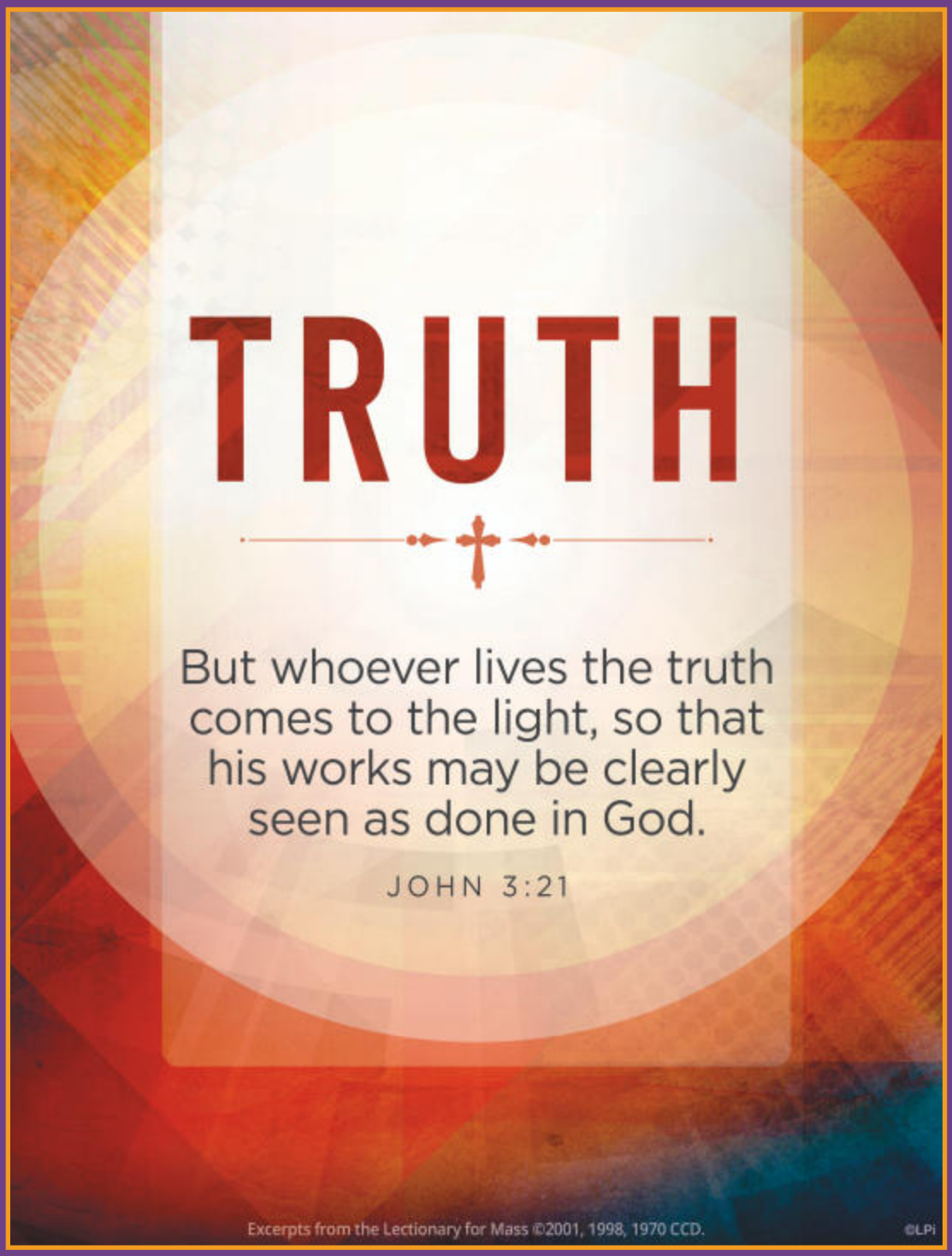
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 14, 2021



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Mass Intentions

Sat., March 13 - Third Sunday of Lent - Vigil
5:15 People of Immaculate Conception

Sun., March 14 - Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 - †David Fleming
10:00 - The Spera Family, SI
11:30 - †Joseph Maruca

Mon., March 15 - Lenten Weekday
The Hungry in Our Community, SI

Tues., March 16 - Lenten Weekday
Fr. Joseph Chinnici, OFM

Wed., March 17 - Lenten Weekday
The Homeless in Our Community, SI

Thurs., March 18 - Lenten Weekday
Victims of Violence, SI

Fri., March 19 - Lenten Weekday
†Francisco Cruz

Sat., March 20 - Lenten Weekday
8:00 Victims in Natural Disaster Areas, SI

If you wish to request a Mass intention for family member or friend, contact the parish office.

Mass Schedule
Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 AM

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM*, 10:00 AM (outdoors), 11:30 AM
*live-streamed & open to attendees

Holy Day Masses: To be announced.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., or after weekday morning Mass and by appointment.

Baptisms: By appointment only. Please contact Deacon Robert Fitzmorris to make arrangements.

Weddings: By appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the parish office.

Funerals: For arrangements, please call the parish.
Parish Office: 619-295-4141

Daily Readings

Monday: IS 65:17-21, JN 4:43-54

Tuesday: EZ 47:1-9, 12; JN 5:1-16

Wednesday: IS 49:8-15, JN 5:17-30

Thursday: EX 32:7-14, JN 5:31-47

Friday: 2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; MT 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday: JER 11:18-20, JN 7:40-53

Sunday: JER 31:31-34, HEB 5;7-9,JN 1:20-33

Pray for Our Sick

Joane Anderson, **Susan Besecker,** Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi, Dominic Castagnola, Reginald Custodio, Joanne Daleo, Michael Denny,, Adela Diaz, Adele Dunne, Arline Fisch, Julie Fish, Ardell Haskins, Ditas Ibarra, Shirley Ilog, Donna Cruz Jones, Ricardo Hernandez, Olivia Ingram, **Diana C. Lopez, Liam McNichol,** Ardith Moore, Grace Mulvanity, Stephanie Ng, Ann Orwig, Peter Salmon, Anyssa Sanchez, Tom Sapien, Crystal Spera,, Rita Tarango, Linda Thompson, Marie Whitman, Barbara Wingler.

Names in bold indicate new additions.

RECONCILIATION

Now that we have returned to our regular Mass schedule, confessions may be heard on Saturdays between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. in the church. One can also ask the priest for confession after the weekday morning Mass.

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619-997-9063

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Fr. Joseph Chinnici, OFM, in residence
Fr. Vincent Mesi, OFM
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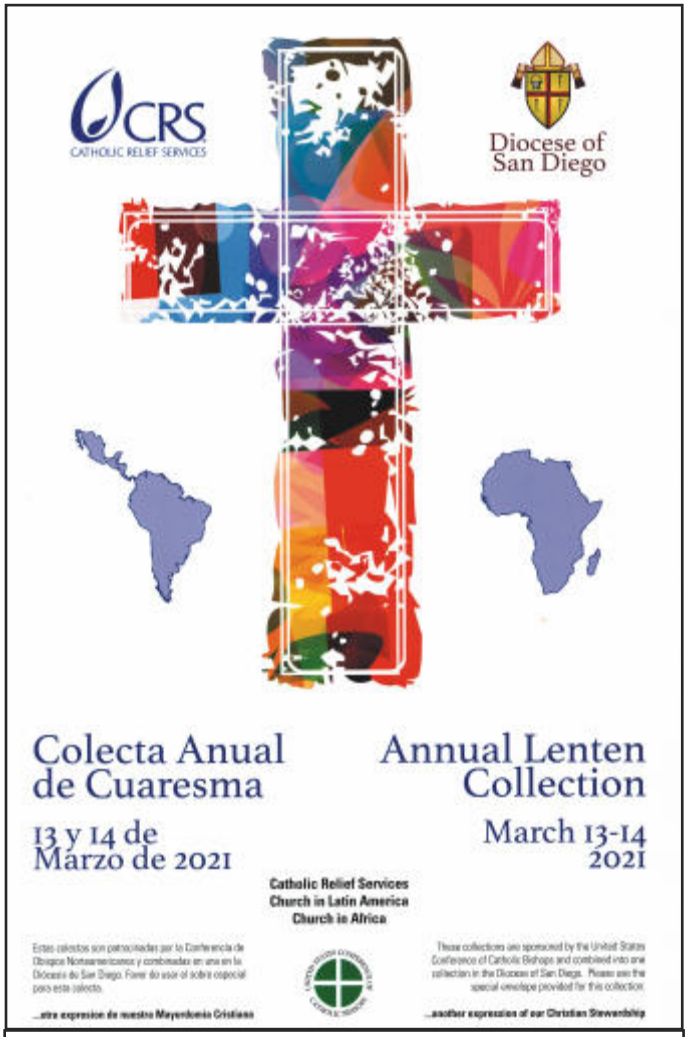
THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE FAMILY

On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrates the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia, on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On this same day, Pope Francis will launch the year "Amoris Laetitia Family," which will conclude on June 26, 2022, during the X Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father.

Pope Francis announced the year of "Amoris Laetitia Family during his Angelus Message on the Feast of the Holy Family on December 27, 2020. He ended his address invoking the Blessed Mother, "May the Virgin Mary grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of [a] new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity."

For more information on the year of "Amoris Laetitia Family" or to read the full text of Amoris Laetitia, please visit the Vatican website.



HELP WANTED!

Now that we are moving toward normalcy, we are in need of volunteers to serve as:

Greeters, Ushers, or Lectors

Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors, may direct them to the main entrance, and take the temperature of individuals above the age of two.

Ushers ensure attendees are wearing face masks before entering the church, guide them to the line for Holy Communion, ensure bulletins are available, and maintain security of the collection box.

Lectors read the welcome and announcements before Mass begins and read the prayers of the faithful during Mass.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to serve for one or more Sundays each month.

Call 619-295-4141 if interested.

Each year all parishes in the Diocese of San Diego are asked to participate in the Annual Lenten Collection. This collection raises funds for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America.

You can also make your contribution through our diocesan webpage at www.sdcatholic.org/giving.

Special collections provide an opportunity for us as individuals and as a parish faith community to reach out in solidarity and assist those in need elsewhere in the world. Monies raised by this collection go to help the Church in areas beyond our national borders.

In this light, I encourage you to join others in our parish and throughout the diocese in responding generously to this collection.

Please make your checks payable to Immaculate Conception. The parish will forward one check for all donations received.

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STORE HOURS
Thursday & Friday 1:30-4:30 pm
Saturday 11 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 11 am - 5:00 pm

New items for Lent are now available in the gift shop.

LIVE STREAM MASS

The Church of the Immaculate Conception is providing live stream and recordings of the live streams in two ways.
1) On the Franciscan School of Theology on the You Tube Channel called FST EDU1. During this Covid-19 Shelter in Place period please visit the You Tube Channel to see all opportunities for viewing.

2) On the parish website www.immaculate-conception-sandiego.org. Simply click on the photo (shown above).

Updated equipment has been installed and the live stream has high quality picture and sound.

Other Franciscan lectures are available on the You Tube Channel called FST EDU1.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
PARISH GOAL: $10,000.00
Pledges Paid: $6,690.00
as of March 1

Your contribution, no matter how small, helps our diocese support Catholic schools, faith formation programs, Catholic Charities, and priestly formation.

Please make your check payable to **Diocese of San Diego.** If you plan on using a credit card for your donation, please visit giving.sdcatholic.org.

You may drop off your donation form and check/cash in the collection box after Mass or visit the parish office

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41 languages, 69 nationalities, 12,000 broadcast hours each year. Via satellite, digital platforms, or radio waves, the Pope's Radio reaches every corner of the globe.

Dating in Today's Digital World

Safe Place Community Outreach Team invites parents, guardians, teens, and tweens to a free presentation on Dating in Today's Digital World: Pitfalls for Teens & Parents at Ascension Parish (11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego 92124) on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00-8:30pm, outdoor with masks and social distancing practices. Such topics as healthy relationships, digital dangers, teen dating violence, risk factors, and how to access help and resources will all be addressed. Presenters include Diane Doherty, supervising Deputy City Attorney in the Domestic Violence & Sex Crimes Unit and Jani Sepanik, Domestic Violence Education & Prevention Manager at the Community Resource Center. To reserve your place, please RSVP by April 12 with Angela Elfman (angela.elfman@san.rr.com or 858-775-4828).

VIRTUAL Marriage Enrichment

This year give your marriage the gift of a Marriage Encounter Experience in the comfort of your own home. Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates the love you have for your spouse and helps you to build, expand, and deepen that relationship. Our next virtual Experience is April 9-11th. Sign up today at www.wwme-sandiego.org

Retrouvaille is Online!

Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples in struggling marriages restore and rebuild a healthy and loving relationship. Retrouvaille SoCal/ San Diego is hosting a virtual weekend on April

A reading with the author of Make Room: A Child's Guide to Lent & Easter—March 18

Parents are invited to join the diocesan Office for Family Life for a presentation and reading by author, Laura Alary, on her book, Make Room: A Child's Guide to Lent & Easter. The first group of registrants will be receive a free copy! Other books tell the Passion narrative for young readers; this unique book integrates themes of hospitality and self-giving that echo Jesus' ministry, Jesus' entire life. Make Room invites children to wonder about the story, to encounter Lent with all their senses, and to experiences activities in Lent as part of a life of discipleship. To register, visit https://tinyurl.com/MakeRoomPresentation or email John at jprust@sdcatholic.org.

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HELP US CONNECT WITH YOU

Please send an email to the parish to ensure you are able to receive emails with notices such as cancelled Masses, special events, etc. Your info is not shared.

Also be sure we have your phone number in our database. Recently, we have been unable to reach some of you regarding changes to the Mass schedule because we have no email or phone number for you.

Liturgical Minister Workshops

If you have considered becoming a liturgical minister, now is the time to prepare. This will make it possible for you to serve when our community is no longer subject to Covid 19 protocols.

Liturgical minister formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (in English) is scheduled for Thursday, March 11th and Thursday, March 18th. Both sessions will be presented via Zoom videoconference. Please visit www.sdcatholic.org/workshops for further details and to register online. For more information, please contact Noreen McInnes at the Office for Liturgy and Spirituality at nmcinnes@sdcatholic.org or 858-490-8291.

With a Father's Heart: Reflection on St. Joseph

Come celebrate the Year of St. Joseph! In preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, all are invited to a reflection offered by Auxiliary Bishop Ramón Bejarano on Tuesday, March 16th from 10 – 11 am via Zoom. Go to sdcaholicdisciples.net and click on the link provided under upcoming events to register or call 858-490-8234 for more information.

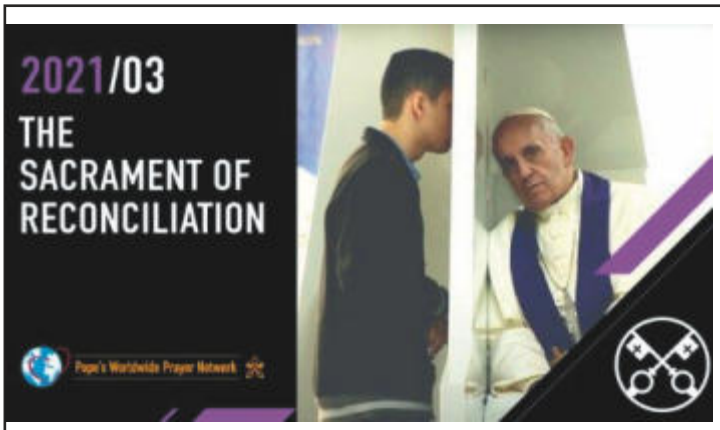
HOLY WEEK CHANGES

Considering the rapidly evolving situation of the Covid-19 pandemic, bishops have been given updated guidelines to follow during Holy Week.

On **Palm Sunday**, the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated within sacred buildings. More information for our parish will be provided in the March 21 bulletin.

On **Holy Thursday**, the washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the procession is also omitted and the Blessed Sacrament is to be kept in the tabernacle.

On **Good Friday,** the adoration of the Cross by kissing it shall be limited solely to the celebrant.



Pope's prayer intention for March: The sacrament of reconciliation

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March seeks to highlight the joy that the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings, and reminds us that it's a loving and merciful encounter between us and God.

The Pope Video for March has been published, with the prayer intention that Pope Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

It's a message full of hope, in which he invites us to rediscover the power of personal renewal that the Sacrament of Confession has in our life. "Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God," Pope Francis asks. This month's video opens with the Pope himself going to confession, "in order to be healed, to heal my soul."

"Jesus waits for us, listens to us and forgives us"

"In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes," says the Holy Father in The Pope Video, highlighting once more the power God's love has over our being and action. Receiving this Sacrament isn't a matter of standing before a judge, but of going to a loving encounter with a Father who receives us and always forgives us.

"The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need," the Pope adds. And this love comes before all else, before our mistakes, the rules, judgments and failings.

Merciful priests

Fr. Fréderic Fornos, S.J., International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, pointed to Pope Francis' final words in the video: "Let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers."

And he added: "It's not the first time that the Pope prays for this grace. As a good shepherd, he knows the people's suffering, their sins, and their need to encounter 'ministers of mercy.' This is the time of mercy. In his apostolic letter Misericordia et misera, at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, he invited priests to be like Jesus, full of compassion and patient. It's a path of conversion for each priest, to be 'witnesses of fatherly tenderness,' 'far-sighted in discerning,' and 'generous in dispensing God's forgiveness.' He asks that their heart be close to the heart of Jesus, and it's a grace."

In the Angelus on this past 14 February, the Holy Father asked that we thank and applaud merciful confessors. God never tires of forgiving. Let us pray, then, "that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God."

Below find the full text of the Pope's prayer intention for March:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul.

To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy.

The center of confession is not the sins we declare, but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need.

The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us, who listens to us and forgives us.

Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.

And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.

VATICAN NEWS
02 March 2021

Saint of the Week

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First Century
Solemnity—March 19

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God's will. He followed God's instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child's birth in Bethlehem through the family's sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

> *Being a guardian is the distinctive trait of Joseph: Being the guardian is his great mission . . . We look to Joseph as the model educator, who watches over and accompanies Jesus as he grows 'in wisdom, age and grace,' as the Gospel says. He was not Jesus' father: the father of Jesus was God, but he was a father to Jesus, he was a father to Jesus in order to help him grow. And how did he help him grow? In wisdom, age and grace.*
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> —Pope Francis, March 19, 2014

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