

# The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy.  
-Psalm 123

Welcome to  
The Immaculata



## Here's why July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

by Philip Kosloski, *Aleteia.org*

*When the pope was in exile, he turned to the Blood of Christ for strength.*

One particular devotion in the Catholic Church connected to the Passion of Jesus Christ is the honoring of his Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity.

Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is

something we can consume at Mass, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine.

Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it wasn't until the 19th century when a universal feast was established.

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don



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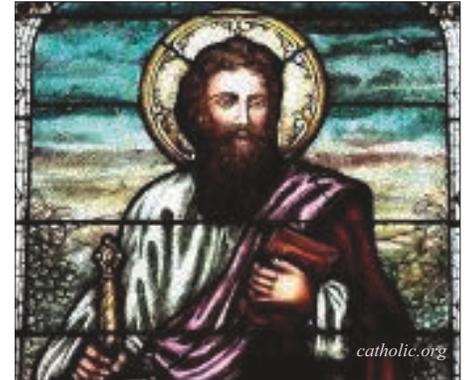
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## Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (June 23, 2021)

Dear brothers and sisters, today we begin a new cycle of catechesis on important themes in Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This Letter is vital for an appreciation of both the person of the Apostle and his teaching on central aspects of the Christian message, such as the grace of Christ, the freedom it brings and the demands of our new life in the Spirit. Paul begins by forcefully reaffirming the Gospel, which he had preached to the Galatians. The Letter also reveals Paul's courageous pastoral care for this young Church, which had been shaken by those who believed that pagan converts were obliged to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic law. In response, the Apostle proclaims the newness brought by Christ and its expression in the fruits of the Holy Spirit



in our lives. In our reflections on the Letter to the Galatians, we will come to see that the authentic way to share the liberation brought by the crucified and risen Saviour is through a humble and fraternal love, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit at every moment of the Church's pilgrimage through history.

To read more visit <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2021>

## Saint of the Week

St. Veronica Giuliani 1713 - 1784. Feast day July 1



Veronica's desire to be like Christ crucified was answered with the stigmata. Veronica was born in Mercatelli, Italy. It is said that when her mother Benedetta was dying she called her five daughters to her bedside and entrusted each of them to one of the five wounds of Jesus. Veronica was entrusted to the wound below Christ's heart. At the age of 17, Veronica joined the Poor Clares directed by the Capuchins. Her father had wanted her to marry, but she convinced him to allow her to become a nun. In her first years in the monastery, she worked in the kitchen, infirmary, sacristy, and also served as portress. At the age of 34, she was made novice mistress, a position she held for 22 years. When she was 37, Veronica received the stigmata. Life was not the same after that. Church authorities in Rome wanted to test Veronica's authenticity and so conducted an investigation. She lost the office of novice mistress temporarily and was not allowed to attend Mass except on Sundays or holy days. Through all of this Veronica did not become bitter, and the investigation eventually restored her as novice mistress. Though she protested against it, at the age of 56 she was elected abbess, an office she held for 11 years until her death. Veronica was very devoted to the Eucharist and to the Sacred Heart. She offered her sufferings for the missions, died in 1727, and was canonized in 1839. Her Liturgical Feast Day is July 9.

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

("Here's why July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ " continuation from page 1)

Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood.

While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter.

On August 10 he made it official and proclaimed that the 1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration.

After Vatican II the feast was removed from the calendar, but a votive Mass in honor of the Precious Blood was established and can be celebrated in the month of July (as well as most other months of the year).

For these reasons the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of his blood for humanity.

In the next column is the opening prayer of the votive Mass, as well as an additional prayer that can be used as our own personal meditation or prayer during July.



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD  
OF JESUS CHRIST

— PRAYERS —

*O God, who by the Precious Blood of your only Begotten son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honoring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through our lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Admitted to your sacred table, O Lord, we have with joy drawn water from the fountains of the Savior: O may his blood, we beseech thee, become within us a fountain of water springing up to eternal life.*

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**"What will convert America and save the world?  
What we need is for every parish to come  
before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament  
in holy hours of prayer."**

~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and every Wednesday from  
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 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 inside the church)

**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**  
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(Inside the church)

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## Mass Readings & Intentions

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4, 2021

#### First Reading

They shall know that a prophet has been among them.  
*Ezekiel 2:2-5*

#### Responsorial Psalm

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.  
*Psalms 123*

#### Second Reading

I am content with weaknesses and hardships  
for the sake of Christ.  
*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

#### Gospel

“Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter,  
the son of Mary?”  
*Mark 6:1-6*

#### Intention:

7:30 a.m. For an end to the pandemic & for its victims  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena  
11:00 a.m. For All Parishioners

#### Monday, July 5

Genesis 28:10-22; Psalm 91:1-4, 14-15; Matthew 9:18-26  
**Intention:** +Eleanor Vega

#### Tuesday, July 6

Genesis 32:23-33; Psalm 17:1, 2-3, 6-7, 8, 15;  
Matthew 9:32-38  
**Intention:** +Judith Misage

#### Wednesday, July 7

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24;  
Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Matthew 10:1-7  
**Intention:** +Richie Alday

#### Thursday, July 8

Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5; Psalm 105:16-21;  
Matthew 10:7-15  
**Intention:** +Mary Jane Barrack

#### Friday, July 9

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,  
39-40; Matthew 10:16-23  
**Intention:** +John Kuczvara

#### Saturday, July 10

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26; Psalm 105:1-4, 6-7;  
Matthew 10:24-33  
**Intention:**  
8:00 a.m. +John Miller  
4:30 p.m. +Janina Ryznar

## 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	Mental Health Ministry
Childcare	Parent Faith Sharing
Divorce Support	Parish Rosary
Homebound Ministry	Prayer Support for the Engaged
Knights of Columbus	Sacred Shuttles: Rides to Mass
Ladies of The Immaculata	Witness to Love Marriage Preparation
Marriage Enrichment	Senior Ministry
Men's Chastity	

### Liturgy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Liturgical Environment
Altar Linen Care	Music Ministry
Altar Servers	Ushers/Greeters
Eucharistic Ministers	Youth Music Ministry
Kids Pew Krew	Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
Lectors	

### Parish Fellowship

Divine Diners      Donut Ministry      Parish Events

### Life, Peace & Justice

Creation Care Team	Racial Justice
Food Pantry	Safe Families for Children
Give-Back Sunday Team	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](http://theimmaculata.org) and click on the Ministries tab.**

# 'GOD BLESS AMERICA'

## POPES SPEAK TO THE UNITED STATES

by Catholic News Agency, Jul 3, 2020

Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis each made apostolic visitations to the United States during the course of their pontificates. As the United States celebrates Independence Day, CNA remembers words to America from each of those popes:

### Pope Francis

September 24, 2015, Address to a joint session of Congress.

*...I think of the political history of the United States, where democracy is deeply rooted in the mind of the American people. All political activity must serve and promote the good of the human person and be based on respect for his or her dignity. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" (Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776).*

If politics must truly be at the service of the human person, it follows that it cannot be a slave to the economy and finance. Politics is, instead, an expression of our compelling need to live as one, in order to build as one the greatest common good: that of a community which sacrifices particular interests in order to share, in justice and peace, its goods, its interests, its social life. I do not underestimate the difficulty that this involves, but I encourage you in this effort.

How essential the family has been to the building of this country! And how worthy it remains of our support and encouragement! Yet I cannot hide my concern for the family, which is threatened, perhaps as never before, from within and without. Fundamental relationships are being called into question, as is the very basis of marriage and the family. I



Pope Francis speaks from the Speaker's Balcony of the U.S. Capitol 9/24/2015

can only reiterate the importance and, above all, the richness and the beauty of family life.

In particular, I would like to call attention to those family members who are the most vulnerable, the young. For many of them, a future filled with countless possibilities beckons, yet so many others seem disoriented and aimless, trapped in a hopeless maze of violence, abuse and despair. Their problems are our problems. We cannot avoid them. We need to face them together, to talk about them and to seek effective solutions rather than getting bogged down in discussions. At the risk of oversimplifying, we might say that we live in a culture which pressures young people not to start a family, because they lack possibilities for the future. Yet this same culture presents others with so many options that they too are dissuaded from starting a family.

A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to "dream" of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do; when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed, as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton...

To read the full article please visit <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/45071/god-bless-america-popes-speak-to-the-united-states>

## 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 (619) 574-5703.

# Immaculata Announcements

## Welcome Back—Music Ministry Rehearsal and Fellowship!

Music Ministry Returns! Thursday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome, returning members and anyone new! If you've ever thought about singing in choir, come and see what it is all about! More info: [svanwye@sandiego.edu](mailto:svanwye@sandiego.edu)

## Summer Challenge

The Immaculata Racial Justice Ministry invites all parishioners to join in a summer challenge to learn more about issues facing Native Americans, Latinx, and Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders. In depth exploration of issues facing Black Americans will follow in the fall. Each month beginning in July 2021, you will be able to self-select from readings, videos, and podcasts of various lengths to learn at your own pace and as your summer schedule permits. The group will then meet on Zoom to share and discuss what we learned and make connections to our Catholic faith. Discussion meetings to share our reflections will be held via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. on July 24 (Native Americans), August 28 (Latinx), and September 25 (Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders). If you would like to join in all or part of this summer learning opportunity or have questions, please contact Stacy Dooley at [dooley.stacy@gmail.com](mailto:dooley.stacy@gmail.com).

## Book Club

Oops...change of plans! The book club will start up again in September, however, we will start on the Third Thursday (9/16/21) at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. We will begin discussing the first segment (to page 127) of What Happened at Vatican II by John O'Malley. We plan to meet in person on the first Thursday of each month and on Zoom the third Thursday of the month. Our first in-person meeting will be October 7th. Hopefully, this hybrid meeting schedule will keep everyone involved. Purchase the book, begin reading and join a wonderful church community! Contact Lynne or Bruce Howard: [lynne.m.howard@gmail.com](mailto:lynne.m.howard@gmail.com) or [brucevhoward@gmail.com](mailto:brucevhoward@gmail.com).

## Terrific Tuesday Walkers

We will meet again at Kate Sessions Park on the first Tuesday in July (7/06/21). See you at 9:15 a.m. for stretching and chatting before we hit the trail at 9:30. a.m. Bring a chair and some refreshment for fellowship in the park after the walk. Can YOU join us? Lynne; 858-245-7632, Bruce; (858)245-5198.

## Senior Discussion Group - "What Else Can AARP Do For Me?"

All are welcome to join our monthly Senior Discussion Group that covers a wide variety of older adult-related issues. The Senior Ministry leaders decided to keep this group on Zoom for now, and we will look later in the future at in-person meetings. For the next meeting in July we will discuss "AARP." Please join us as we learn and share information about this important organization that supports all seniors. This meeting will be via ZOOM ONLY on Wednesday, July 14th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Laura will stay on to answer any senior-related questions. Please Register by contacting Laura Runkle at [lrunkle@gmail.com](mailto:lrunkle@gmail.com) or calling (619)920-6449.

# Summer Holy Hour



## Summer Holy Hour for Children & Families

All children are invited to unite with our Jesus truly present in

the Blessed Sacrament to pray, supplicate, love, thank, and adore His Heavenly Father on behalf of our world, our nation, our Church, our loved ones, and all humanity! **Dates: Every Wednesday, beginning July 7th Time: 11:00 a.m.-12 Noon, with guided prayers and songs from 11:15-11:45 a.m. Place: Inside the Immaculata** "Let the children come to Me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

# Stewardship of Treasure

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

*-Matthew 6:21*

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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    | Mariel Tojino   |
| Lucia Yandell  | Dawn Pathman    |
| Sandy Perretti | Marion Griffin  |
| Bruce Perretti | Michael Ebipane |
| Riley Manahan  | Gina DeLapa     |
| Leonard Hayden | Nettie Warnick  |

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

## New Parishioners

- Vanessa Heidemann
- Brian Mistler
- Stephanie Dusso
- Brianna Adame



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)

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## Words of Wisdom

### THE SHAPE OF THINGS

**We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.**

—St. Francis de Sales