

The Beacon

·Newsletter of The Immaculata Church·

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

You are my inheritance, O Lord!
-Psalm 16

Welcome to
The Immaculata

Caring for the Whole Person Initiative (CWPI)

Finding Peace and Support During Serious Illness *by Carol Tunney*



“Blessed are they that mourn for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.” -Matthew 5: 4,7

A team of nine Immaculata parishioners dedicated numerous hours last month to learning, team building and reflection, in order to better serve the sick, the dying and their families in our parish community. This diocesan training, designed for priests, deacons and parish ministers who serve the sick and their families, was hosted on two consecutive Saturdays at the Pastoral Center.

In preparation for this vital work, Chris Gomez & I completed intensive diocesan training last year. We met and shared stories with numerous deacons, their wives, and

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Immaculata Music Ministry

Black Catholic History Month's Music

by Dr. Steven Van Wye, Music Director



As we continue to celebrate Black Catholic Month, this week we will sing the following hymns:

- Lead Me, Guide Me*, Doris Akers (1922-1995), African American Composer
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand*, Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993), African American Composer
- Steal Away*, African American Spiritual
- Keep Your Lamps*, Dr. Andre J. Thomas (b. 1952), African American Composer.
- Soon and Very Soon*, Andrae Crouch (1842-2015), African American composer

It would be easy to write long articles about the accomplishments of each of today's composers. I encourage you to spend some time researching and listening to their powerful music. Of course, many of us know the name "Tommy" Dorsey, his music, and his influence in gospel and jazz music. Dorsey's hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" was composed during his time of grieving the death of his wife and infant son during childbirth. It became the favorite hymn of Martin Luther King Jr. and sung at his funeral by the legendary black opera singer Leontyne Price.

Doris Akers (1922-1995), the composer of "Lead Me, Guide Me", began playing music and songwriting at an early age. She became a prolific composer, releasing an album every year in the 1980's, and was affectionately known as "Miss Gospel Music" because she was admired and respected by everyone in the music industry over the years. She had mastered every aspect of gospel music including vocals, keyboards, choir directing, arranging, composing and publishing. She had worked with many of the pioneers of the Golden Age of Gospel Music, had authored many standard gospel compositions, and moved freely and successfully in all spheres of gospel music. Akers received many awards including back-to-back "Gospel Music Composer of the Year" in both 1960 and 1961. In 1992, Akers was honored by the Smithsonian Institution as "the foremost black gospel songwriter in the United States". She was posthumously inducted to the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2001. In 2011 Doris Akers was inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

("Caring for the Whole Person Initiative" continuation from page 1)

other representatives from approximately forty parishes. Last month's meetings with fellow parishioners were a time of great joy and an opportunity to share with others about the new Caring for the Whole Person Initiative. This initiative was conceived by the Californian Bishops in response to recently passed physician-assisted suicide legislation in California. The goal of this new initiative is to develop "a pastoral approach to care through the end of life that provides a dignified compassionate, and loving alternative" (CWPI).

After opening prayers and introductions at the Saturday trainings, we listened to presentations on: the history and evolution of CWPI, Palliative and Hospice care, and Catholic Moral Teaching regarding the end of life. Our discussions bore much fruit and many questions were asked. Fellow parishioners Laura Runkle, who works with seniors and heads our monthly senior discussion sessions, and Noreen McInnes, who teaches the diocesan class on pastoral care of the sick, shared their insights and knowledge with the team.

Fr Lawrence Agi, hospital chaplain at Mercy Hospital, shared about the 'No one Dies Alone' program. His presentation was spirit-filled, compassionate and humorous.

Additionally, his stories about being from a large Nigerian family were a breath of fresh air for me. Liz Sumner, parishioner at St. Thomas More in Oceanside, who has worked in palliative care for years shared her experiences and knowledge as well. Representatives from Holy Cross, our diocesan Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum, brought the presentation to a close. After our intense learning, parish teams were given the chance to brainstorm on how we can move forward in implementing this great initiative at The Immaculata.

We ended our time together with a beautiful ancient Hawaiian prayer for forgiveness:

*"I'm sorry, please forgive me
Thank You. I love You"*

We are blessed at Immaculata to have Fr. Matt, who has a great devotion to the sick and dying, along with our Pastoral Associate, Laura Martin-Spencer who encouraged Chris Gomez and myself to attend the original training last year.

*"Be strong and courageous; do not be
frightened and do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God
is with you wherever you go."
-Joshua 1,9*

Saint of the Week

Saint Martin de Porres 1579 – 1639 Feast day: November 3



After a few years in this medical apostolate, Martin applied to the Dominicans to be a "lay helper," not feeling himself worthy to be a religious brother. After nine years, the example of his prayer and penance, charity and humility, led the community to request him to make full religious profession. Many of his nights were spent in prayer and penitential practices; his days were filled with nursing the sick and caring for the poor. It was particularly impressive that he treated all people regardless of their color, race, or status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage, took care of slaves brought from Africa, and managed the daily alms of the priory with practicality, as well as generosity. He became the procurator for both priory and city, whether it was a matter of "blankets, shirts, candles, candy, miracles or prayers!" When his priory was in debt, he said, "I am only a poor mulatto. Sell me. I am the property of the order. Sell me." ...

To read more www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day



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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2021

First Reading

Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.
Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord!
Psalm 16

Second Reading

Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin.
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
Mark 13:24-32

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 15

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Intentions:

8:00 a.m. Gavin Seymour

Tuesday, November 16

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-1022
Intention: Marie-Rose Laughlin

Wednesday, November 17

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Intention: Roland Laughlin

Thursday, November 18

1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Intention: Mary, Howard & Family

Friday, November 19

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Intention: Marie & Daniel Amaro

Saturday, November 20

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Intentions:

8:00 a.m. +Catherine Avery
4:30 p.m. +John Louis & Barbara Ann Bigley

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults at The Immaculata

by Laura Martin-Spencer, Pastoral Associate

This Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass five adults of our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Michael Horn, Emily Lupton, Dylan Courser, Erika Barraza, and Maritza Cordova, who are already one with us through Baptism and Eucharist, wish now to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Over the last few months, we gathered for prayer, faith sharing and discussion of the United States Catechism for Adults.

Please join me in praying that, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they draw even closer to God and continue to boldly live their faith.



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.

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

Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable



"When the Church talks of the preferential option for the poor, it means that we need always to keep in mind how any decision we make might impact the poor. But it also means we need to put the poor at the center of our thinking." -Pope Francis; "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future".

Until we personally feel and truly comprehend the pain and suffering of the poor and vulnerable in our community, we cannot carry out Christ's admonition: "Just as you did to the

least of these..." (Matt 25: 31-46) The morality of society is judged by how well our most vulnerable members are faring. The gospel calls us to radical and self-giving love—to meet the needs of the poor and to oppose the structures that perpetuate poverty and abuse those in need. True worship is to work for justice and care for the poor and oppressed. Part of caring for the poor of the world is to acknowledge that "the Earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich." Pope Paul VI, "On the Development of Peoples," 1967.

Fr. Gregory Boyle, in "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion" writes about a circle of compassion with God. No one is standing outside of that circle. We are "moving ourselves closer to the margins so that the margins themselves will be erased. We stand there with those whose dignity has been denied. We locate ourselves with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless." Fr. Boyle's work with male and female gang members in Los Angeles gives us examples of how we can find ways to reach out and discover the humanity of all God's people in our local community: immigrants, homeless, elderly, unemployed, indigenous.

Let us ask ourselves:

1. Am I disproportionately concerned for my own good at the expense of others?
2. How can I engage in service and advocacy work that protects the dignity of poor and vulnerable populations?
3. What can I do to protect the vulnerable and empower those who are poor and powerless?



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Wisdom from Pope Francis

"Whoever experiences Divine Mercy is impelled to be an architect of mercy among the least and the poor... let us receive mercy and let us give mercy."

-Communal Reconciliation Service - March 2014



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WATCH



When we encounter the poor, do we come with humility, not superiority? This short video on **Option for the Poor and the Vulnerable** reminds us to be advocates, not saviors.

[Watch now...](#)

ACT



Would you like to learn ways you can help the poor become

successful, independent members of society? Your life skills can help others!

[Act now...](#)

READ



This recent article from America Magazine reminds us that **the poor are always with us!** It recounts the Haitian earthquakes of 2010 and again in 2021.

[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.

Safe Families Ministry Meeting



We will be meeting on November 18 (Thursday) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. Come join us to learn more about how our ministry seeks to serve vulnerable children and families in need of support. We

will be discussing how we can remain active with **Safe Families for Children** (<https://safe-families.org/>) and the possibility of getting more involved with **Restoration 225** (<https://www.restoration225.org/>). Please contact vinita.sfc@gmail.com by November 15 for the Zoom link or if you are not able to make it to the meeting and would like more information.

Father Joe's Villages 5 K Walk



Important Information: Your event registration includes race admission, a Thanksgiving 5K shirt, and a bib number. Please plan on picking up your race packets on Wednesday, November 24 between 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Road Runner Sports, 5553 Copley Drive, San Diego, CA. **We will also be handing out the Immaculata Parish Community t-shirts at this time.** Please look for an Immaculata Parish Community t-shirt pick sign.

Day of Walk Information: There is a pre-race Mass which begins at 6:30 a.m. in front of the Museum of Art in Balboa Park. **Please scan the QR Code above for location details.** It's a beautiful way to start Thanksgiving and we hope that you will join in the celebration. If you are unable to do so, please plan on meeting our Parish Community at the Museum of Art by no later than 7:00 a.m., as we will want to take a team photo before the race. The race/walk starts promptly at 7:30 am.

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 (lynnem.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 November 7, 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.

Sunday Live-stream Mass Update

Starting November 28, Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass will be live-streamed instead of the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

Look for the live-stream button on the top menu at theimmaculata.org

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	Michael Ebipane
Lucia Yandell	Gina DeLapa
Sandy Perretti	Marian Oddo
Bruce Perretti	Rita Winrow
Riley Manahan	Millie Prior
Leonard Hayden	Bruce Boorman
Dawn Pathman	Guy Riddle
Marion Griffin	

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

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Words of Wisdom

HOPE

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.

—St. Clement