

# The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

-Psalm 33

Welcome to  
The Immaculata



## A Walk Through the Mass: A Step-by-Step Explanation Week Two: Storytelling (Liturgy of the Word) by the Diocese of San Diego

### Liturgy of the Word.

When we gather at a friend's home for a meal, we almost always begin with conversation, telling our stories. At Mass, after the gathering rites, we sit down and listen as readings from the Word of God are proclaimed. They are the stories of God's people.

### Three readings and a psalm.

On Sundays, there are three readings from the Bible. The first reading will be from the Old Testament (except during the Easter season). We recall the origins of the covenants God made with our ancestors in faith. The first reading often relates to the Gospel selection of the day and will give background and an insight into the meaning of what Jesus will do in the Gospel. Then we will sing or recite a psalm—a song from God's own inspired hymnal,



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## Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (October 6, 2021)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, In our continuing catechesis on Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we now consider the Apostle's teaching on Christian freedom. For Paul, that freedom is a gift, the fruit of our new life in Christ. Through baptism, we have been freed from our bondage to sin and freed for a life of generous love in obedience to the Gospel. Jesus tells us, "If you continue in my word... you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (Jn 8:31-32). Christian freedom is thus grounded in the unmerited gift of God's grace and the truth of Christ. Through his passion, death and resurrection, Christ reveals the depth of God's love, and teaches us that the total gift of ourselves in service of



others, even to the point of death, is the mark of supreme freedom. The truth that Christ brings is in fact truthfulness about ourselves. Our journey along the path of Christian freedom is not easy, but guided and sustained by the love of the Crucified Lord, and by his liberating truth, we will find our ultimate fulfillment in accordance with God's saving plan.

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

## Saint of the Week

Saint Paul of the Cross 1694 – 1775. Feast day: October 20



Born in northern Italy in 1694, Paul Daneo lived at a time when many regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but no more. After a brief time as a soldier, he turned to solitary prayer, developing a devotion to Christ's passion. Paul saw in the Lord's passion a demonstration of God's love for all people. In turn that devotion nurtured his compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners. He was known as one of the most popular preachers of his day, both for his words and for his generous acts of mercy.

In 1720, Paul founded the Congregation of the Passion, whose members combined devotion to Christ's passion with preaching to the poor, and rigorous penances. Known as the Passionists, they add a fourth vow to the traditional three of poverty, chastity, and obedience, to spread the memory of Christ's passion among the faithful. Paul was elected superior general of the Congregation in 1747, spending the remainder of his life in Rome.

Paul of the Cross died in 1775, and was canonized in 1867. Over 2,000 of his letters and several of his short writings have survived.

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

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the Book of Psalms. The second reading will usually be from one of the letters of Paul or another apostolic writing. The third reading will be taken from one of the four Gospels.

**Standing for the Gospel.**

Because of the unique presence of Christ in the proclamation of the Gospel, it has long been the custom to stand in attentive reverence to hear these words. The priest will again greet us with "The Lord be with you." He then introduces the Gospel reading while marking a small cross on his forehead, lips and heart with his thumb while praying silently that God cleans his mind and his heart so that his lips may worthily proclaim the Gospel. In many places, the congregation performs this ritual action along with the priest. The Gospel reading concludes with the ritual formula "The Gospel of the Lord" and we respond, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," again proclaiming our faith in the presence of Christ in the Word.

**Homily.**

Then we sit for the homily. Given by one who is ordained, the homily is an act of worship rooted in the texts of the Mass and Scripture, especially the readings that have just been proclaimed. The homily takes that word and brings it into our life today.

**Creed.**

On Sundays we stand and together recite the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. The recitation is both a series of core truths we believe as Catholics, and a statement of our faith in the Word we have heard proclaimed in the Scripture and the homily.

**Universal Prayer.**

We offer prayers for the needs and the salvation of all the world. The petitions usually fall into four categories: the Church, nations and their leaders, people in special need, and the local needs of our parish.

# 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 (619) 574-5703 or email [lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu](mailto:lmartinspencer@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.**  
(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.**
- (619) 574-5700**
- [theimmaculata@sandiego.edu](mailto:theimmaculata@sandiego.edu)**

## Mass Readings &amp; Intentions

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 17, 2021

**First Reading**

My servant shall justify many,  
and their guilt he shall bear.  
*Isaiah 53:10-11*

**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.  
*Psalms 33*

**Second Reading**

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to  
receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.  
*Hebrews 4:14-16*

**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 18**

2 Tm 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9  
**Intention:** +Nancy Tedesco

**Tuesday, October 19**

Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21;  
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38  
**Intention:** Rosemary VanDoren

**Wednesday, October 20**

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1-8; Lk 12:39-48  
**Intention:** +John H. McGreevy

**Thursday, October 21**

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53  
**Intention:** +Rev. Michael Ratajczak

**Friday, October 22**

Rom 7:18-25; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;  
Lk 12:54-59  
**Intention:** +Gabriela Barajas

**Saturday, October 23**

Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1-4, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9  
**Intentions:**  
8:00 a.m. +Donna Larson  
4:30 p.m. +Mary Ann Huey

## Challenge 3: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI)

by Yvonne &amp; David Freeman

Immaculata parishioners met in September to reflect upon lessons learned about discrimination against the AAPI population. We began by praising God for the gifts that diversity brings us and asking Him to make us “fierce advocates and allies for inclusion.” We reviewed AAPI demographic data including the fact that 60% of the world’s population is classified as Asian, a generic term representing people of many disparate cultures and traditions. The AAPI population in the U.S. is 23% Catholic, boasting five US Bishops and more ordained religious (i.e., priests, deacons, nuns) than from any other minoritized group.

Angel Island  
Immigration Station

Between 1910 and 1940,  
approximately 400,000  
Asians entered the U.S.  
through Angel Island (The  
Ellis Island of the West).  
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We shared our thoughts about the resources we had examined. Parishioners made key observations about the history of AAPI discrimination. In the mid 1800’s Chinese immigrants came to the U.S. for the California Gold Rush and to help build railroads. Throughout this period the Chinese were mistreated, discriminated against, and denied legal recourse. The Page Act of 1875 and the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the first laws restricting immigration to the U.S., were passed to discourage more Asians from coming to this country. Restrictions and discrimination continued throughout the late 1800’s and the early 1900’s. During World War II Japanese Americans’ rights were suspended and their property stolen. They were interned at camps such as Manzanar in California. It wasn’t until 1952 that the Immigration Act formally eliminated race as a basis for naturalization and Asian exclusion.

We discussed how Asians today suffer from the image of the “Model Minority,” a myth that pits them against other minoritized groups. We also discussed how Asians have been attacked in public. One Filipina in our group spoke poignantly about how her grandsons had been mistreated in school and shared her fear for her elderly grandmother. We concluded that the different minoritized groups we had learned about all had suffered and continue to suffer similar kinds of discrimination. We closed by singing a multilingual prayer “Malo! Malo! Thanks Be to God.”

[Learn more about Angel Island](#)

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 "Love One Another"

**Introduction to the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching**

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) emerged formally in the 19th century via papal encyclicals and pastoral documents. From the 1891 publication of *Rerum Novarum* by Pope Leo XIII to the encyclicals of Pope Francis today, our Popes have written to the Catholic laity and leaders shepherding us through many major social issues. Such guidance is best understood by reading the original documents. As an alternative, our US Bishops maintain a short list of central CST themes which we share here. The official descriptions are far too lengthy for this short article; therefore, we include short explanations to capture the spirit of each CST theme.

<b>Life and Dignity of the Human Person</b>	Every person is made in the image and likeness of God, thus deserving of equal respect and dignity. The sanctity of the human person at all stages of life is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching.
<b>Call to Family, Community, and Participation</b>	We are made in the image of the triune God whose very nature is communal. We are not only sacred but also social. We grow and reach fulfillment in families and community, always seeking the common good.
<b>Rights and Responsibilities</b>	Every person has a fundamental right to life and to those things required to sustain it. We are also responsible to one another, which carries the responsibility to protect the rights of all.
<b>Option for the Poor and Vulnerable</b>	God's love of the poor takes precedence. If one person is suffering, all are affected and diminished. We shall be judged by how we treat the poor and vulnerable.
<b>Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers</b>	We believe that the economy must serve people, not the other way around. The dignity of work and the basic rights of workers must be respected. These rights protect human life, defend human rights, and advance the well being of all.
<b>Solidarity</b>	We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers wherever they live. We are one human family. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that "loving our neighbor" has global as well as local dimensions in an interdependent world.
<b>Care for God's Creation</b>	We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. The environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.



Papacy: 3/13/2013 -

*Wisdom from Pope Francis*

"In the trials of life, you reveal your own heart: how solid it is, how merciful, how big or small."

Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future. Dec. 2020



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**WATCH**



**How can our world become more unified?**

In this brief video Pope

Francis and Bishop Mark Seitz invite us to become bridge builders, striving to create a 'we' as wide as humanity.

[Watch now...](#)

**REFLECT**



**Read The Judgment of Nations in Holy Gospel according to Matthew,**

**chapter 25, verses 31 through 46.** In this powerful passage Jesus tells us the consequences of our social choices.

[Reflect now...](#)

**PRAY**



**Read and join in the Papal Prayer Intention from July 2021:**

**"Social Friendship".** We're encouraged here to extend a hand and listen to others so we can work for the common good.

[Pray now...](#)

# Immaculata Announcements

## Canned Food & Socks Drive is This Weekend

The collection tables will be out on the plaza this weekend (October 16-17) and next weekend (October 23-24) after all the Masses. Food Items: canned foods and other non-perishable will be collected and donated to Holy Family Parish to be distributed to families in need. Socks are the most needed in homeless shelters. We will be collecting new and like new socks which will be donated to the Christian Community Service (CCSA). For more information please contact Deborah Levenson at [markndeb@san.rr.com](mailto:markndeb@san.rr.com) or Alice Gonzalez at [alicegonzalez4361@gmail.com](mailto:alicegonzalez4361@gmail.com).

## Ladies of the Immaculata!



Inviting ALL Ladies of our parish church family. Our very special BINGO game will center on Women in the Bible. Fall attire or dress as your favorite saint or in a Biblical costume. Catered food! Great Company! Fun prizes! You are welcome to bring a can or box of food to add to our parish basket for those in need. Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Hybrid option to meet in person (East Lawn) or online (zoom). To reserve your spot or for more information, please email [vinita\\_rajah@yahoo.com](mailto:vinita_rajah@yahoo.com).

## All Souls Novena/Pictures

Pictures for the All Souls Posters are being collected now. Turn in pictures of deceased loved ones by Tuesday, October 26. You can also enroll your deceased loved one's name in the Novena by calling the parish office at (619) 574-5700 or via email: [theimmaculata@sandiego.edu](mailto:theimmaculata@sandiego.edu). Novena starts Saturday, November 2. Scan & send pictures that have not been on previous posters to office. Finished posters will be displayed in the church. Please email pictures to Janice Corbett at [janice@sandiego.edu](mailto:janice@sandiego.edu).

# Courtesy Announcements

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

**Opening Synod Mass  
October 17 at 3 p.m.**

The Diocese of San Diego joins the worldwide Church in celebrating a mass to mark the beginning of the diocesan phase of the Synod for a synodal Church.

Learn more and watch online at [sdcatholic.org](http://sdcatholic.org)

**For a synodal Church**  
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## 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 October 10 , 2021

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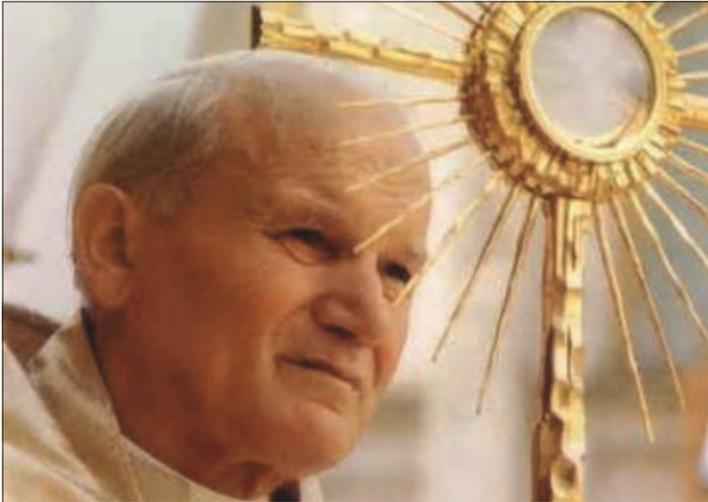


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# The Last Word



“Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever. From this moment on, live the Eucharist fully; be persons for whom the Holy Mass, Communion, and Eucharistic adoration are the center and summit of their whole life.”

- St. Pope John Paul II

## 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.**

## 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  | Rita Winrow     |
| Leonard Hayden | Millie Prior    |
| Dawn Pathman   | Bruce Boorman   |

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

## Newly Baptized

- Jensen Dean Lam
- Jenaveve Mikaela Rubio
- Alan Mateo Marquez-Nogales
- Amaya Makenzie Ladga Napalan
- Romy Voss Flater
- Asher Owen Flater

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## Words of Wisdom

### ACHIEVING SANCTITY

**Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.**

—St. Paul of the Cross