

# The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021



*Stewardship  
Social 2021*

Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!  
*Psalm 90*

*Welcome to  
The Immaculata*



## **A Walk Through the Mass: A Step-by-Step Explanation** **Week One: Introductory Rites and Concluding Rites** *by the Diocese of San Diego*

Over the next three weeks across the diocese, we will be conducting a “Walk through the Mass: A Step-by-Step Explanation”.

The Mass is the ritual Catholics celebrate in response to Jesus’ command to “do this in memory of me” (Lk 22:19). One of the basic, distinctive marks of ritual prayer is that Catholics know what is going to happen next. We do things over and over. When the priest says, “The Lord be with you,” without any thought or hesitation the congregation responds, “And with your Spirit.” The priest says, “Let us pray,” and the congregation stands up.

Our daily lives have their rituals also: There are set ways of greeting people, eating, responding to a text. And when we are accustomed to a certain way of doing things, we



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## Saint of the Week

Saint John XXIII 1881 – 1963. Feast day: October 11



Although few people had as great an impact on the 20th century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his “ordinariness” seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo’s diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop’s secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City.

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

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seldom ask why we do it that way. In the Eucharist, too, we have many ritual actions which we perform without asking why.

### What is the Mass?

A good way to describe the Mass is to say that it is Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday made sacramentally present today in ritual. It is not merely a meal which reminds us of the Last Supper, or a Passion play which helps recall Good Friday, or a sunrise service which celebrates the Lord’s Resurrection. The Mass is, therefore, our opportunity as Catholic Christians to praise and thank God for the gift of our salvation in Christ Jesus. In short, the Mass is one way in which we share in the Pascal Mystery (the Passion, Death and Resurrection) of Christ.

The basic shape of the ritual of the Mass can be described as a meal. This is not to

say it is “just another meal” or that we are ignoring the Mass as sacrifice. Not at all. The point is, the shape of the Mass, even when viewed as sacrifice, is that of a meal.

When friends gather for a meal, they sit and talk. Eventually they move to the table, say grace, pass the food and eat and drink, and finally take their leave and go home. On our walk through the Mass, we will follow this same map: we will see ritual acts of 1) gathering, 2) storytelling, 3) meal sharing, and 4) commissioning.

We will focus today on the gathering or Introductory Rites of the Mass and the commissioning or Concluding Rites of the Mass. Next week we will look at the storytelling, or what we call the Liturgy of the Word. And the following week we will focus on meal sharing, or the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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**Gathering (The Introductory Rites)**

Coming together, assembling, and forming community is at the heart of our Sunday worship. The reason behind each of the ritual actions of the first part of the Mass can be found in this word: gathering. The purpose of these rites is to bring us together into one Body, ready to listen and break bread together. Note that God is the one who has summoned us to this celebration of the Eucharist. We are present in response to His invitation.

**Genuflection.**

In medieval Europe, it was a custom to go down on one knee (to genuflect) before a king or person of rank. This secular mark of honor gradually entered the Church and people began to genuflect to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle before entering the pew. If the tabernacle is not located in the sanctuary, it is proper for members of the assembly to express their reverence for the altar with an even older custom and bow to it before entering the pew.

**Posture, song.**

When the Mass begins everyone stands up. Standing is the traditional posture of the Christian at prayer that expresses our attentiveness to the Word of God and our readiness to carry it out. Often, we begin by singing together to unite our thoughts and our voices in a common word, rhythm and melody.

**Greeting.**

We begin with the Sign of the Cross, reminding ourselves of our Baptism, and then the priest will greet us, saying, "The Lord be with you." This prayer reminds us of Christ's declaration that "...where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). The ritual response to this greeting is always the formula, "And with your Spirit", which acknowledges that the priest has received the Spirit of God through his ordination to the priesthood.

**Penitential Rite.** All the other ritual acts of this first part of the Mass are intended to

gather us together into a worshipping assembly. In the Penitential Rite, we are invited to call to mind our sins and the one (the Lord) sent to save us from the power of sin. While this Rite lacks the efficacy of sacramental absolution, we believe that through the reception of Holy Communion our less serious (venial) sins are forgiven.

**Glory to God.**

Just as the angels proclaimed the praise of God at the birth of Christ, saying "Glory to God in the Highest" (Luke 2:13-14), we make our own declaration of praise and worship of the Holy Trinity in singing or reciting the hymn, "Glory to God."

**Opening Prayer.**

At the close of this first part of the Mass the priest will ask us to join our minds in prayer with the invitation, "Let us pray." As the priest pauses, we offer our intentions. Then he will collect (or gather) them all into one prayer, to which we all respond "Amen," a Hebrew word for "So be it."

**Commissioning (Concluding Rites)**

The burdens we have laid down at the door of the church for this Eucharist, we know we must now bear again—but now strengthened by this Eucharist and this community.

**Blessing and Dismissal.**

We bow our heads to receive a blessing. As the priest names the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—we make the Sign of the Cross. The priest or deacon then dismisses the assembly: "Go in peace." And we give our liturgical "yes" by saying, "Thanks be to God."

**Living the Eucharist in the world.**

We leave the assembly and the church building carrying Christ within us. What happens in our lives during the week gives deeper meaning to the ritual actions we have celebrated at Mass, whether it is with family, work with the poor or just plain work. It is only in relation to our daily lives that the full meaning of the ritual actions of the Mass becomes clear to us. We bring Christ to the world.



**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.**  
(Inside the church)

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

**Closed on Saturday**

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

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Mass Readings & Intentions

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First Reading

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company.

Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Psalm 90

Second Reading

Indeed the word of God is living and effective.

Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]

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, October 11

Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Intention: Mary, Howard & Family

Tuesday, October 12

Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Intention: Alexander Amaro

Wednesday, October 13

Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Intention: +Judy Raymundo

Thursday, October 14

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Intention: +William & Josephine Bennett

Friday, October 15

Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Intention: +Teresa Tunney

Saturday, October 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Intentions:

- 8:00 a.m. +Neil Sampson
- 4:30 p.m. +Jaye Ann Bosque



Immaculata Stewardship Social Oct. 9-10, 2021

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

(Matthew 5:16)

Within The Immaculata parish community, there are almost countless ways in which we can glorify the Lord by our lives.

From evangelization to faith formation, working with children and families, contributing to the beauty of the liturgy, advancing social justice, and deepening fellowship among parishioners, your own unique gifts and talents can find a home!

Please refer to the Ministries Map inserted in The Beacon for some of the wonderful ministry opportunities you'll find represented on the plaza after Mass. Feel free to wander, explore, ask questions, and prayerfully consider a calling to help one or more of these efforts.

No pressure to sign up for anything... it's a social occasion and an opportunity to learn more. Enjoy!

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

## The Immaculata Ministries of Life, Peace, & Justice

Life, Peace, and Justice Ministries at The Immaculata consist of parish ministries and official collaborations with external non-profit groups. Below is a brief profile of each active ministry. We anticipate expanding to address other important social justice issues in the near future.

**Creation Care Team** strives to be good stewards of the earth, our common home. We have the ability and the responsibility to cultivate the earth for our sustenance; conserve, protect, and further develop the goods of the earth for the common good of all God's creation.

**Father Joe's Villages** knows that with every meal served, we get closer to ending homelessness in San Diego. Volunteers help serve meals to the men, women, and children that live on the streets of San Diego. By seeing to other people's basic needs for food and shelter, we help improve the futures of thousands of people.

**Give Back Sunday** serves the needs of the poor in our community and beyond by organizing parish food drives, shoe drives, baby shower drives and back to school drives.

**Racial Justice Ministry** provides and promotes opportunities for parishioners to learn about systemic racism, engage in authentic relationship and community building, and work for reconciliation and justice—all grounded in Catholic Social Teaching.

**Safe Families For Children (SFFC)** is a national movement of compassion led by families who practice biblical hospitality giving hope to families in crisis. We seek to support at-risk children and parents in need by providing an extended network of support that helps stabilize and strengthen vulnerable families through early intervention.

**We See You San Diego** welcomes and gets to know our neighbors in the homeless community as we provide a loving and safe place to sit, eat, and converse around a table with people who care about where they are, where they have been, and where they want to go. We hope to restore dignity and identity in order to ultimately see people break free from addiction, homelessness, and life on the street.

If you'd like to learn more about our Life, Peace and Justice ministries, please contact us at [ImmaculataLPJ@gmail.com](mailto:ImmaculataLPJ@gmail.com) or visit the parish website at <https://www.theimmaculata.org/lifepeacejusticeministries>.



### Wisdom from Mother Teresa

"Not all of us can do great things,  
but we can do small things  
with great love."



[Read now...](#)

### READ



Interested in learning more about The Immaculata Life, Peace, and

Justice Ministries? Visit our website for profiles of each existing ministry, and continue to watch this space in the weeks to come.

[Read now...](#)

### EXPLORE



Explore the website of our diocesan Office of Life, Peace, and Justice to learn

how our diocese implements its CST-centered mission.

[Explore now...](#)

### PRAY



Join the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in praying that we "engage in love-

inspired action that transforms us and the world" Join in the Prayer to Live the Gospel, Be Disciples.

[Pray now...](#)

## Immaculata Announcements

### High School Movie and Game Night:

"We are so excited to host a High School Movie and Game Night on the East Lawn of The Immaculata on Friday, October 15 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.! It's been a while since we've met for some community building. Teens will play games, watch a movie, and eat snacks with their peers! They're welcome to bring pillows and blankets to relax during the movie, though chairs will be provided! If your teen is interested or you have any questions, please contact our Youth Coordinator, Arianna Calio, at [ariannaallen@sandiego.edu](mailto:ariannaallen@sandiego.edu). Permission slips will be required for all attendees."

### Senior Discussion Group - "Aging Eyes"

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 October we will discuss "Aging Eyes." Please join us as we learn and share information about this important topic affecting a majority of seniors. This meeting will be via Zoom only on Wednesday, October 13 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Laura will stay on to answer any senior-related questions. Respond or Register by contacting Laura Runkle at [lrunkle@gmail.com](mailto:lrunkle@gmail.com) or calling (619)920-6449.

### 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.

## Courtesy Announcements

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

Finding peace & support during serious illness through a new diocesan /parish initiative. Those interested in learning more about this new initiative can attend a training October 16 & 23 from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center-3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego, 92117. Modules presented will be: Palliative care & hospice, Caring for parishioners, Catholic moral teaching, advance care planning, parish as a loving community, caring for one another & the grieving process. This is a no cost event, but registration is required by October 11. <https://forms.gle/FyMX68McU2Fs8bGH9>. Complementary lunch provided.

### Taller Caminos de Sanación

"Familia y Vida: Enseñando y practicando virtudes en tiempos difíciles. Impartido por el Obispo Auxiliar Ramon Bejarano. El taller se ofrecerá el Jueves, 21 de Octubre October 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia Holy Spirit Catholic Church. (2725 55th St, San Diego, CA 92105) Organizado por la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Espiritualidad Para más información visita la página <https://sdcatholic.org>. Para registrarse por favor llamar a Ricardo Márquez (858) 490-8299 o [rmarquez@sdcatholic.org](mailto:rmarquez@sdcatholic.org). Donación voluntaria.

## San Diego Family Mass

**October 23 at 11 a.m.**  
**St. Gregory The Great, San Diego**

Pope Francis has designed the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, a time to celebrate the five-year anniversary of the landmark Synod on the Family and ensuing apostolic exhortation, "Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love). In the Diocese of San Diego, we also commemorate the five-year anniversary of our own Synod on the Family and the creation of the Diocesan Office for Family Life & Spirituality. Please join Bishop McElroy and the diocese for a Mass at St. Gregory the Great to celebrate the five-year anniversary of "The Joy of Love" and the movement it inspired to welcome and serve today's families. The event will include a Family Rosary at 10 AM, a Family Resource Fair, and a variety of fun family activities! In addition to "Celebrating the Joy of Love", this gathering of families will also be a celebration of returning to Mass and being able to see the "Family of Families" once again, united around the altar of the Lord.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

*-Matthew 6:21*

**Week of September 26 , 2021**

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# The Last Word

*We're looking forward to seeing you at the*

**2021**

*Stewardship*

*Social*

*October 9-10*

*after all Masses!*



*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*

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Dawn Pathman  
Marion Griffin

Michael Ebipane  
Gina DeLapa  
Marian Oddo  
Josh Helm  
Rita Winrow  
Millie Prior  
Bruce Boorman

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.

*Rest In Peace*

Eileen Skelly  
Gloria Walters

## Words of Wisdom

### THE PATH

People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.

—Anonymous

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