

# The Beacon

·Newsletter of The Immaculata Church·

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.  
-Psalm 126

Welcome to  
The Immaculata



## A Walk Through the Mass: A Step-by-Step Explanation

### Week Three: Meal Sharing (Liturgy of the Eucharist) *by the Diocese of San Diego*

After the readings, we move to the altar for the sacred meal of sacrifice, sharing, and thanksgiving. As at a meal in the home of a friend, we 1) set the table, 2) say grace and 3) share the food (we eat and drink). At Mass these ritual actions are called 1) the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts, 2) the Eucharistic Prayer, 3) the Communion Rite.

**Preparation of the Altar and Gifts**— The early Christians brought bread and wine from their homes to the church to be used for the Mass and to be given to the clergy and the poor. Today, a similar offering for the parish and the poor is made with our monetary contributions.

The priest receives bread and wine brought forward by members of the congregation, keeping the spiritual efficacy and significance of the early church offerings.



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## Saint of the Week

Saint Antônio de Sant'Anna Galvão's 1739–1822.

Feast day: October 25



God's plan in a person's life often takes unexpected turns which become life-giving through cooperation with God's grace. Born in Guaratingueta near São Paulo, Antônio attended the Jesuit seminary in Belem, but later decided to become a Franciscan friar. Invested in 1760, he made final profession the following year and was ordained in 1762.

In São Paulo, he served as preacher, confessor, and porter. Within a few years, Antônio was appointed confessor to the Recollects of Saint Teresa, a group of nuns in that city. He and Sister Helena Maria of the Holy Spirit founded a new community of sisters under the patronage of Our Lady of the Conception of Divine Providence. Sister Helena Maria's premature death the next year left Father Antônio responsible for the new congregation, especially for building a convent and church adequate for their growing numbers. He served as novice master for the friars in Macacu and as guardian of St. Francis Friary in São Paulo. He founded St. Clare Friary in Sorocaba. With the permission of his provincial and the bishop, Antônio spent his last days at the Recolhimento de Nossa Senhora da Luz, the convent of the sisters' congregation he had helped establish. Antônio de Sant'Anna Galvão was beatified in Rome on October 25, 1998, and canonized in 2007.

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

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He then mixes water with the wine and washes his hands. (Mixing water with wine and washing hands are things all Jews did at meals in Jesus' day.)

Finally, he invites us to pray that the sacrifice be acceptable to God. We respond “Amen” to the Prayer Over the Gifts.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The prayer that follows is addressed to the Father and brings us to the very center of the Mass and the heart of our faith. While the words of the prayer vary from Sunday to Sunday, the prayer always has this structure: 1) We call upon God to remember all the wonderful saving deeds of our history. 2) We recall the central event in our history, Jesus Christ, and in particular the memorial He left us on the night

before He died. We recall His Passion, Death and Resurrection. 3) After gratefully calling to mind all the wonderful saving acts God has done for us in the past, we petition God to continue those deeds of Christ in the present: We pray that we may become one Body, one spirit in Christ.

### Invitation

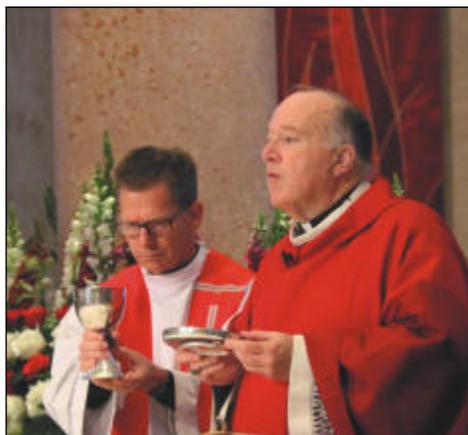
The prayer begins with a dialogue between the leader and the assembly. First, the priest greets us with “The Lord be with you.” He then asks if we are ready and willing to approach the table and to renew our baptismal commitment, offering ourselves to God: “Lift up your hearts.” And we say that we are prepared to do so: “We lift them up to the Lord.” We are invited to give thanks to the Lord our God. And we respond: “It is right and just.”

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To “give thanks” translates the traditional Greek verb that now names the whole action: Eucharist.

**Institution Narrative: Consecration**

The priest continues the prayer, giving praise and thanks, and calling upon the Holy Spirit to change our gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. He then recalls the events of the Last Supper—the institution of the Eucharist. At this important moment in the prayer, we proclaim the mystery of faith. The priest continues recalling the wonderful deeds of salvation: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.



**Prayer for unity and intercessions.**

The grateful memory of God’s salvation leads us to make a bold petition, our main petition at every Eucharist: We pray for unity. To this petition we add prayers for the bishop of Rome and for the bishop of the local Church; we pray for the living and the dead as well as ourselves that through the intercession of the saints we may one day arrive at the table in heaven.

We look forward to that glorious day and raise our voices with those of all the saints who have gone before us as the priest raises the consecrated bread and wine and offers a doxology, a prayer of glory to God in the name of Christ: “Through him, and with him, and in him, / O God, almighty Father, / in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / all glory and honor is yours, / for ever and ever.” Our “Amen” to this prayer acclaims our assent and participation in the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

**The Communion Rite**

**Our Father and Sign of Peace**

We prepare to eat and drink at the Lord’s Table with those words taught us by Jesus: “Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Keenly aware that communion (the word means

“union with”) is the source of our reconciliation and union with God and with one another; we make a gesture of union and forgiveness with those around us and offer them the Sign of Peace.

**Invitation to Communion.**

The priest then shows us the Body of Christ and invites us to come to the table echoing the words of John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God...” We respond, “Lord, I am not worthy...”, as the Centurion did when he asked Jesus to cure his servant (Matthew 8:8). None of us, on our own, are worthy to embrace the fullness of Christ. It is only through the love and mercy of God bestowed upon us that we become worthy to receive. The members of the assembly now approach the altar in procession.

**Communion**

As God fed our ancestors in the desert on their pilgrimage, so God gives us food for our journey. We approach the minister who gives us the Eucharist with the words “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen.” During this procession we usually sing a hymn which unites our voices, minds and thoughts, even as the Body and Blood of Christ unites us into one Body. Then we pray silently in our hearts, thanking and praising God. The priest unites our prayers in the Prayer After Communion, to which we respond, “Amen.”



**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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021

First Reading

I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. Jeremiah 31:7-9

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Psalm 126

Second Reading

It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you. Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel

Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way. Mark 10:46-52

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 25

Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Intention: All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 26

Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 13:18-21
Intention: +Lucia Bennett

Wednesday, October 27

Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
Intention: Hugh Van Doren

Thursday, October 28

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Intention: +Sylvester Barajas

Friday, October 29

Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Intention: +Judith Misage

Saturday, October 30

Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Intentions:
8:00 a.m. +Francis & Lucia Bennett
4:30 p.m. +Irene Luber

A Memorable Stewardship Social 2021!

by Vida Gruning

Two weeks ago, longtime and new ministries gathered together for the Immaculata's Stewardship Social, the culmination of stewardship-focused witness talks, videos, Beacon articles, etc. in the preceding weeks.

Parishioners had an opportunity for fellowship, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones, as they learned about the many ways that they can cultivate and share God's gifts in service of others.

Non-parishioner visitors expressed their admiration for the Immaculata's strong sense of community as well as its unique way of highlighting its ministries.

The Stewardship Social is an annual autumn event for the Immaculata, but this year's social is especially meaningful as it marked the first in person parish-wide event since the pandemic started.

It is a wonderful milestone for our parish – a testament of how stewardship has helped the Immaculata to remain a "beacon of faith and spiritual home" during the pandemic and a powerful reminder of God's sustaining grace even in the most challenging of times.



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



Sanctuary Lamp

## Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

*"Far too many Catholics are not familiar with the basic content of Catholic social teaching. More fundamentally, many Catholics do not adequately understand that the social teaching of the Church is an essential part of Catholic faith. This poses a serious challenge for all Catholics, since it weakens our capacity to be a Church that is true to the demands of the Gospel. We need to do more to share the social mission and message of our Church."* -United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Over the next few weeks, we will learn more about the social teachings of our Church. They are integral to our participation in full membership in the community of the faithful. We begin with the teaching called "Life and Dignity of the Human Person." We all accept the teaching that God created all of humankind in His image. The question is "Do we live our lives as if we believe it?"

Pope Benedict wrote, "Our moral responsibility depends on recognition that the human race is a single family." The basic dignity that each person possesses comes from God; therefore, all forms of discrimination are always wrong. Catholic doctrine states that people take precedence over things and structures. Systems are meant to serve people. And people are meant to serve and care for one another. The issues of abortion, the death penalty, euthanasia and racism are denial of equal human dignity.

Fr. Bryan Massingale, theologian and scholar at Fordham University, reminds his students that "everyone they encounter has a sanctuary lamp burning in front of them, a reminder that this person bears the image of God. The sanctuary lamp signals that the worth of human persons is not something we decide to give to them. That is not within our power. It is already instilled by God."

Let us ask ourselves:

1. What path can I follow allowing me to respect the life and dignity of every human individual?
2. How can I recognize and acknowledge the spirit of Christ on the face of others whatever their race, color, class, age, or abilities?
3. How can I commit to a life of protection for every human being through honoring their dignity?



Assassinated: Apr 4, 1968

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### *Wisdom from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

"I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be you what ought to be until I am what I ought to be."

-Address at Oberlin College June 1965



[Read now...](#)

## WATCH



Would you like to learn more about Catholic Social

Teachings? This short video is the first in a series on CST. **The Life & Dignity of the Human Person** affirms the opportunity to be what God intended each of us to be.

[Watch now...](#)

## REFLECT



Let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis reminding us

**"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, sick, old, unborn, poor are masterpieces of God's creation".**

[Reflect now...](#)

## PRAY



Our Church calls us to deeply consider why every life is

valuable. **Join in this prayer from our US Bishops reminding us of the sanctity of life at all stages.** Each of us is a child of God.

[Pray now...](#)

# Immaculata Announcements

## Canned Food & Socks Drive is This Weekend

The collection tables will be out on the plaza this 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: Deborah Levenson at markndeb@san.rr.com or Alice Gonzalez at 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.

## Terrific Tuesday Walkers

The weather is just right; not too hot and not too cold! It is just the time to join the Terrific Tuesday Walkers on November 2 at 9:15 a.m. at Kate Sessions Park. You can enjoy the view while exercising with fellow parishioners. Call Lynne at (858) 245-7632 if you are interested in joining.

## Father Joe’s Villages 5 K Walk

Please join the Immaculata Parish Community for Father Joe’s Villages 5 K Walk on Thursday, November 25! Information and sign ups will be available after all Masses out on the plaza this weekend (October 23/24) and October 30/31. Look for the flyer inserted in this Beacon for more details. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact us: Kathy and Steve Gilmore at Kbg.gilmore@gmail.com or (858) 342-6192.

## 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. 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.

## Victim Assistance

The first obligation of the Church with regard to victims is for healing and reconciliation. Dioceses and eparchies continue to reach out to every person who has been a victim of sexual abuse as a minor by anyone in church service, whether that abuse is recent or occurred in the past. If you suffered abuse, it was not your fault. If you are a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church, there are several things you can do:

- Contact the appropriate law enforcement agency, which can help determine options for making a criminal complaint.
- Contact a local child protection agency, a private attorney, a support group, an abuse hotline, or a mental health professional.
- Contact a diocesan or eparchial victim assistance coordinator who is available to help victims/survivors make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese or eparchy.
- If you believe someone is in imminent danger or this is a situation of current abuse involving a minor please call 911.
- To report an allegation of abuse or mishandling of allegations of sexual abuse by a bishop please visit the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service website.

## Stewardship of Treasure

*For where your treasure is, There also will your heart be. -Matthew 6:21*

### Week of October 17 , 2021

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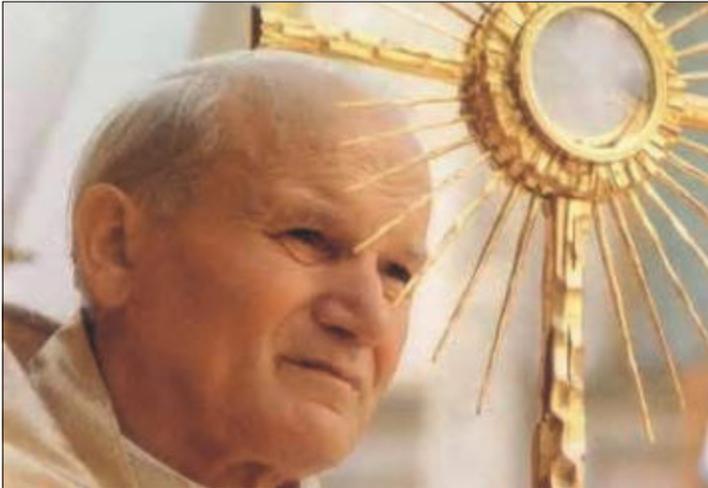


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# The Last Word



“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.

## Newlyweds

- Robert & Bertha Haro
- Alexander & Katrina Le
- Chase & Ashley Schlein
- Dakota & Sarah Wine
- Jared & Aurora Aquino
- Raul & Andrea Torres
- Ryan & Emily Shannon
- Victor & Natalie Rios Guarachi
- Joseph & Charlotte Garcia

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## Words of Wisdom

### FORGIVENESS

**Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.**

—Mark Twain