Conscious, and Active Participation with a Mask?

by Dr. Noreen M. McInnes

The liturgical renewal of the Second Vatican Council called for full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly at Mass (Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC), 14). But how is that possible with all the COVID restrictions we have to deal with? When we are at Mass wearing a mask and socially distanced 6 feet away from everyone, we feel like we are in our own little sensory deprivation chamber, restricted from any form of active participation. We can't sing inside. We can't offer the sign of peace with a hug or a handshake. We don't bring up the gifts. And worst of all, we can't receive the Eucharist during Mass. So, we really can't fully, consciously, and actively participate. Or can we? Well, first we should ask, "What does it really mean to participate at Mass?"

At Mass we are celebrating the memorial of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. Christ surrendered His will for the will of the Father and offered himself in sacrifice for



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Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (April 28, 2021)

In our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the importance of meditative prayer. Everyone needs moments of recollection amid the busyness of our daily lives. For Christians, meditation is not simply a matter of introspection but a method of prayer, a means of encountering Christ, above all in the mysteries of his earthly life. While there are many methods of meditation in the Church's rich spiritual tradition, all have a single aim: to enable us to grow in our relationship with Jesus our Saviour. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, our union with Christ in faith is nurtured through the use of our intellect, imagination, emotions and desires. The Catechism teaches that meditation on the mysteries of Christ deepens our faith, prompts the conversion of our hearts, and



strengthens our will to follow in his footsteps (cf. No. 2708). Our Lord's every word and action can thus touch us and become a part of our own lives. On every page of the Gospel we are invited to encounter Christ and to discover in him the source of our salvation and our true happiness.

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

Saint of the Week

St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i 1840-1889. Feast day May 10



When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy, Hansen's disease. By the time he died at the age of 49, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease... In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical, and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support. Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa. Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995.

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

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the salvation of the world. Christ asks us to "Do this in remembrance of me" (Roman Missal, 103). So, like Jesus, we are called to surrender our will for the will of the Father for the salvation of the world. We are asked not only to offer Christ to the Father through the hands of the priest, but also to offer our very selves in sacrifice with Christ to the Father (SC, 48). When we fully offer our lives for others, to consciously lay down our lives as Christ did, we are actively participating at Mass. But, how as humans can we possibly take on this divine mission? Let's break it down into three parts to think about what we are being asked to do.

1. We are called. "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16). Why do we go to Mass? We may likely think that it is our idea, our plan, but it really isn't. We are responding to God's call for us. We are summoned by God to come to Mass, to encounter the living God, and sent to be fruitful in the world.

2. Surrender our will for the will of the Father. At Mass, as we are instructed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord's body (SC, 48), we are invited to "become what we receive" (St Augustine Easter Sermon, 227). When we ingest all other food, it becomes a part of us, but receiving the "Word made flesh", we are conformed to the mind and heart of Christ. God asks that the unique set of gifts and talents we have been given are to be used for God's purpose, not ours.



3. For the salvation of the world. We don't participate in Mass only for ourselves, or just for the needs of our own family, but for the world, all races, all nations. Christians are not to show partiality to race or nationality but to see humanity as made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). Just as Peter tells us, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35).

When we receive the Eucharist, the minister announces, "The Body of Christ". When we respond "Amen" we are agreeing that we are indeed receiving the real presence of Christ to become Christ for the salvation of all the world. So, it naturally follows that we are sent from the Mass to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord". We announce it through our unique gifts and actions, as St. Francis said, preach the Gospel at all times and if necessary, use words. If we go forth and follow that directive, we surely have taken part in full, conscious, and active participation at Mass even with a mask on.



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.
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Mass Readings & Intentions

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

First Reading

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Psalm 98

Second Reading

God is love.
1 John 4:7-10

Gospel

No one has greater love than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
John 15:9-17

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 10

Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1-6, 9; John 15:26 — 16:4
Intention: Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 11

Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8; John 16:5-11
Intention: Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 12

Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14;
John 16:12-15
Intention: Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 13

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9; Ephesians 1:17-23
Intention: Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 14

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalm 113:1-8; John 15:9-17
Intention: Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 15

Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10; John 16:23-28
Intention:
8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
4:30 p.m. +Irene Luber

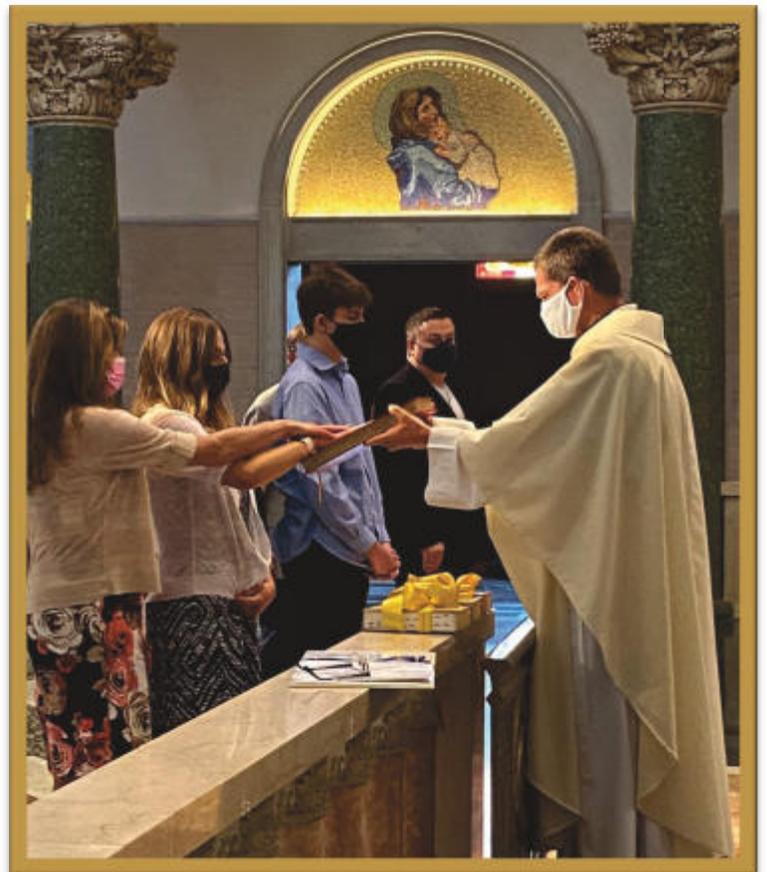
Welcoming

Our Catechumen and Candidates

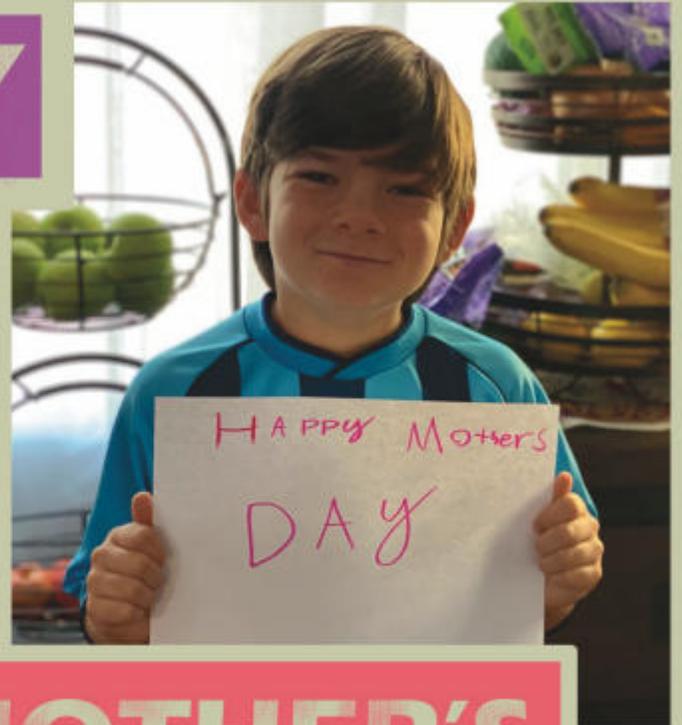
As disciples we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ. Our Immaculata community has lived this call with generosity and love; drawing others to inquire about our faith. Over the past weeks and months, seven inquires began the first phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. They have joined us at Mass, asked their primary questions, and reflected on the gift of faith they see emerging in their lives.

Last weekend at the 4:30 p.m. Mass, Matthew Robson, Hannah Strate, and Carson Carr declared their intent to be formed by our community and begin the catechumenate phase of the RCIA process. At the 11:00 a.m. Mass, Nancy Robson, Ramyar Ravansari, Allyna Mendoza and Becky Green, already baptized, began their formal formation period into the Catholic Church.

Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates, their sponsors, our catechists, and our entire community that together we come to know Christ and develop a deeper desire to live as the Body of Christ.



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MOTHER'S

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IMMACULATA'S FAMILY-CENTERED FAITH FORMATION

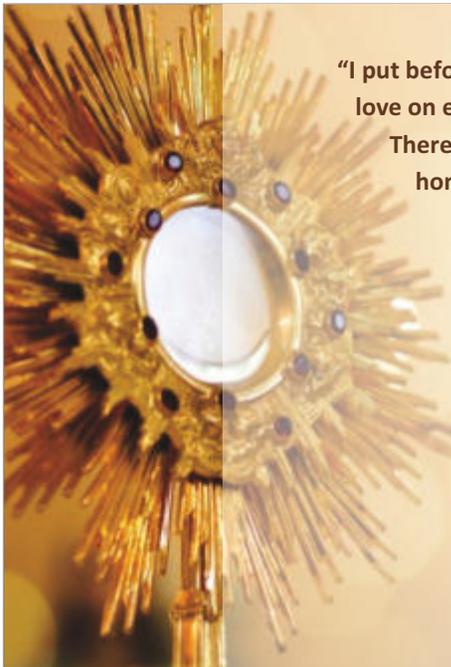
The Immaculata Announcements

Senior Discussion Group “Mood vs Anxiety vs Depression”

All are welcome to join our monthly Senior Discussion Group that covers a wide variety of older adult-related issues. For the next meeting in May we will discuss the differences between Mood, Anxiety and Depression. Please join us as we learn and share information about these common health issues. This meeting will be via Zoom on Wednesday, May 12 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Laura will stay on to answer any senior-related questions. Register by contacting Laura Runkle at lrunkle@gmail.com or calling (619)920-6449.

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

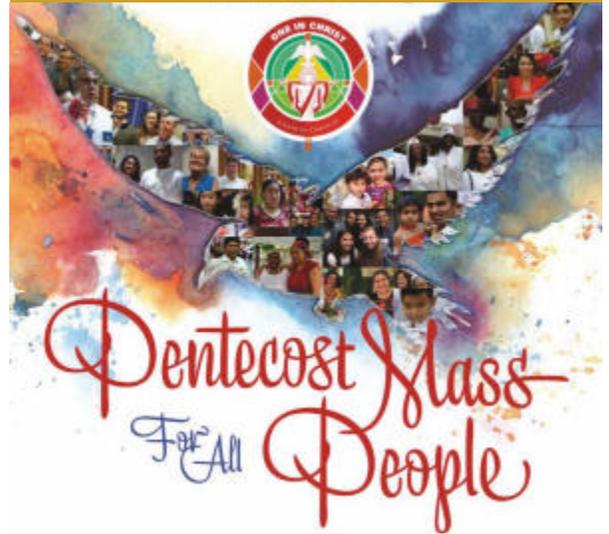
Every Tuesday
from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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



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, adiatz@sdatholic.org

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Week of May 2, 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.

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Cox Family
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Thompson-Ascencio Family

Words of Wisdom

LITTLE THINGS

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.

—St. John Chrysostom