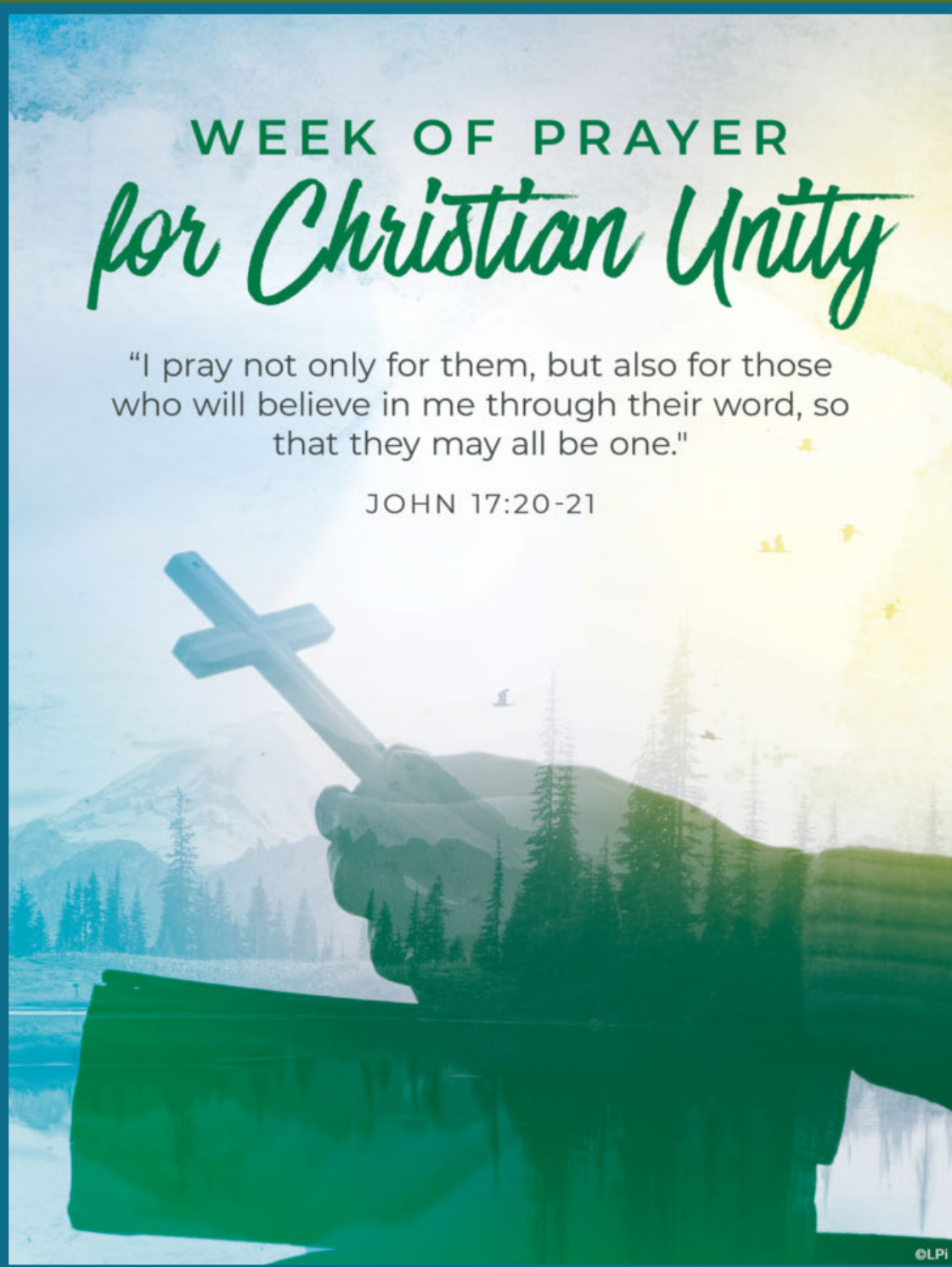


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 17, 2022

WEEK OF PRAYER  
*for Christian Unity*

"I pray not only for them, but also for those  
who will believe in me through their word, so  
that they may all be one."

JOHN 17:20-21



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**Mass Intentions**

**Sat., Jan. 15 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil**  
Jaime Collier, SI

**Sun., Jan. 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 - People of Immaculate Conception  
11:30 - Jaime & Estrela Padilla, SI

**Mon., Jan. 17 - St. Anthony**  
†Concetta Corona

**Tues., Jan. 18 - Weekday**  
†Gordon Churchill

**Wed., Jan 19 - Weekday**  
†Marilyn Cruz Roberts

**Thurs., Jan. 20 - Weekday**  
†Barbara Palmejar

**Fri., Jan. 21 - St. Agnes**  
†Shirley Carinio

**Sat., Jan. 22 - Weekday**  
Jerry Skradski, SI

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

**Daily Readings**

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;  
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Pray for Our Sick

Alex & Toni Alvarez, Jeanne Agnello, Joane Anderson, 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

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# Offering: An Act of Worship

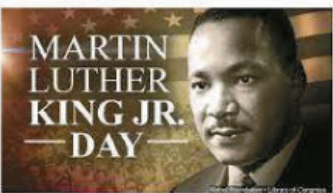
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**Parishioners: \$5,711.00**

**Visitors: \$682.54**

## Thank You!

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**In observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day,  
the parish office will be  
closed on Monday,  
January 17.**



### 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)

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will draw together churches across the world in hope

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, held 18-25 January, will draw together churches across the globe to reflect on the hope and joy in Matthew 2:2, "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him."

VISIT USCCB FOR RESOURCES.



## Choir Resuming Soon!

Do you love to sing and lead the congregation in worship? Please mark your calendars for the first choir rehearsal of the spring season: Thursday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm in the church balcony. Rehearsals will continue each Thursday evening, and the choir will sing weekly at the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. A sign-up sheet will be available in the hall after Sunday Masses beginning on January 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Music Coordinator Emma Whitten at [ewhitten@icc-sandiego.org](mailto:ewhitten@icc-sandiego.org) or stop by the hall after Mass. We hope you can join us!

## 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)

## 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.



**Meet Emma Whitten,  
Organist & Cantor  
Music Coordinator**

Organist Emma Whitten is delighted to join the staff of Immaculate Conception parish! She lives in Oceanside, California, and she has played for parishes throughout San Diego and Orange counties. Emma has degrees in organ performance from the University of Notre Dame (2009), University of Kansas (2011), and Arizona State University (2014), where she received her Doctor of Musical Arts studying with Kimberly Marshall. She teaches private organ lessons, performs recitals, and works with local chapters of the American Guild of Organists. In her free time, she enjoys hiking and exploring Southern California. To learn more, please visit her website at [www.emmawhitten.com](http://www.emmawhitten.com).



**Meet Katherine Kamrath  
Organist & Cantor**

Katherine Kamrath is a native of San Diego. She graduated from and taught music at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School. She earned her Masters degree in music at SDSU and is past winner of the American Guild of Organists Scholarship Competition.

Katherine has toured Europe and Asia, is a CSJ Associate and has served at Mary Star of the Sea in La Jolla and St. Didacus Parish and School before coming to Immaculate Conception Church.

Katherine is very grateful to all of you for your warm welcome.



**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. Donations accepted in the parish office until January 31.

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*

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

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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)



DONUTS & COFFEE

Join us in the parish hall after the 8:30 or 10:00 Mass for coffee and donuts. Come and renew old friendships and make new acquaintances.

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.



**Baby Bottle Drive  
January 29-30**

Every year, we at COLFS partner with local churches to host an annual Baby Bottle Drive. As a result, thousands of Christians come together and provide spiritual and financial support to help our mission to ensure that Christ-centered medical care and pregnancy clinic services are available to all women regardless of ability to pay. This mission includes access to Abortion Pill Reversal for women who have regret after starting a medication-induced abortion.

The Baby Bottle Drive will take place Jan. 29-30. Bottles to fill with your donations will be available in the vestibule of the church as well as in the hall. Please pick up a bottle and return it with your donation no later than February 6.



**FATHER JOE'S LADIES GUILD PRESENTS:**

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

**Lighter Side**

**Divine Delivery**

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

**One for Every Room**

One Sunday our priest announced he was passing out miniature crosses made of palm leaves. "Put this cross in the room where your family argues most," he advised. "When you look at it, the cross will remind you that God is watching."

As I was leaving church, the woman in front of me walked up to the priest, shook his hand, and said, "I'll take five."

**Confession**

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."  
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**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.



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

**January 16, 2022**  
**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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**SAINT OF THE DAY**



**ST. ANTHONY OF EGYPT**  
**January 17**

The life of Anthony will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables."

At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. "The mule kicking over the altar" denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for "the book of nature" over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

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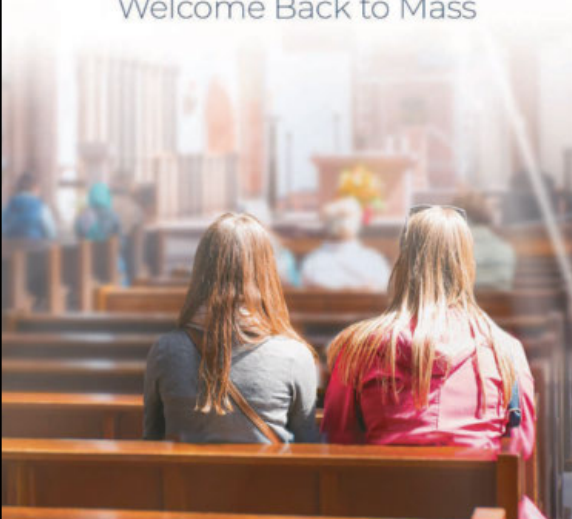


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