

The Beacon

· Newsletter of The Immaculata Church ·

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Keep FAITH Alive!

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
-Psalm 25

Welcome to
The Immaculata

Family Centered Faith Formation by Rory Elisabeth Martinez, Family Faith Formation Coordinator



When I was a very young child, my mom deployed shortly after the September 11th terrorist attacks. Throughout her deployment, I lived with my grandmother; a very devout, and holy woman. I began having nightmares and most nights would wake up in tears; every single night that would happen, my grandmother would pick me up, put on her coat, get in the car and drive to the 24/7 Blessed Sacrament chapel by our home. This happened over the course of a year, every single night that I would wake up distressed. The devotion my grandmother had to the Lord and the love she had for me intertwined into a beautiful melody that fostered my own personal relationship with God. Over the course of my life, I have witnessed firsthand the beauty and impact of a family centered faith formation.

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Catechesis of the Holy Father

by Pope Francis (October 27, 2021)

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our catechesis on Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, we have seen that, for the Apostle, the heart of the Gospel is the proclamation of the mystery of Christ's cross and its revelation of God's reconciling love. By his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus has brought us redemption and new life through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Paul can thus say to the Galatians: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me". Our prayerful contemplation of the crucified Lord, or our silent adoration before his Eucharistic presence, help us to appreciate the grandeur of our call to share in the mystery of God's own life and love. The Christian life, lived in obedience to the promptings of the Spirit, includes what is traditionally called "spiritual combat". We struggle to overcome what Paul calls "the works of

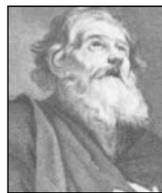


the flesh", in order to live in accordance with "the fruits of the Spirit", which are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal 5:22). In our spiritual lives, and in the life of our communities, we are called to cultivate these fruits as a witness to the new life and freedom we have received in Christ through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

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

Saint of the Week

Saint Andrew d. 60 Feast day: November 30



Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20). John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a). Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

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

("Family Centered Faith Formation" continuation from page 1)



The Immaculata Family Centered Faith Formation is an invitation for parents and grandparents to pass on their Catholic faith to their children and grandchildren and grow in their faith together as a family. Our Family Centered Faith Formation program is for children 1st-8th grade; it is a combination of monthly whole family gatherings and weekly at home lessons.

Parents are given the tools they need to share the faith and the beauty of the Catholic Church with their children and form them into disciples of Christ. Our families meet on the first Sunday of each month. We begin with a shared meal that fosters community within all our families in our program; this is a time of fellowship that begins with a prayer. After our meal, children go to their classrooms which are grouped by their age, this fosters community for the children as well as gives them the opportunity to be with their peers for faith formation. At the same time, the parents go to a presentation for adults, based on the monthly lesson. We have been blessed that Fr. Matt has led the parents in wonderful talks. This past month

our focus was on Jesus Christ. The children learned about Jesus Christ as their Shepherd and parents were inspired by Father Matt in the meaning and purpose of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

At the heart of our Family Centered Faith Formation program is the domestic church. We believe as Catholics that our home is another church; it is a place where God abides, lives, and breathes. Our home and our family is the heartbeat of the Catholic Church. We foster the life of the Church and God's love through our family. The weekly at home lessons provide the backbone for the children's spiritual formation and go through the major principle of our Catholic faith. Our program specifically focuses on equipping parents to be the primary catechists of their children's faith formation, as the Church called them to be.

For more information on how to register for the program please contact me: Rory Elisabeth Martinez, Family Faith Formation Coordinator, roryelisabethm@sandiego.edu or (619) 574-5702.



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.
(livestreamed)

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
(livestreamed)

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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.
(in 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

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

First Reading

The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah.
Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Psalm 25

Second Reading

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God
1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2

Gospel

There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant.
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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 29

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Intentions:

8:00 a.m. + Maria Catarina Muoi

Tuesday, November 30

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Intention: All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 1

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Intention: Bishop Robert Brom

Thursday, December 2

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Intention: +Jackie Canning

Friday, December 3

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Intention: +Kevin Murphy

Saturday, December 4

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Intentions:

8:00 a.m. + Rev. Ben Bachmeier
4:30 p.m. +Larry Pape

Ministries & Programs

Councils

Finance Council

Pastoral Council

Evangelization

New Parishioner Welcome

Faith Formation

Adult

Adult Faith Formation
Becoming Catholic (RCIA)
Book Club
Immaculata Young Adults
Vocations

Youth

High School Youth
Infant Baptism
Middle School Youth
Family-Centered Faith Formation

Family Life & Spirituality

Bereavement Ministry
Childcare
Divorce Support
Homebound Ministry
Knights of Columbus
Ladies of The Immaculata
Marriage Enrichment
Men's Chastity

Mental Health Ministry
Parent Faith Sharing
Parish Rosary
Prayer Support for the Engaged
Sacred Shuttles: Rides to Mass
Witness to Love Marriage Preparation
Senior Ministry

Liturgy

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Altar Linen Care
Altar Servers
Eucharistic Ministers
Kids Pew Krew
Lectors

Liturgical Environment
Music Ministry
Ushers/Greeters
Youth Music Ministry
Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Parish Fellowship

Divine Diners

Donut Ministry

Parish Events

Social Justice

Creation Care Team
Food Pantry
Give-Back Sunday Team

Safe Families for Children
St. Vincent de Paul

Stewardship

Other

Mailing Volunteers

Safe Environment

For more information on how to get involved in any of our parish ministries & programs contact the parish office (619) 574-5700 or visit theimmaculata.org and click on the Ministries tab

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity



"The solidarity that binds all men together as members of a common family makes it impossible for wealthy nations to look with indifference upon the hunger, misery and poverty of other nations whose citizens are unable to enjoy even elementary human rights. The nations of the world are becoming more and more dependent on one another and it will not be possible to preserve a lasting peace so long as glaring economic and social imbalances persist."

-Pope John XXIII, Christianity and Social Progress, 1961. Quoted from "In the Footsteps of Jesus" 2004.

The theme of solidarity expresses the Church's concern for world peace and international development. The Church speaks of a "universal common good" that reaches beyond our nation's borders to the global community. We sometimes need to remind ourselves that we are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences. Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that "loving our neighbor" has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

We learned in Genesis that we are our brother's and sister's keeper. (Gen 4: 8-15) At the core of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Peace is more than a lack of conflict. Peace means we live in right relationship with others, ourselves, and God. Fifty years ago Pope Paul VI taught, "If you want peace, work for justice." Then in 1987 in "On Social Concerns," Pope John Paul II wrote, "Solidarity helps us to see the 'other,' whether a person, people, or nation. We cannot see them just as some kind of instrument, with a work capacity, and physical strength to be exploited, but as our neighbor." We can focus on the social teaching of Solidarity by thinking and working for the common good both locally and globally.

Let us ask ourselves:

1. Do I see all members of the human family as my brothers and sisters?
2. Am I attentive only to needs of my local neighbors or do I learn to be attentive to those needs across the globe?
3. Do I lift up vulnerable populations throughout the world in my prayer?



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Wisdom from Pope Francis

"Serving means working beside the neediest of people, establishing with them first and foremost human relationships of closeness and bonds of solidarity. Serving means recognizing and accepting requests for justice and hope, and seeking roads together, real paths that lead to liberation."

-Visit to the Jesuit Refugee Center in Rome. September 2013



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WATCH



Do we feel our connection to Christ also connects us to others? This

short video on **Solidarity** tells us that prayer and awareness should lead us to action. We want to do with them not for them.

[Watch now...](#)

ACT



Solidarity has an important global dimension. Find out how you can volunteer

with **Catholic Charities** to help newly arrived immigrants.

[Act now...](#)

READ



This article from Fr. Fred Kammer S.J. reviews for us the Bishops' pastoral letter

regarding criminal justice, "**Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration**" from the year 2000.

[Read now...](#)

Immaculata Announcements

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 in the top menu at theimmaculata.org

The Book Club

The Book Club is completing *The Awakening of Miss Prim*, a novel by Natalie Sanmartin Fenollera on Thursday, December 2. Stay tuned for the selection of our next book. We meet via Zoom on the first and third Thursday of the month and will reconvene on Thursday January 6, 2022. Please contact lynne.m.howard@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Immaculata Advent Mini-Retreat



“O Radiant Dawn: Welcoming the Light of Christ in the Midst of Darkness” Join us Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in The Immaculata Church. Lunch Provided from 12:00-1:00 p.m. (in the USD Ministry Center). Breakout Session for Children in Solomon Hall. Scan QR Code above for more location/details. Email Laura at lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu or call the Parish office at (619) 574-5700 for more information.

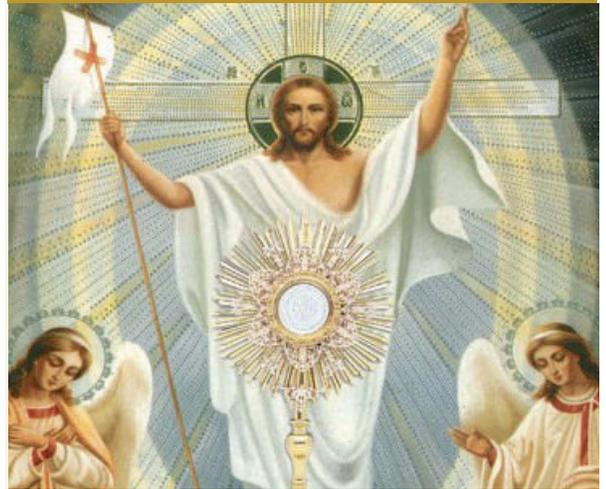
Courtesy Announcements

Not Alone—A Christ-centered Support, Recovery, and Process Group For Women

For women recovering from physical, emotional, or sexual trauma. Integrating one’s faith and spiritual practices while growing a personal relationship with God has helped many in recovery from the effects of emotional, physical, or sexual trauma. The complex consequences often create hidden and ongoing psychological and spiritual wounds impacting one’s life captivated by past hurts and difficulties. Problems may affect personal growth, contentment, and one’s ability to cope and fully enjoy relationships. Sharing stories in a small group while inviting Jesus into brokenness can support the healing process to grieve and release the pain of the past. Participants will be able to share in a safe, confidential small group while developing awareness of how such experiences may impact one’s life and wellbeing. Topics will include: Being the beloved, trusting God, fear, worry, anger, shame, addictions, healthy relationships and forgiveness.

Twelve sessions. January-May. Exact dates TBD. Via Zoom Thursday afternoons. Exact time TBD. Fee: Cost of the books. \$50 donation to Generate Hope, a recovery house for victims of sex trafficking. For more information and or to obtain an application, please contact Anne at anrichardson58@gmail.com. Or visit www.annemarietrichardson.com.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



"Adoration is homage of the spirit to the 'King of Glory,' respectful silence in the presence of the 'ever greater' God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church (2628)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

in the Immaculata Church

Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Saturdays

3:30 p.m.– 4:15 p.m. (in the church)



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The Last Word

Newly Baptized

Grace Elena Baggett
Elise Aislinn Baggett
Leonardo Melena Camacho
Louis Angus Ransford Bain Scott-Fell
Judah David Guerin
Dahlia Elyse Khalaf

Newlyweds

Thomas & Tracy Cahill
Steven & Annie Dull
Eric & Victoria Rodriguez
Coley & Gabrielle Ruiz
Mark & Lorraine Mendiola
Jonathan & Kimberly Corrin

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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Updates

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Words of Wisdom

GREATNESS

**The measure of greatness is not
the number of servants you have,
but the number of people you serve.**

—Anonymous