

# The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 26, 2021



*Stewardship  
Social 2021*

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
*Psalm 19*

*Welcome to  
The Immaculata*

## All Things Work for Good by Jim & Patty Infantine



There is a remarkable energy of positivity that is evident among The Immaculata's parishioners as they enter Mass each Sunday. Patty and I feel it as we greet people outside the church as part of The Immaculata's new Welcome Ministry. One could easily wonder where this spirit comes from as we still reside in an uncertain pandemic environment, now eighteen months and counting. In part, of course, we all can see signs of an eventual successful ending of this scourge, but we think there's something more.

Fr. Thomas D. Williams gets at the heart of this attitude when he writes, "Christian hope necessarily fosters a certain kind of optimism—not the optimism that concerns the outcome of a contingent predicament but the optimism for life in general.

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# Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (September 8, 2021)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, My recent Apostolic Journey to Budapest and Slovakia was centered on prayer, roots, and hope. Above all, it was a pilgrimage of prayer, framed by the closing Mass of the International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest, and the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows at the shrine of Šaštín in Slovakia. Prayer, witness and reconciliation are especially important for a Europe where the sense of God's presence has become weakened. In the Divine Liturgy celebrated in Prešov, we recalled the deep roots of Christian faith and life in those lands, grounded in the evangelizing efforts of Saints Cyril

and Methodius, and often forged by the experience of suffering and martyrdom. Throughout my Journey, I saw signs of hope for the future: in the enthusiasm of the young people at Košice, in so many young families and many quiet examples of charity and concern for those in need. In my meetings with our Jewish brothers and sisters, with the followers of other religions and with the Rom community, we stressed that the path to the future must be travelled together, in a spirit of fraternity. I am grateful to all who made my Journey possible and I ask you to pray with me that the seeds we have sown will bear much fruit.

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

## SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

### PRAYER

Holy, beloved Father,  
your Son Jesus taught us  
that there is great rejoicing in heaven  
whenever someone lost is found,  
whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded  
is gathered into our "we",  
which thus becomes ever wider.  
We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus,  
and all people of good will,  
the grace to do your will on earth.  
Bless each act of welcome and outreach  
that draws those in exile  
into the "we" of community and of the Church,  
so that our earth may truly become  
what you yourself created it to be:  
the common home of all our brothers and sisters. *Amen.*

*Pope Francis*



**READ** our California Bishops' call for solidarity

*(“All Things Work for Good ” continuation from page 1)*

**“All things work for good  
for those who  
love God.”** (Rom. 8:28)



Christians are not, so to speak, watching the scoreboard to see who wins. We already know, for the final victory has been achieved in Christ’s death and resurrection. Christians who cultivate the theological virtue of hope naturally become more optimistic in their interpretation of events around them, knowing that God is able to weave even the worst of situations into his plan for our good. A firm belief in providence—based on the assurance that, as St. Paul says, ‘All things work for good for those who love God.’ (Rom. 8:28)—leads to a more positive outlook even of externally negative happenings.”

Believing that this hits the nail on the head, the Immaculata leadership team has adopted St. Paul’s wonderful words as the theme of this year’s Stewardship campaign. And, as another sign of faith and Christian optimism, the Immaculata’s Stewardship Social will return to a live, in-person format on the plaza after each Mass the weekend of October 9-10!

Robert Louis Wilken reminds us that St. Paul taught us about stewardship as well, “This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” Wilken writes, “There are many vocations: priest, religious, teacher, catechist, various forms of social ministry, and other kinds of service. St. Paul says that ‘there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit. All are stewards entrusted in different ways with the ‘mysteries of God.’

For the Christian steward, faithfulness means handing on intact what one has received in such a way that it can be received by others.”

Our focus on stewardship at this time of year allows us to reflect on the various gifts we’ve been given by God, and the ways in which we might feel called to “hand on the faith” through acts of service to others in and around our parish community. It’s a sort of “New Year’s resolutions” opportunity, a chance to explore and sketch out new areas in which to get involved, ongoing commitments to renew, and goals to be achieved, all related to deepening our faith and our joy by allowing ourselves a deeper engagement with the parish community.

Of course, it is only natural that when we consider these gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we all question ourselves, “Am I gifted enough to really be helpful? What if I run out of time? Do I have enough resources?” Natural questions all, and yet, year after year, in good times and bad, parishioners have continued to give of themselves to help this wonderful parish “hand on the faith.” The Immaculata continues to thrive, because God has graced our parish with Christians filled with “optimism for life in general.” It is a joy to be part of a parish community where so many continue to offer their gifts, knowing that “All things work for good for those who love God.”



**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.**  
(inside the church & livestreamed)

**Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.**  
(inside the church)

**Sunday 7:30 a.m.**  
(inside the church & livestreamed)

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**  
(inside the church)

**Sunday 11:00 a.m.**  
(inside the church)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Tuesdays: 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays  
3:30 p.m.– 4:15 p.m.**  
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## Mass Readings &amp; Intentions

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 26, 2021

#### First Reading

Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"  
*Numbers 11:25-29*

#### Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.  
*Psalm 19*

#### Second Reading

Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud.  
*James 5:1-6*

#### Gospel

Whoever is not against us is for us.  
*Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

#### Intentions:

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, September 27

Zechariah 8:1-8; Psalm 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Luke 9:46-50

**Intention:** +Linda Manahan

#### Tuesday, September 28

Zechariah 8:20-23; Psalm 87:1-7; Luke 9:51-56

**Intention:** +Luisito Angeles

#### Wednesday, September 29

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelations 12:7-12;  
Psalm 138:1-5; John 1:47-51

**Intention:** +Albert Massey

#### Thursday, September 30

Nehemiah 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12; Psalm 19:8-11;  
Luke 10:1-12

**Intention:** +Mary Bazzetta

#### Friday, October 1

Baruch 1:15-22; Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9; Luke 10:13-16

**Intention:** +Jim & Pauline Broderick

#### Saturday, October 2

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Psalm 69:33-37; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

#### Intentions:

8:00 a.m. +Floria Serrano  
4:30 p.m. +James G. Cullen

## Saint of the Week

Saint Lorenzo Ruiz 1594 -1637 Feast day: Sept. 28

by Chris Gomez



My first memory of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, patron saint of the Filipino people, was at my Aunt Lucy's home here in San Diego. Even though I was born and raised in the Catholic church, I was surprised to learn a Filipino saint existed. My aunt was a social activist and prayed fervently, especially towards the end of her life. She was outspoken on issues of equity and justice, especially for people of color and women. She displayed her statue of St. Lorenzo prominently in her home and she asked St. Lorenzo for his intercessions. I never understood why until I came to know about the life of this amazing man.

Like all our Catholic saints, Lorenzo Ruiz' story remains relevant in 2021. His life was affected by some of the same systems of oppression that exist today. He was born in the 1600s in Manila to a Chinese father and Filipino mother and because of this racial mix, was considered "low" in socioeconomic status. He was raised Catholic, was an altar boy and eventually became a lay Dominican. He later married and raised his family as faithful Catholics. It is believed because of his social status; Lorenzo was falsely accused of murder. To protect himself and his family, Lorenzo made the difficult decision to escape from the Philippines to Okinawa with Dominican priests and a man sick with leprosy. Unfortunately, they were instead sent to Japan by ship where Christians were being persecuted unless they denied their faith. Lorenzo and the Dominican priests, after two days of extreme torture, remained resolute in their faith and were martyred. It is said his last words were, "I am a catholic and whole heartedly do accept death for God. Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him I would offer. Do with me as you please."

September 28, the feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, I invite to you ask for his intercession, as we continue to pray for life, peace, and justice.

Lorenzo's beatification ceremony was the first ever held outside the Vatican by Pope John Paul II. St. Lorenzo Ruiz was canonized at the Vatican in 1987.

**St. Lorenzo Ruiz of the Philippines, pray for us.**

# THE IMMACULATA LIFE, PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRIES "Love One Another"

## Taking Up The Mission of Jesus

Last week in Part 1 of this series, our Bishops told us that our social mission is an integral part of what makes us Catholic. As followers of Jesus, we are called to take up his mission of bringing good news to the poor, liberty to captives, new sight to the blind, and to set the downtrodden free. Catholics are "to 'hunger and thirst for justice,' and to be 'peacemakers' in our own communities."

This week we continue to learn what it means to be the salt of the earth and light of the world, drawing lessons from *Communities of Salt & Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish* written by our US Catholic Bishops.

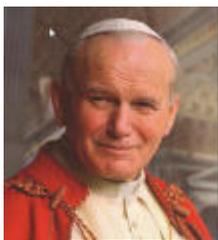
### Part 2: The Roots of Parish Social Mission

Evangelization is part our baptismal call, and social justice is integral to evangelization. The two are linked as essential to our Church's mission. The Bishops state that, "we cannot proclaim a gospel we do not live, and we cannot carry out a real social ministry without knowing the Lord and hearing his call to justice and peace. Parish communities must show by their deeds of love and justice that the gospel they proclaim is fulfilled in their actions. This tradition is not empty theory; it challenges our priorities as a nation, our choices as a Church, our values as parishes."

"The center of our Church's social teaching is the life, dignity, and rights of the human person. We are called in a special way to serve the poor and vulnerable; to build bridges of solidarity among peoples of differing races and nations, languages and abilities, genders and cultures. Family life and work have special places in Catholic social teaching: the rights of the unborn, families, workers, immigrants, and the poor deserve special protection. Our tradition also calls us to show our respect for the Creator by our care for creation and our commitment to work for environmental justice." These tenets of Catholic tradition offer a framework for the way forward in social ministry, "calling us to concrete works of charity, justice, and peacemaking."

"Catholic social teaching more than anything else insists that we are one family; it calls us to overcome barriers of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, economic status, and nationality."

Next week we will conclude our series on the social mission of the parish with Part 3, "Building Bridges of Solidarity."



Papacy: 1978–2005  
Canonized: 2014

### Wisdom from Pope John Paul II

"True holiness does not mean a flight from the world; rather, it lies in the effort to incarnate the Gospel in every life..."

*Catholic Fraternity of Covenant Communities and Fellowships, Nov. 1996*



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## WATCH



**What's the vision of Catholic social teaching?** In this brief video,

Dr. Meghan J. Clark reflects on that question sharing an answer with Old and New Testament roots.

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## READ



**Here Fred Kammer, SJ, explains the four over-arching principles of CST.**

Fr. Kammer was the executive director of the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola New Orleans.

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## EXPLORE



Our Popes sometimes write letters to us called encyclicals, a longstanding tradition in our church.

**Learn about encyclicals written to help us read the signs of our times and make good decisions.**

[Explore now...](#)

"Image courtesy of St. John Paul II National Shrine"

## Immaculata Announcements

### Book Club

Our hybrid plan of meeting in person on the first Thursday of the month and via Zoom on the third Thursday has to be delayed. We've decided the safest move is to take it s-l-o-w and stay on Zoom until the virus calms down. As one member stated, "Who wants to show up for book club to wear a mask at an indoor meeting?" We are currently reading *What Happened at Vatican II* by John O'Malley. The title of the book might sound boring but we are learning a lot, the discussions are engaging and being part of a wonderful church community is enriching. On Thursday, October 7 we will meet at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss chapters 4 and 5. You are welcome to join us. Please contact Lynne or Bruce Howard if you want to get on the list! at lynne.m.howard@gmail.com or brucevhoward@gmail.com.

### Terrific Tuesday Walkers

Terrific Tuesday Walkers are still enjoying a walkie-talkie around beautiful Kate Sessions Park. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month (October 5) at 9:15 a.m. just below the flag pole near the restrooms. Please contact Lynne at (858) 245-7632 if you are ready to participate.

### Join the Donut Ministry!

Have you ever been told you have a friendly smile? Do you enjoy serving The Lord and others? Then we have a "holey" ministry for you! Join the Donut Ministry! Our goal is to make everyone feel welcomed and provide an opportunity to build community by serving donuts after the masses on Sundays. To sign-up for the "sweetest" ministry please contact: Rose Neves-Duarte McAndrew at (619) 948-8131.



### How to Keep Our Kids Catholic?

Dr. Christian Smith has written a new book titled *Handing Down the Faith: How Parents Pass Their Religion on to the Next Generation*. It's based on new research about how parents successfully raise children to become religiously-practicing adults.

In this episode, Bishop Barron and Brandon Vogt walk through his findings and discuss what actually helps our kids to retain their faith into young adulthood.



[Watch now...](#)

## Courtesy Announcements

### Caring for the Whole Person Initiative (CWPI)

Finding peace & support during serious illness, a new diocesan /parish initiative. Those interested can attend a training October 16th & 23rd from 830am-3pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center-3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego, 92117. Modules presented. Palliative care & hospice. Caring for parishioners. Catholic moral teaching. Advance care planning. Parish as a loving community, caring for one another & the grieving process. No cost, but registration required by October 11. <https://forms.gle/FyMX68McU2Fs8bGH9>. Complementary lunch provided.

### Celebrate The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Bilingual Mass for the Care of Creation. Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at The Immaculata Church. USD Campus 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110. Livestream available at <https://venue.streamspot.com/event/MjgyOTY1NA>. For more information contact [smeza@sdccatholic.org](mailto:smeza@sdccatholic.org) or visit [sdcreationcaresdcatholic.org/](http://sdcreationcaresdcatholic.org/)

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

-Matthew 6:21

### Week of September 19, 2021

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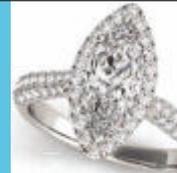


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# The Last Word

## Newlyweds

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 Richard & Susana DeFoor  
 Joe & Claire Hughes  
 Rico & Anne Duco  
 Marc & Darlyn Minas  
 Jerry & Denise Delatorre  
 William & Janelle Zapolski  
 Joseph & Hannah Barone  
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 Arturo & Tania Gomez  
 Alvin & Ashley Barbat  
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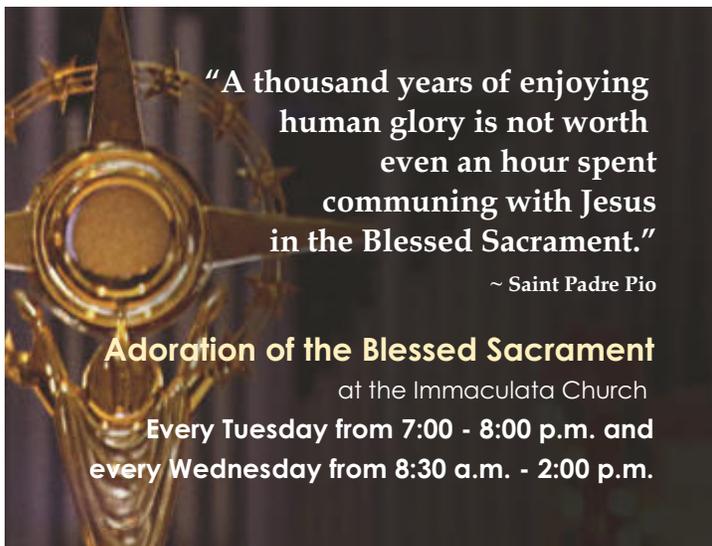
## Keep in Your Prayers

*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	Marion Griffin
Lucia Yandell	Michael Ebipane
Sandy Perretti	Gina DeLapa
Bruce Perretti	Marian Oddo
Riley Manahan	Josh Helm
Leonard Hayden	Rita Winrow
Dawn Pathman	Millie Prior

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



**"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."**  
 ~ Saint Padre Pio

**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. - 2:00 p.m.

## Words of Wisdom

### THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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