

The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.
-Psalm 145

Welcome to
The Immaculata



The Immaculata's New Family Faith Formation: The Vision Becomes a Reality

by Laura Martin-Spencer, Pastoral Associate



In late May, families in our new *Family Faith Formation Program* gathered together for some much needed fun, to share their experiences with the new faith formation program and to celebrate the end of this challenging year with a little ice cream. We were able, with the help of incredible mentors and the zoom platform, to provide a substantial program during this challenging time. However, due to the pandemic, we were unable to fully realize this new vision. As we approach our second year of

Family Faith Formation, we are excited to implement the full vision which will include:

- Monthly meetings at the Immaculata for all parish faith formation families (K-8th grade). Families will have lunch together and rotate through several learning stations.
- Books for each child, parent book, brief parent training and on-line resources to aid the parent(s)/guardian in 3 lessons per month.

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Holy Father's Message

In Saint Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus Pope Francis (July 18, 2021)

In his reflections before leading the recitation of the Angelus, the Pope drew from the Gospel of the Sunday liturgy, which recounts when the Apostles return enthusiastically from their missionary labors and Jesus invites them to “Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while” (Mk 6:31). Jesus offers us an important teaching here, the Pope observed, as He is concerned about their wellbeing due to the physical or interior tiredness, even though He rejoices on seeing their happiness over the success of their preaching.

We too can get caught up in the rush of all our activities and be focused always on doing things and achieving results, the



Pope said, and this presents a risk of thinking we are the prime protagonists. We see this at times in the Church, he noted, where we are very busy, thinking everything “depends on us”, but we risk overlooking Jesus. Jesus’ invitation to take time out to rest is “not only physical rest, but also rest for the heart” he added.

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

Saint of the Week

St. Sharbel Makhlof 1828 - 1898. Feast day July 24



Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra where he was born, his influence has spread widely. Joseph Zaroun Maklof was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. He professed his final vows in 1853, and was ordained six years later. Following the example of the fifth-century Saint Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875, until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He followed a strict fast and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. When his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, Sharbel did so gladly. He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified Sharbel in 1965, and canonized him 12 years later. John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs—East and West—and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate generously with God’s grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response.

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

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- A family Mentor will be assigned to each family to check-in with them and provide extra support.

In order to better understand our families and their experience of this new approach to faith formation, we sent a survey monkey to all registered families in the program. The results gave the Immaculata staff important insight and great hope as we move into the second year of this new program. When asked what their favorite aspect of this new approach, parents commented:

“Doing the lessons together as a family.”

“Flexibility in structuring time to teach the foundation of our faith. No stress in trying to be somewhere on time.”

“The discussions with my son about different aspects of our Catholic identity and faith.”

“Watching my daughter flourish into a young Christian lady while learning about God’s word, being of service to others, and the power of prayer.

Parents were also asked how we could improve the program. Some suggestions included:

“Hybrid model worked well. In person teaching is much better, especially for younger kids. For future perhaps more interactive activities.”

“More in-person peer activities and faith sharing and fellowship.”

As we continue implementing and modifying this new program, it is helpful for the staff and our families to keep the wisdom and vision of our Church at the forefront of this process.

“The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to

provide an adequate substitute.” The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable.... Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.” -Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2220 & 2223



Additionally, key findings from the latest research on how to successfully pass on faith to the next generation will continue to guide our decisions.

“The primary mechanisms by which Catholic identity becomes rooted in children’s lives are not Catholic schooling or sacramental preparation, but rather the day-to-day religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities.” -A Report on American Catholic Religious Parenting, University of Notre Dame

We are excited to welcome our returning families and to encourage new families to join us this September. Registration is now open, visit our website theimmaculata.org, go to Faith Formation Registration under the Home tab. If you have any questions or want to find out more about this new program, feel free to contact Rory Elisabeth Martinez, our new Family Faith Formation Coordinator, at (619) 574-5702 or email roryelisabethm@sandiego.edu.



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
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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021

First Reading

Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves.
2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
Psalm 145

Second Reading

Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received.
Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel

Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish.
John 6:1-15

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 26

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106:19-23;
Matthew 13:31-35

Intention: Ana Suazo

Tuesday, July 27

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Psalm 103:6-13;
Matthew 13:36-43

Intention: All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 28

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99:5-7, 9; Matthew 13:44-46

Intention: +Flavia Barajas

Thursday, July 29

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 11;
John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Intention: Bishop Robert Brom

Friday, July 30

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Psalm 81:3-6, 10-11;
Matthew 13:54-58

Intention: +Mary Ann Wilson

Saturday, July 31

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Matthew 14:1-12

Intention:

8:00 a.m. +Agustin Fernandez
4:30 p.m. +Doris Lara

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 themmaculata.org and click on the Ministries tab.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

by Catholic News Service



“‘I am with you always’ is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith,” the statement said.

Pope Francis announced in late January that he was establishing the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus’ grandparents.

Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the dicastery, had said the annual event would be “a gift to the whole church” and one that emphasizes the pastoral care of the elderly as “a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community.”

To express the closeness of God and of the church to every older person, Pope Francis has chosen “I am with you always” from the Gospel of Matthew as the theme for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The theme for the celebration July 25 is especially appropriate “in these challenging pandemic times,” said the announcement from the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life.

“In the encyclical, ‘Fratelli Tutti,’ the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation,” he said.

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 or (619) 574-5703 or lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu.



Jesus said to them,
“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

~ Mark 6:31

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

at the Immaculata Church

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.

Immaculata Announcements

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Ushers Needed

If you would like to serve as an altar server, eucharistic minister, lector or usher please call the parish office at (619) 574-5700 for more information.

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.

Courtesy Announcements

12th Annual Pro-Life is Good—Gala & Auction

Do not miss Culture of Life Family Services 12th Annual Pro-Life is Good Gala and Auction featuring keynote speaker Sister Deirdre Byrne, MD, of the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts. Sister DeDe is a sister, surgeon, and soldier. Come hear her compelling story as we celebrate COLFS 20th year serving the San Diego community. Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Loews Coronado Bay Resort. Register Online Now: www.friendsofcolfs.org/gala. Before 8/6/21: \$250 ticket, \$2000 table for 10. Starting 8/6/21 \$300 ticket, \$2500 table for 10. For more information please call (619) 795-3514 or email info@colfs.org

Knights of Columbus

We are offering free membership to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics. We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and to put charity and community first. Now through December 31, enter Promo Code MCGIVNEY2020 for 12 months of free online membership. <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Catholic Night—Astros vs Padres

September 3 at 7:10 p.m. Come together with the San Diego Catholic community and the Padres for Catholic Night at Petco Park. For more information, please contact Derek Pharis at (619) 795-5328 or dpharis@padres.com. Look for the sign up tables out on the plaza at the end of every Mass (July 31/ August 1 & August 7/ August 8).

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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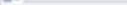
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The Last Word

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

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

Newlyweds

Gavin & Mary Lou Ishifara-Wing
Kendrick & Emeline Belardo
Bryan & Ashley Wyman
Salvador & Alexis Cabrales
Joseph & Esther Alukal
Justin & Allyson Register
Miguel & Allison Perez
William & Anil Cannon
Jose Jr. & Elvia Torres
Austin & Erin Travis
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Anthony & Camille Nunnenkamp
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Words of Wisdom

PRESSURE

**A diamond is a chunk of coal
that has made good under pressure.**

—Anonymous