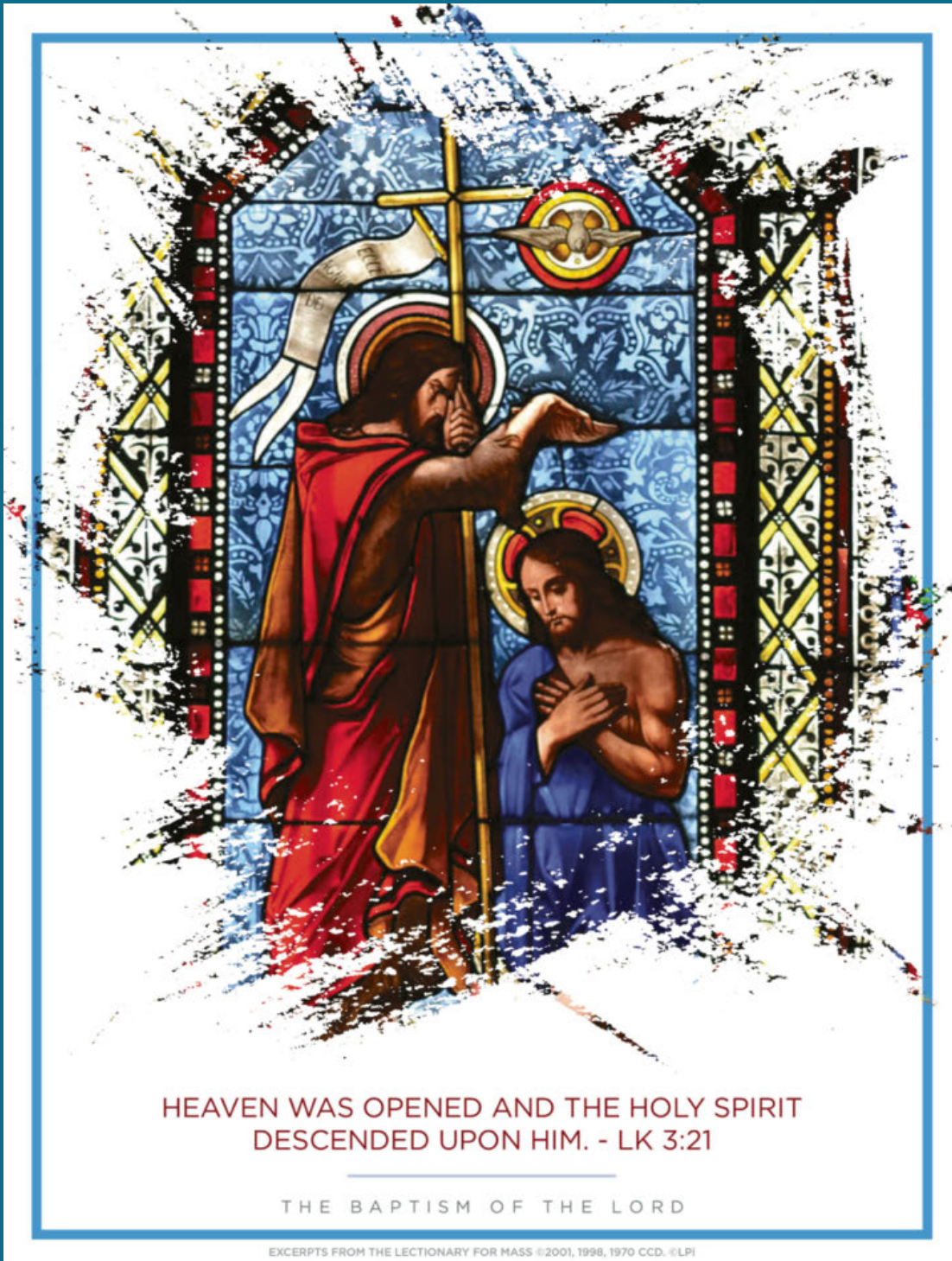




THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 9, 2022



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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat., Jan. 8 - The Baptism of the Lord - Vigil**

**Sun., Jan. 9 - The Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 - Mother Lillian Diaz, TM

10:00 - †Allen Forbes Poole

11:30 - People of Immaculate Conception

**Mon., Jan. 10 - Weekday**

Sr. Fatima Vega. TM

**Tues., Jan. 11 - Weekday**

**Wed., Jan 12 - Weekday**

.†Carmen Jacobo

**Thurs., Jan. 13 - Weekday**

**Fri., Jan. 14 - Weekday**

**Sat., Jan. 15 - Weekday**

8:00 - Michael Albers, SI

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

**Daily Readings**

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8, Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

**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  
SACRAMENTAL & SPIRITUAL LEADER  
Email: vmesi@icc-sandiego.org

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

*Offering: An Act of Worship*

*Gifts received Christmas & December 26*

**Christmas: \$3,537.50**

**Dec. 26 — Parishioners: \$2,551.00**

**Visitors: \$494.35**

**Jan. 2 — Parishioners: \$4,017.00**

**Visitors: \$980.38**

**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. Letters will be mailed on January 28.



**The Ministry of Usher/Greeter**

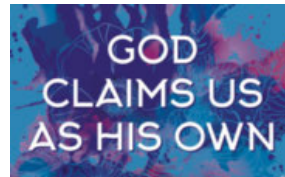
**Prayer and Workshop Day**

**Saturday, February 5, 2022**

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

All present ushers and inquirers are urged to attend this special morning of prayer and discussion about the ministry of ushering and greeting at the Sunday Liturgies. This is one of the most important liturgical ministries; ushers are the first welcoming face as parishioners and visitors come to the church doors for worship. Our morning will be spent discussing the role of the usher and practical situations as well. Is God calling you to this ministry? Please plan to attend this rewarding time of prayer and conversation. RSVP Fr. Vince at:

[vmesi@icc-sandiego.org](mailto:vmesi@icc-sandiego.org)



**GOSPEL MEDITATION -  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
SCRIPTURE**

**January 9, 2022**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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**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](mailto:rachels_hope@juno.com) . Visit us on our website: [www.RachelsHope.org](http://www.RachelsHope.org)

**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@sdatholic.org](mailto:adiaz@sdatholic.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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

San Diego LARC presents

**Reflections on Practical Ecumenism:**

*Stories of Spiritual Care from the San Diego Convention Center's Teen Migrant Shelter*

**Panelists:**

- The Most Rev. Ramón Bejarano | *Auxiliary Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego*
- Rev. Rebecca Dinovo | *St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, La Jolla*
- 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*

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

To participate in-person or online, please register at:  
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**We are Forming a Parish  
And Family Life Committee!**

**Information Meeting:  
February 12, 2022  
9:00 a.m. in the hall.**

Do you like to get together with friends? Do you enjoy parish social events? Then, why not consider becoming a part of our new Immaculate Conception Parish and Family Life Committee? Parishioners on this committee will plan social events such as the Epiphany Party, Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation, receptions for special feast days such as St. Francis Day and other opportunities to bring the parish community together. Fr. Vince invites you to an informational meeting on Saturday morning, February 12 from 9:00 until 11 a.m.

Let's Celebrate Our Faith!  
RSVP: [vmesi@icc-sandiego.org](mailto:vmesi@icc-sandiego.org)

Is Your Marriage  
Tearing You Apart?

Retrouvaille  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES



**Marriage Help!**  
**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.sdcatholicdisciples.net/events/san-sf22](http://www.sdcatholicdisciples.net/events/san-sf22)



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
JAN. 9th**

Come to the hall after the 8:30 or 10:00 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 12, for a delicious pancake breakfast which includes sausage, eggs, orange juice, and coffee — all for only \$5 per person.

### MAGIC, MAGIC!

On the second Monday of every month at 7pm, Ring 76 meets in the church hall. Ring 76 is San Diego's professional magic club. Each month is a different theme. January's theme is Fool Us, our version of Penn and Teller's TV program. We welcome all parishioners and their families to come and enjoy an evening of magic. There is no charge and you'll see some familiar faces as several parishioners are members.

### FATHER JOE'S LADIES GUILD PRESENTS:

**"THE ROARING 20'S"**  
**Monday February 21, 2022**  
**San Diego Mission Valley Hilton**  
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10:30 AM-----Silent Auction, Preview & Social Hour  
12:00-----Entertainment, Luncheon, Drawing/  
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Reservations, donations and information:  
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or call 619-207-9546  
Nona del Bene: Call 760-399-2640



### January is Poverty Awareness Month!

During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! In addition to the calendar, longer daily reflections are also available. All of these resources are also en Español. You can sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month!

#### Action Alert

Join our advocacy network to let our elected leaders hear the voice of the Catholic community in the United States!

#### PovertyUSA

Visit PovertyUSA and PobrezaUSA for education on economic justice, resources for prayer, key conduits for action and to find a CCHD-supported group near you!

#### WeAreSaltAndLight.org

Visit We are Salt and Light for resources to pray, reach out, learn and act together to put faith in action to address poverty and other issues. Includes 100+ resources, 100+ success stories, and a self-assessment tool with resource recommendations to strengthen weak areas.

#### CRS - Lead the Way

An initiative of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) with support from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that calls on Catholics to defend the life and dignity of people living in poverty throughout the world.



**Pope’s January prayer intention:  
For those who suffer religious persecution**

Pope Francis dedicates his first prayer message of 2022 to combatting religious discrimination and persecution, reminding us that religious freedom is not limited to freedom of worship, but is tied to fraternity.

By Vatican News staff reporter

“How can we allow that in this society, which is so civilized, there are people who are persecuted simply because they publicly profess their faith?” asks Pope Francis in the video for his monthly prayer intention for January 2022.

“How is it possible that many religious minorities currently suffer discrimination or persecution?”

The January prayer intention marks the beginning of the seventh year of the Pope Video, a ministry of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network.

In his message released on Tuesday, the Holy Father says that persecuting people simply because they publicly profess their faith is “inhuman” and “insane.”

**A worldwide phenomenon**

Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need, which is supporting this month’s message, notes in its annual “Religious Freedom in the World” report that worldwide, religious freedom is violated in one out of every three countries, comprising around two-thirds of the total world population.

More than 646 million Christians, ACN reports, live in countries that do not respect religious freedom.

**Recognizing others as brothers and sisters**

Pope Francis emphasizes that “religious freedom is not limited to freedom of worship,” but “makes us appreciate others in their differences and recognize them as true brothers and sisters.”

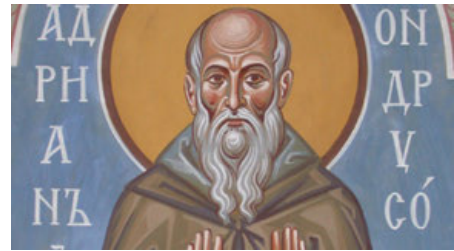
Even substantial differences, such as religious differences, should “not obscure the great unity of being brothers and sisters.”

“Let us choose the path of fraternity. Because either we are brothers and sisters, or we all lose.”

During this first month of 2022, Pope Francis invites us to pray “that those who suffer discrimination and suffer religious persecution, may find in the societies in which they live the rights and dignity that comes from being brothers and sisters.”

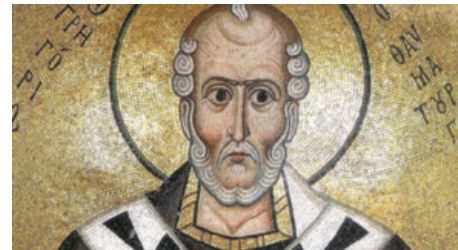
**SAINT OF THE DAY**

**JANUARY 9 - ST. ADRIAN OF CANTERBURY**



An African by birth, Saint Adrian was assigned by the pope as Archbishop of Canterbury. Feeling unworthy, he declined the position, but the pope sent him to Canterbury anyway where he became an abbot and teacher.

**JANUARY 10 - ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA**



Saint Gregory of Nyssa, the brother of Saint Basil and the son of Saints Basil and Emmilia, was a married man when he began studying for the priesthood. He became Bishop of Nyssa and fought Arianism and was a prominent figure at the Council of Constantinople.

**JANUARY 12 - ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS**



Born in France but adopting Canada as her home, Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys definitely won the hearts of the Canadians. She moved to Canada at the request of the governor of the French settlement. She later founded a school for girls in Montreal and founded the Sisters of Notre Dame.

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