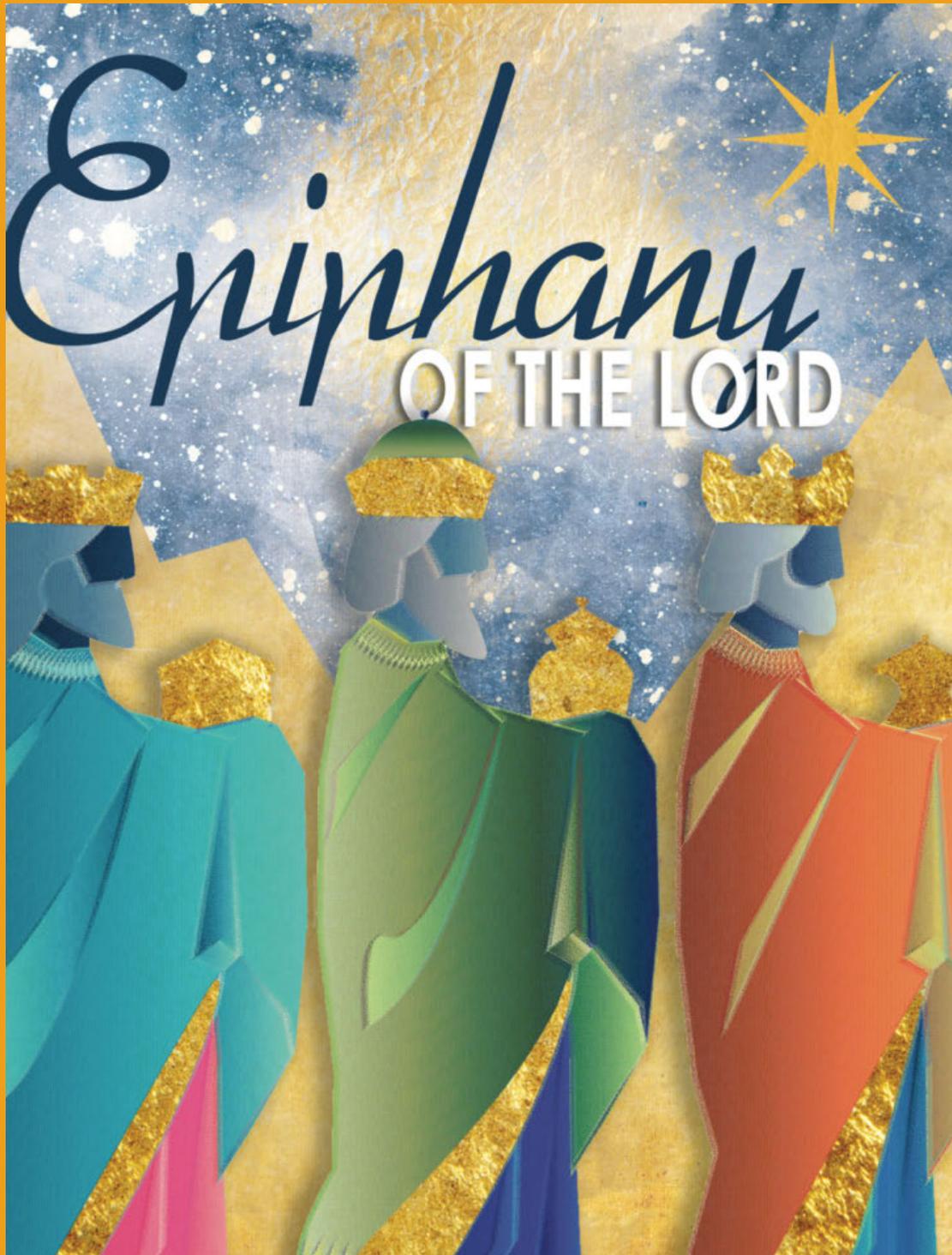




**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 2, 2022**



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Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 1 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Vigil
Priest's Intentions

Sun., Jan. 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 - People of Immaculate Conception
10:00 - †Betty & Peter Spera
11:30 - †Elias Gutierrez Hungary

Mon., Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekday
Jean Jenkins, SI

Tues., Jan. 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
†Rose Heine

Wed., Jan 5 - St. John Neumann
.†James & Gloria Huffman

Thurs., Jan. 6 - Christmas Weekday

Fri., Jan. 7 - Christmas Weekday

Sat., Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday
8:00 - †Manuel Gonsalves

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

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-1, Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-1, Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Pray for Our Sick

Alex & Toni Alvarez, Jeanne Agnello, Joane Anderson, Jeanne Agnello, Vee Anzalone, Frank Barone, Susan Besecker, Marilyn Breanna, Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi, Reginald Custodio, Michael Denny, Arline Fisch, Julie Fish, Olive Glorioso, Donna Hovanec, Shirley Ilog, Donna Cruz Jones, Patricia Haase, Ricardo Hernandez, Olivia Ingram, Liam McNichol, Ardith Moore, Grace Mulvanity, Madison Neola, Stephanie Ng, Jose de Jesus Nungaray, Angelica Ortega, Ann Orwig, Rene Milbauer Rice, **Carol Rowan**, Anyssa Sanchez, Tom Sapien, Crystal Spera, Rita Tarango, Linda Thompson, Teresa Tingle, Teresa Tolan, Marie Whitman, Barbara Wingler.

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 AM

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM*, 10:00 AM, 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 the parish office.

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

COURTYARD BRICKS

Customized Brick and Bench tops are available by order at the Parish Office or on the parish website. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Immaculate Conception Building Maintenance Fund.

FR. GARRETT GALVIN, OFM
Parish Administrator

FR. VINCENT MESI, OFM
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Email: vmesi@icc-sandiego.org

IN RESIDENCE:
FR. JOSEPH CHINNICI, OFM,
FR. MICHAEL BLASTIC, OFM
BR. MOISES GUTIERREZ RIVAS, OFM

Offering. Gifts received Dec.18-19,
An Act of Worship.

Parishioners: \$5,051.00

Visitors: \$834.00

Total: \$4,219.00

**Retirement Fund for Religious:
\$710.00**

2021 TAX LETTERS

Please call or email the parish office before January 25 if you wish to receive a letter summarizing your 2021 donations to Immaculate Conception parish. Annual Catholic Appeal donations are handled by the Diocese of San Diego.



**Epiphany Potluck Party
January 2, 2022**

COST: One new blanket and socks to donate to the orphanage managed by the Trinitarians of Mary. Socks may be for children or adults.

The Trinitarians of Mary will present a concert in the church from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Potluck in the hall follows the concert.



Suggestion for Potluck

(Last name beginning with...)

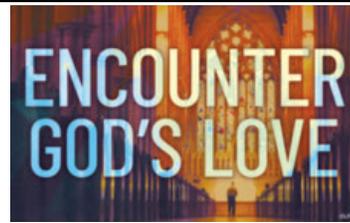
A-I Main Dish

J-R Salad or Side Dish

S-Z Appetizers

Dessert will be provided by the parish.

Can't decide what to bring? Please call Marie Wagner for suggestions...858-273-0789.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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January 14 - 16, 2022

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together.

For more information about upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, call 951-259-9474 or visit our website:

<https://www.helpourmarriage-sandiego.org>

...from the Diocese of San Diego

Spring Forward 2022 Conference: "United in the Breaking of the Bread"

Everyone involved in parish catechesis and other parish ministries as well as others who may be interested are invited to our annual Spring Forward Conference as we partake in song and prayer with nationally renowned presenter, ValLimar Jensen, and reflect on the Gift of the Eucharist. The event will be held on Saturday, January 22, at Holy Trinity Parish, El Cajon, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Registration cost is \$25. For more information and to register, please visit www.sdatholicdisciples.net/events/san-sf22

COFFEE & DONUTS ...



JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER THE 8:30 OR 10:00 MASS FOR A DONUT WITH A CUP OF COFFEE AND/OR ORANGE JUICE. LET'S GET ACQUAINTED!

Dropped Host

Question: What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

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**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
January 4**

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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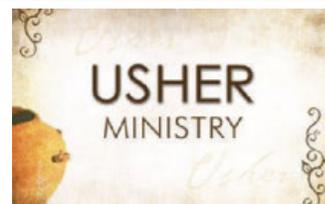
Pope Francis on Humility

Dear brothers and sisters, humility is the only way that leads us to God. At the same time, specifically because it leads us to Him, humility leads us also to the essentials of life, to its truest meaning, to the most trustworthy reason for why life is truly worth living.

Humility alone opens us up to the experience of truth, of authentic joy, of knowing what matters. Without humility we are "cut off," we are cut off from understanding God and from understanding ourselves. Humility is needed to understand ourselves, all the more so to understand God. The Magi may have even been great according to the world's logic, but they made themselves lowly, humble, and precisely because of this they succeeded in finding Jesus and recognising Him. They accepted the humility of seeking, of setting out on a journey, of asking, of taking a risk, of making a mistake.

Every person, in the depths of his or her heart, is called to seek God: we all have that restlessness. Our work is not to snuff out that restlessness, but to allow it to grow because it is that restlessness that seeks God; and, with His own grace, can find Him. We can make this prayer of Saint Anselm (1033-1109) our own: "Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me as I seek, because I can neither seek you if you do not teach me how, nor find you unless you reveal yourself. Let me seek you in desiring you; let me desire you in seeking you; let me find you in loving you; let me love you in finding you." (Proslogion, 1).

Excerpt from December 22, 2021, America Magazine article about Pope Francis' weekly Wednesday audience delivered on December 15, 2021



We are in need of more volunteers to serve as ushers for our weekend Masses and our Holy Day Masses. Teens and adults are welcome to serve. All current ushers and all persons interested in serving as ushers in 2022, please contact the parish office and provide your contact information: email address and phone number.

This will ensure we are able to update you on special collections as well as provide information we need to share with you.

Contact the parish at: parish@icc-sandiego.org
or 619-295-4141.

AFTER-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN (or Catholic-friendly)

Given by Rachel's Hope on February 4-6, 2022. Professionally led. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Confidentiality maintained. Closing Mass included. Group Size limited. Cost \$60; partial scholarships available. Limited housing available. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed". For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022; text (858) 752-9378 or email rachels_hope@juno.com . Visit us on our website: www.RachelsHope.org



Winter Coat Drive

During this season, check your closet, and if you have some winter coats or jackets in a good state that you do not use, please bring them to the Parish Office to donate. This winter let us help to warm the hearts of those who need it. Winter coats and jackets are needed for all ages and sizes. These donations will be designated for the Catholic Charities shelter that takes care of migrants.

Mass to Commemorate Dr. King's Call to Service

Date: January 16

Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Location: St. Rita Catholic Church
5124 Churchward Street, San Diego CA,
92114

Cost: FREE

On the third Monday in January, the U.S. observes Martin Luther King Day, the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage everyone to volunteer to improve their community.

The Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics invites all people to its third annual Special Mass on Jan. 16 to Commemorate Dr. King's Call to Service, to be celebrated by Bishop Robert McElroy at St. Rita's Church.

The Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics, one of the oldest cultural organizations in the diocese, works to share Black spirituality and to promote social justice. It's part of the diocese's Office for Ethnic and Intercultural Communities, which launched a project in 2019, "Working Together to Overcome Racism," to raise awareness of racism in society, including in the Church, and to propose ways to root it out.

Contact

Alejandra Diaz at (858) 490- 8306,
adiaz@sdcatholic.org

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Rev. Sarah Sumner-Eisenbraun | *St. Andrews Lutheran Church, San Diego*

Ms. Erendira Jimenez Esquinca | *Episcopal Diocese of San Diego*

Br. Adolfo Mercado, ofm | *Saint Vincent Friary, San Diego*

Rev. Bill Radatz | *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, San Diego*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Snook | *Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego*

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January 19, 2022
Prayer Service: 7:00 P.M.
Panel Discussion: 7:20 P.M.

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<https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/4412936>



2022
LITURGICAL OBSERVANCE
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January 1, 2022 (Saturday)	Before 4pm: Octave of Christmas, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God After 4pm: Epiphany Vigil	Holy day; obligation dispensed
January 2, 2022 (Sunday)	Epiphany	
March 2, 2022 (Wednesday)	Ash Wednesday	
April 16, 2022 (Saturday)	Holy Saturday: THE EASTER VIGIL	Observance not to begin before 8:00 p.m.
May 29, 2022 (Sunday)	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Sunday observance
June 24, 2022 (Friday)	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Solemnity observed
July 5, 2022 (Tuesday)	Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Refuge	Feast observed
August 15, 2022 (Monday)	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy day; obligation dispensed.
November 1, 2022 (Tuesday)	Solemnity of All Saints	Holy day of obligation
November 2, 2022 (Wednesday)	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)	Observed
November 7, 2022 (Monday)	Patronal Feast of San Diego de Alcalá	Feast observed
December 8, 2022 (Thursday)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Holy day of obligation
December 12, 2022 (Monday)	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Feast observed*
December 25, 2022 (Sunday)	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Solemnity observed

*On December 11, 2022, use the Mass propers and readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent, yet, at the discretion of the pastor, it is appropriate to mention Our Lady of Guadalupe through the homily, petitions, hymnody, and/or environment.

- Funeral Masses may be celebrated on any day except solemnities that are days of obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum and Sundays during the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter (cf. GIRM 380).

- Observance Suggestion: January 22, 2022 (Saturday), Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

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