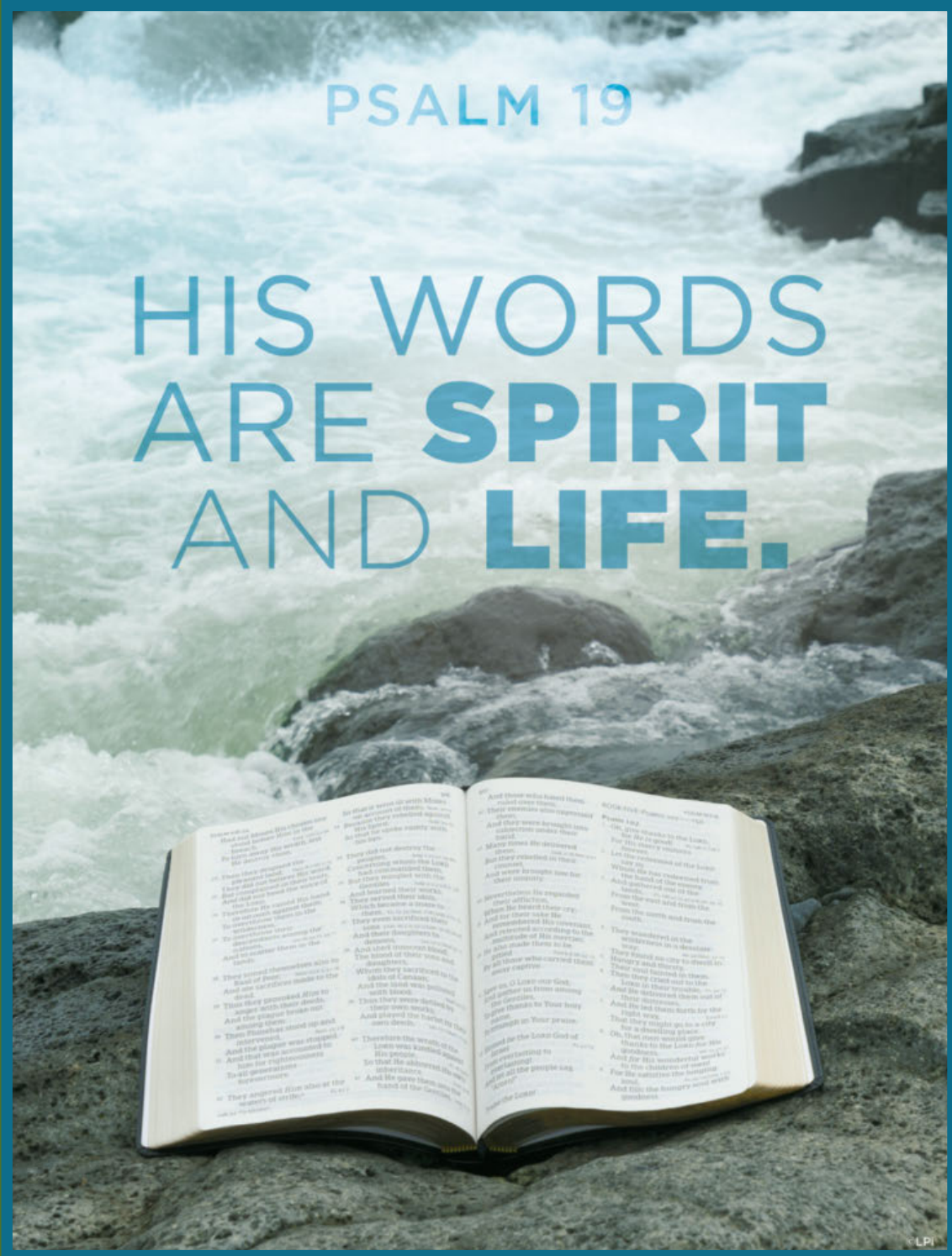


THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
JANUARY 23, 2022



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Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 22 - Sunday off the Word of God - Vigil
People of Immaculate Conception

Sun., Jan. 23 - Sunday of the Word of God
8:30 Barb Humphrey, SI
10:00 - Rey C. Abelardo Sr., SI

Mon., Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales

Tues., Jan. 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul
Joan Braunstein, SI

Wed., Jan 26 - Ss. Timothy & Titus
Richard Wira, SI

Thurs., Jan. 27 - Weekday

Fri., Jan. 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

Sat., Jan. 29 - Weekday
Francisco Setter, SI

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

Daily Readings

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8, Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

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

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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 January 15-16

Parishioners: \$1,735.00

Visitors: \$985.99

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



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 choir loft. Rehearsals will continue each Thursday evening, and the choir will sing weekly at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. A sign-up sheet will be available in the hall after Sunday Masses. If you have any questions, please contact Music Coordinator Emma Whitten at ewhitten@icc-sandiego.org or stop by the hall after Mass. We hope you can join us!



**We Are Forming a Parish
Community 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 "Parish Community 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 8:00 un 11 a.m.

Let's Celebrate Our Faith!

RSVP: vmesi@icc-sandiego.org

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.



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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.



COFFEE & DONUTS

Join us for coffee and donuts after the 8:30 or 10:00 Sunday morning Mass. Take advantage of this opportunity to welcome visitors and new parishioners, and enjoy conversations with other parishioners.

FEBRUARY SENIOR LUNCHEON



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Monday, February 7, in the parish hall. There will be magicians to entertain each table with their talent. The magic show starts at 11:00 a.m. There will be no bingo. Lunch will be served at 11:30. Make plans to attend and don't be late! Magic show is free; lunch is \$5 per person.

...FROM THE DIOCESE**Liturgical Minister Formation Workshops**

The 2022 Liturgical Minister Formation Workshops presented by the Office for Liturgy and Spirituality are now open for registration. Training is available for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Sacristans in both English and Spanish. Please check the diocesan website (www.sdcatholic.org/workshops) for registration and further information.

Marriage Anniversary Mass

Please join Bishop Ramon Bejarano for our second annual diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass & Reception at The Immaculata, 5998 Alcala Park, USD Campus, San Diego, on Saturday, February 12 at 11:00 a.m. A special invitation is extended to married couples celebrating a major anniversary. Join us to renew your commitment in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese! To learn more, please contact John at jprust@sdatholic.org.

Suicide Prevention Workshop for Teens, Families, and Friends

All are invited to the Church of the Nativity, 6309 El Apajo Road, Rancho Santa Fe, for a workshop on teen suicide prevention on Saturday, January 22, at 10 a.m. Michele Madden from Survivors of Suicide Loss San Diego will provide a training in QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) and answer questions about what to do if you suspect someone may be suicidal. For more information, please contact the Mental Health Ministry at Nativity (NatMHMinistry@gmail.com).

Divorce Recovery Workshop

St. Brigid Parish is hosting 10 Keys to Recovering from Divorce: A Workshop for Separated and Divorced Men and Women on Thursday, January 20, at 7 p.m. in the St. Brigid Ministry Center, 4735 Cass Street, San Diego. Separated and divorced men and women are invited to this informative workshop for support on their journey to hope and healing. For more information or to register, please email divorcesupport@saintbrigidparish.org.

**The Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord--Candelmas****February 2nd, Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 PM.**

On this beautiful feast day, we remember the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple. On this day, Mary and Joseph brought the child to be dedicated to the Lord. In the temple was the holy man Simeon who took the child in his arms and proclaimed that he is a light of revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel!" This Feast is also called Candlemas—a day on which we bless and light candles in commemoration of the Lord Jesus, the Light of the World. You are invited to bring your own candles from home to blessed on that day.

**The Feast of St. Blaise, February 3rd
The Blessing of Throats**

St. Blaise was both a physician and, as a bishop, a healer of souls. Near the end of his life he lived in a cave and devoted himself to prayer and to eremitical life. He was discovered by the anti-Christian rulers and was led to jail. As he was on his way, a mother brought her son who was choking on a fish bone to the saint. With his prayers the child was saved! St. Blaise died a martyr in the year 316. Traditionally, we keep his memory with the Blessing of Throats on his feast day. Given all the sickness we are witnessing these days, you are invited to come to the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Blessing of Throats and prayers for healing of all illnesses.

FATHER JOE'S LADIES GUILD PRESENTS:

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Monday February 21, 2022
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Hearing the Word of God

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, no. 29).

These words from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) set before us a profound truth that we need to ponder and make our own. The words of Sacred Scripture are unlike any other texts we will ever hear, for they not only give us information, they are the vehicle God uses to reveal himself to us, the means by which we come to know the depth of God's love for us, and the responsibilities entailed by being Christ's followers, members of his Body. What is more, this Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. The Word of God proclaimed at Mass is 'efficacious' that is, it not only tells us of God and God's will for us, it also helps us to put that will of God into practice in our own lives. How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by listening attentively to that Word as it is proclaimed. Following each reading we express our gratitude for this gift with the words "Thanks be to God" or, in the case of the Gospel, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ," and it is appropriate that a brief period of silence be observed to allow for personal reflection. Following the first reading we sing the Responsorial Psalm, a meditation on God's word through the inspired words of one of the psalms from the psalter, the Bible's prayer book.

The Gospel is the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word. The readings from the Old Testament tell us of God's promises and his preparation of his people for the coming of his Son; the epistles and other pre-Gospel New Testament readings offer the reflections of St. Paul and other contemporaries of the Lord on the life and message of Christ; in the Acts of the Apostles we have a history of the early Church. We believe that all Scripture, the Old and New Testaments, is inspired by the Holy Spirit, but the Church has always given special honor to the Gospel because in the Gospel we have not simply the preparation for and prefiguring of Christ, nor reflections on his message, but the words and deeds of Christ himself. The proclamation of the Gospel is surrounded with marks of respect and honor: the Gospel is read by an ordained minister, the deacon, or, when no deacon is present, by a priest; the Book of the Gospels is carried aloft with honor in the entrance procession and placed on the altar until the Gospel reading to show the unity of Scripture and Eucharist, of the table of the Word and the table of the Christ's body and blood; just before the Gospel is read the Gospel book is carried in procession to the ambo

to the accompaniment of an acclamation sung by the people; it may be incensed before the reading and is kissed at its conclusion; finally, all stand as the Gospel is proclaimed. Through this posture and through the honor paid to the book containing the Gospel, the Church pays homage to Christ who is present in his Word and who proclaims his Gospel.

What, then, must we do to properly receive the Word of God proclaimed at Mass? The General Instruction tells us that "the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone" (no. 29), and it provides that those who read the Scriptures at Mass must be "truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture" (no. 101).

The key word in all of this is listening. We are called to listen attentively as the reader, deacon or priest proclaims God's Word. Unless one is unable to hear, one should not be reading along with a text from a missal or missalette. Rather, taking our cue from the General Instruction itself, we should listen as we would if Christ himself were standing at the ambo, for in fact it is God who speaks when the Scriptures are proclaimed. Carefully following along with the printed word can cause us to miss the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the message that the Spirit may have for us in one of the passages because we are anxious to "keep up," to move along with the reader.

Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Saint John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. He encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and faithful... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed" and adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit.

The Word of God, then calls for our listening and our response in silent reflection, as well as in word and song. Most important of all, the Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that moves beyond the liturgy itself and affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

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

January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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SAINT OF THE DAY

JANUARY 23 - ST. MARIANNE COPE



Born in Germany, Saint Marianne Cope’s family soon moved to Utica, NY. In 1862 she entered the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis where she served as superior for a number of years. In 1883, Saint Marianne went to Hawaii where she, and other members of her community, cared for women and girls with leprosy.

JANUARY 24 - ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



Saint Francis de Sales was born into a senatorial family where he was destined to work in government positions of authority. Instead, he felt a call to the priesthood and was ordained for the Diocese of Geneva. Later he became bishop of that diocese and was known for his gentleness and his strong defense against Calvinism. He authored a couple of books and helped found the Sisters of the Visitation.

JANUARY 25 - CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL



Saint Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus was to be the turning point in his spiritual life. There he met Jesus and nothing was the same after that. Thereafter, all his zeal and energy were focused on the spread of the gospel message. We know him from his wonderful letters to the early Christian communities.

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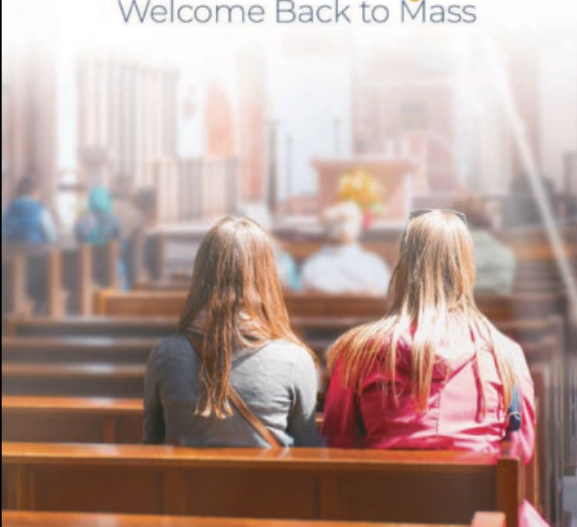


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