

# The Beacon

·Newsletter of The Immaculata Church·

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021



Keep FAITH Alive!

Praise the Lord, my soul!  
-Psalm 146

Welcome to  
The Immaculata

## Black Catholic History Month by Katrina Albrandt

AFRICAN  
AMERICAN  
MEN & WOMEN  
ON THE  
ROAD TO  
SAINTHOOD

Every November, the US Catholic Church celebrates Black Catholic History Month. It's a time when our Church asks all American Catholics to reflect on the contributions, persistence, devotion, and spirituality of Black Catholics over the centuries.

As part of our Black Catholic History Month celebration, The Immaculata is honoring six Black Catholics who are currently on the path to sainthood. Their depth of faith and courage in the face of structural and systemic racism should inspire us all to work for the common good.

The Saintry Six, as they affectionately called, are:

### Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853)

A formerly enslaved person, he became a formidable fundraiser for US Catholic charities, opened the first Black Catholic school in New York, and raised funds to start the first Catholic orphanage in the city. When yellow fever broke out, many fled the city to escape infection but Pierre Toussaint remained to serve the sick and dying.

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# Immaculata Music Ministry

## Black Catholic History Month's Music

by Dr. Steven Van Wye, Music Director

In November, to celebrate Black Catholic Month, Music Ministry will be having a focus on the Liturgical Music of Black composers and the African American Spiritual. Our Catholic Church in the U.S. is rich in its heritage of this deeply moving music with a profound faith in God rooted in the culture and experiences of the Black Catholic community.

The following songs we will be singing this Sunday:

*In Christ There is No East or West*, African American Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949);

*Proclaim God's Marvelous Deeds*, Kenneth W. Louis (1956-2020);

*Taste and See*, James E. Moore, Jr., (b.1951)

*Soon and Very Soon*, African American Spiritual, Andrae Crouch (1842-2015).

Many of these composers have not only influenced this musical genre but have had a major impact on composers all over the world. Of particular interest is the composer Harry T. Burleigh. Burleigh's grandfather, who was a slave and a singer, was known for his taught young Burleigh and his brother traditional spirituals and slave songs. Burleigh was the first black classically trained composer instrumental in developing characteristically American music. He made black music available to other classically trained artists both by introducing them to spirituals and by arranging them in a more classical form. Burleigh also introduced the famous symphonic composer Antonín Dvořák to Black American music, which influenced some of Dvořák's most famous compositions like the "New World Symphony" and led him to say that Black music would be the basis of an American classical music. The song "Coming Home" from this symphony was inspired by Burleigh and the African American Spiritual.

## Ladies of The Immaculata

### Brunch & Bingo



Photography by Monica Bennett

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## Black Catholic History Month at The Immaculata

- Parish rosary celebrating the Sainly Six - Sunday, 11/14 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.
- Prayer cards honoring the Sainly Six - distributed at the 11/14 rosary.
- Weekly Beacon articles with background on spirituals sung during November masses.

### Venerable Henriette Delille, S.S.F. (1812-62)

A nurse, teacher, and caregiver for the impoverished of New Orleans, she founded the Sisters of the Holy Family. She opened schools for enslaved children of color, although illegal to do so. The Sisters also cared for sick and dying senior women, even during the yellow fever epidemic of 1853, which killed 8,000 people.

### Venerable Augustus Tolton (1854-97)

A formerly enslaved person, he heard the call to priesthood but was denied entry into any of the country's seminaries due to his race. Sympathetic priests and religious eventually helped him respond to his calling via seminary formation in Rome. After ordination, he returned to the US where he endured ongoing racist affronts from local, white Catholic clergy. He was ultimately invited to minister to Chicago's Black Catholics where he built and developed St. Monica's, a large thriving parish that became a national beacon for Black ministry.

### Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, O.S.P. (c. 1784-1882)

Described as a courageous, deeply spiritual women with some financial means and social standing, she fled Haiti eventually settling in Maryland. She used her wealth to provide free schooling to Caribbean immigrant children at a time when it was illegal for enslaved people to receive an education. She received permission to establish the Oblate Sisters of Providence, which educated Black children and illiterate

adults as well as caring for widows, orphans, and others during the cholera epidemic of the 1830-40s. She was the first African-American Mother Superior.

### Servant of God Julia Greeley (c. 1840-1918)

She carried a visible scar of enslavement throughout her life, having lost an eye when a flick of the whip intended for her mother instead caught her. As an emancipated adult, she moved to Denver where she worked as a housekeeper, giving what little money she earned to the poor. To spare white families the embarrassment of receiving charity from a Black women, she visited their homes at night. She became known as the "angel of Denver," professing vows in the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901.

### Servant of God Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A. (1937-90).

Inspired by the actions of women religious and priests at her school, she converted to Catholicism as a young girl. At 15 she joined the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration becoming the order's first Black member. She earned a doctorate from the Catholic University of America in 1972 and was a founding member of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. A teacher, singer, writer, and evangelizer, she delivered public lectures across the country calling for the eradication of racism. She challenged the Church to accept and embrace her as "fully black and fully Catholic."

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/allsouls/>



## 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**

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## Mass Readings & Intentions

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7, 2021

#### First Reading

The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah.  
*1 Kings 17:10-16*

#### Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!  
*Psalm 146*

#### Second Reading

Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.  
*Hebrews 9:24-28*

#### Gospel

Beware of those who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces and places of honor at banquets.  
*Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]*

#### 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, November 8

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Lk 17:1-6

#### Intentions:

8:00 a.m. All Souls Novena

#### Tuesday, November 9

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

#### Intentions:

All Souls Novena

#### Wednesday, November 10

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

**Intention:** All Souls Novena

#### Thursday, November 11

Wis 7:22 — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

**Intention:** Brad & Lucia Yandell

#### Friday, November 12

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 17:26-37

**Intention:** +Bob Infantino

#### Saturday, November 13

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

#### Intentions:

8:00 a.m. +Judith Misage  
4:30 p.m. +Jaye Ann Bosque

## Welcoming Our Catechumens & Candidates

by Laura Martin-Spencer, Pastoral Associate

As disciples we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ. Our Immaculata community has lived this call with generosity and love; drawing others to inquire about our faith. Over the past weeks and months, eight inquires began the first phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. They have joined us at Mass, asked their primary questions, and reflected on the gift of faith they see emerging in their lives.

This weekend at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Amanda Sena, Priscilla Slaten, and Edward Vuong declare their intent to be formed by our community and begin the catechumenate phase of the RCIA process. At the 4:30 p.m. Mass, Michael Menzie and his son, Paul, who are both baptized Christians, began their formal formation period toward Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Liliana Menzie, Erlic Delarosa, Robin Dawson, and Roberto Marrero Jr. are baptized Catholic Christians who are preparing to complete their initiation Sacraments this year.

Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates, their sponsors, our catechists and our entire community that together we come to know Christ and develop a deeper desire to live as the Body of Christ.

## 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](mailto:lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu).

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

## Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities



*"It is not enough to talk about the teachings of Jesus and to know Catholic social teaching. We must put them into practice. The seven themes of Catholic social teaching provide much needed guidance for individuals, communities, institutions, and governments. We cannot just 'talk the talk', we need to 'walk the walk.' This social mission of the Church belongs to all of us. It is an essential part of what it is to be a believer."* -United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "In the Footsteps of Jesus" 2004

God's message asks us to be active, not passive or complacent, in defending the rights of all His people. We are created in God's image. As such, all people have the right to life. People also have the right to those things that preserve their dignity, or quality of life: food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful employment. We must respect the rights of others and care for others according to God's commandments and example. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The equality of man rests on the dignity of all persons and their rights and responsibilities."

The prophet Isaiah decried ancient Israel's unfaithfulness to the covenant with God in these words: "Woe to those who enact unjust statutes and who write oppressive decrees, depriving the needy of judgement and robbing my people's poor of their rights." (Isaiah 10: 1-2) This message is as relevant to us today as it was in ancient Israel's time. Pope John Paul II reminds us, "We are all really responsible for all. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace."

Let us ask ourselves:

1. Am I serious about my responsibilities to ensure the rights of persons in need are realized?
2. What can I do to ensure that all citizens have access to life's basic necessities of food, clothing, housing, and medical care?
3. How can I contribute to a society where all persons have access to good education and employment opportunities?

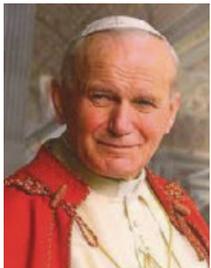


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### Wisdom from Pope John Paul II

*"Christians have often denied the Gospel... they have violated the rights of ethnic groups and peoples and shown contempt for their cultures and religious traditions: be patient and merciful towards us, and grant us your forgiveness"*

-Prayer V of the Universal Prayer 2005



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## WATCH



**Do we treat every person we meet as God in disguise?** This short Video on

**Rights and Responsibilities** teaches the importance of our advocacy for the rights of all humankind. We cannot overlook

[Watch now...](#)

## REFLECT



**"What we are called to respect** is each person's life, physical integrity, dignity

and rights deriving from that dignity, reputation, property, ethnic and cultural identity, ideas and political choices. "

[Reflect now...](#)

## READ



In this timely article by Claire Giangrave, she writes about the **struggle for the**

**rights of Christian worship** under the Taliban. Learn about the Afghans' appeal to Pope Francis for assistance.

[Read now...](#)

## Immaculata Announcements

### 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass Update

Sunday, November 21 will be the last 7:30 a.m. Mass. Beginning November 28 the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be livestreamed instead of the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

### Senior Discussion Group - "Elder Law"

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 November we will discuss "Elder Law." Please join us as we learn and share information about this important topic necessary for all seniors. Local Elder Law Attorney Heidi Klippel will present and stay on to answer questions. This meeting will be via Zoom only on Weds, November 10th 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 or calling (619) 920-6449.

### Father Joe's Villages 5 K Walk

Thanks to all who have signed up for the Immaculata Parish Community team/ Father Joe's Villages Thanksgiving 5 K. For those of you who have not yet done so, please scan the QR code to register. We will be wearing Immaculata T-shirts the day of the walk, so once you have registered please email your shirt size to Kathy Gilmore at kbg.gilmore@gmail.com. Important to know- Last day to register for the walk and receive an Immaculata t- shirt is the weekend of 11/6 and 11/7. You will still be able to register for the walk (just no Immaculata t-shirt). There will be a Mass before the walk- starting at 6:30 a.m. in front of the Museum of Art. The walk/race will be begin at 7:30 a.m. There are volunteer opportunities that parishioners can apply for through: Liza.Heredia@neighbor.org. Hope to see you on Thanksgiving morning!



### Book Club

The Book Club will be completing the discussion on *What Happened at Vatican II* on Thursday, November 4. We've selected a novel, *The Awakening of Miss Prim* by Natalie Sanmartin Fenorrela as our next read. Originally published in Spanish, *The Awakening of Miss Prim* is a #1 International bestseller. On entering San Ireneo de Armois, where the story takes place, "we step across the threshold into a world of wonder in which life is seen as it really is, as something changed with the grandeur of God." (From a review by Joseph Pearce, Director of the Center for Faith and Culture at Aquinas College) Please read Chapters 1-4 for the first meeting on November 18; we meet via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. While discussion will be in English, the book (*El Despertar de la Señorita Prim*) is available at Amazon in Spanish. Please contact Lynne (lynne.m.howard@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining us.

## Courtesy Announcements

### Great River Clean Up!

Come join us as we tackle trash along the river for the annual Great River Cleanup!

**2 locations in Mission Valley:**

**Mission Valley Preserve at Sefton Field  
San Diego River Reserve by Home Depot**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Date: November 30**

Volunteers are required to wear closed-toe shoes and pants (long-sleeve shirts are highly recommended). In other words, dress in clothing that can get dirty. Please bring your own reusable water bottle. We will bring gloves and equipment you need. If you prefer, please bring your own gloves.

Community service hours can be verified for this event. Meet at the location of your choice. When you RSVP, we can send you detailed meeting information.

To RSVP and information, please call (619) 297-7380 or volunteer@sandiegoriver.org. We are all superheroes when we help our community! We hope to see you there!

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

### Week of October 31 , 2021

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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

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

&

Wednesdays 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.

## *New Parishioners*

Kehoe Family  
 Nathan Kuchta  
 Brooke Brannon  
 Beverly Raposa & Phillip Glory  
 Jose Cortez & Alizett Martinez  
 Stone Family  
 Asperin Family  
 Kyle Swafford  
 Sarah McKnight  
 Agdeppa-Navarette Family  
 Ashley Weiner  
 Christopher Miller  
 Litsey Family  
 Masini Family  
 Stevani Jajo

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## Words of Wisdom

### DO ANYTHING

**I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him.**

—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini