

The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
-Psalm 78

Welcome to
The Immaculata



The Transfiguration of the Lord by Catholic News Agency

Both Roman and Eastern rite Catholics celebrate the Church's feast of the Transfiguration on, August 6, on its traditional date for both calendars.

The feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light.

Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing.



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Message from the Holy Father

In Saint Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis (July 25, 2021)

In his reflections before leading the recitation of the Angelus, the Pope drew from the Gospel of the day liturgy, on the multiplication of the loaves and fish with which Jesus feeds around five thousand people. The Pope observed that Jesus did not create loaves and fish out of nothing, but relied on what the disciples brought him from the child who gave them what he had, just five barley loaves and two fish. How the young child gave all that he had and how it seemed so little with respect to the needs of the moment. But thanks to that small, freely-given and even heroic gift, “Jesus is able to feed everyone”. We learn here that “the Lord can do a lot with the little that we put at His disposal”, the Pope said, and we

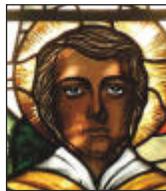


should ask ourselves every day “What do I bring to Jesus today?” Jesus can do a lot with our prayers, gestures of kindness and offering up our suffering, he noted, working miracles with them. “This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things, those freely-given ones”...

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

Saint of the Week

St. Peter Julian Eymard 1811-1868. Feast day August 3



Born in La Mure d'Isère in southeastern France, Peter Julian's faith journey drew him from being a priest in the Diocese of Grenoble in 1834, to joining the Marists in 1839, to founding the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in 1856.

In addition to those changes, Peter Julian coped with poverty, his father's initial opposition to Peter's vocation, serious illness, a Jansenistic overemphasis on sin, and the difficulties of getting diocesan and later papal approval for his new religious community.

His years as a Marist, including service as a provincial leader, saw the deepening of his Eucharistic devotion, especially through his preaching of Forty Hours in many parishes. Inspired at first by the idea of reparation for indifference to the Eucharist, Peter Julian was eventually attracted to a more positive spirituality of Christ-centered love. Members of the men's community which Peter founded alternated between an active apostolic life and contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist. He and Marguerite Guillot founded the women's Congregation of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

Peter Julian Eymard was beatified in 1925 and canonized in 1962, one day after Vatican II's first session ended.

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

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THE
TRANSFIGURATION
August 6th

During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14).

In his address before the Angelus on August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the “full manifestation of God's light.”

This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the transfiguration and after his resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over “the power of the darkness of evil.”

The Pope stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as “the light of the world,” and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light.

“In our time too,” Pope Benedict said, “we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!”

For Eastern Catholics, the Feast of the Transfiguration is especially significant. It is among the 12 “great feasts” of Eastern Catholicism.

Eastern Christianity emphasizes that Christ's transfiguration is the prototype of spiritual illumination, which is possible for the committed disciple of Jesus. This Christian form of “enlightenment” is facilitated by the ascetic disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charitable almsgiving.

A revered hierarch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, the late Archbishop Joseph Raya, described this traditional Byzantine view of the transfiguration in his book of meditations on the Biblical event and its liturgical celebration, titled “Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

“Transfiguration,” Archbishop Raya wrote, “is not simply an event out of the two-thousand-year old past, or a future yet to come. It is rather a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ’s nearness.”

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**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

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Mass Readings & Intentions

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 2021

First Reading

The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling.

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Psalm 78

Second Reading

Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.

John 6:24-35 **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, August 2

Numbers 11:4-15; Psalm 81:12-17; Matthew 14:13-21

Intention: +Luisito Angeles

Tuesday, August 3

Numbers 12:1-13; Psalm 51:3-7, 12-13; Matthew 14:22-36

Intention: +Maria Phu Nguyen

Wednesday, August 4

Numbers 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29, 34-35;

Psalm 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23; Matthew 15:21-28

Intention: +Betty Jo Lopez

Thursday, August 5

Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9; Matthew 16:13-23

Intention: +Carmen Della Corna

Friday, August 6

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;

2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10

Intention: +Nolly Klee

Saturday, August 7

Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51;

Matthew 17:14-20

Intention:

8:00 a.m. +Ferdinand Michel

4:30 p.m. +Eleanor Vega

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.

Ushers/Greeters Appeal

by Cris Canning, Ushers Ministry Coordinator

We have an urgent need for Ushers/Greeters at all of our weekend Masses!

Our mission is simple: to be an outward sign of the hospitality of Christ by welcoming parishioners and visitors, assisting those in need and being good stewards of the community's offerings.

Always conscious of Christ's words, "For I was ... a stranger and you welcomed me," (Matthew 25:35) the Usher/Greeter serves not only as a minister of hospitality, but also as a liturgical minister.

We are looking for people who are pleasant, welcoming and trustworthy. While being attentive to the Mass, Ushers/Greeters must be aware of congregants and quick to help with any needs that arise. On the job training is offered in addition to a group meeting held once a year.

Once we are fully staffed, the time commitment is between 2 to 4 times a month at a preferred Mass. It is imperative that Ushers arrive 20 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.



If you enjoy helping others and you want to create a welcoming environment at the Immaculata, please pray about joining our ministry.

If you wish to join us or have questions, reach out to Cris Canning at cris@criscanning.com or (619) 881-7400.

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.



"I Am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst."

~ John 6:35

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

Book Club Update

Book Club is on summer break until September. We will begin reading *What Happened at Vatican II* by John W. O'Malley. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month. We are going hybrid; the first meeting of the month will be on Zoom, the third Thursday in person. If you are ready to join please contact Lynne via email at lynne.m.howard@gmail.com or Bruce at brucevhoward@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed to Assist with Weddings

Looking for volunteers to assist our Immaculata Wedding Coordinators with rehearsals and weddings on Fridays and Saturdays. If interested, please contact Ari Calio at ariannaallen@sandiego.edu or at (619) 574-5704.

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

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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The Last Word



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

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	Joan Kiely
Leonard Hayden	Marian Oddo

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

Words of Wisdom

A SECRET

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles.

—Anonymous