

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 30, 2022

I will sing of your
salvation,
O Lord.

Psalm 71



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Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 29 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil
5:15 d- Toni Nungaray, SI

Sun., Jan. 30 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 People of Immaculate Conception
10:00 - †William & Bobette McSherry
11:30 - †Ron Rowan

Mon., Jan. 31 - St. John Box
†Clem & Letty Castillo

Tues., Feb. 1 - Weekday
†Bill Day

Wed., Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord
†Patricia Gutierrez

Thurs., Feb. 3 - Weekday
†Chris Setter

Fri., Feb. 4 -Weekday
Josie Wilwayco, SI

Sat., Feb. 5 - St. Agatha
†Joe Maruca

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

Offering: An Act of Worship

Gifts received January 22-23

Parishioners: \$3,946.00

Visitors: \$940.00

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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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 Candelmas—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 Ministry of Usher and Greeter

Prayer & Worship Day

Sat., Feb. 5: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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



The Feast of St. Blaise, February 3rd

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.

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.



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. 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!

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord! Let us cry out to the rock of our salvation. (Psalm 95:1)



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
Last Call!**

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.



REMINDER!

Remember to pick up a "baby bottle" to support the Culture of Life Family Services. Bottle are available in the vestibule of the church as well as in the hall. Please pick up a bottle and return it with your donation later than February 13 (CHANGE OF DATE)..

Your donation supports Christ-centered medical care and pregnancy clinic services that are available to all women regardless of ability to pay.

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.



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 others.

...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.sdatholic.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.



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**EXPLORE THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
PERSONAL ENRICHMENT:
2021 Posted Videos on YouTube Channel FST EDU1**

- A world pregnant with God? Insights from St. Angela of Foligno toward 21st Century Ecological Conversion by Dr. Diane Tomkinson, OSF, 10/7
- Francis Transfigured: Bellini's painting of "Saint Francis in the Desert" as Franciscan Theology by Dr. William Short, OFM 09/09
- Franciscan Wisdom in an Age of Science by Dr. Ilia Delio, OSF 08/12
- Transformative Education According to Hugh of Saint Victor and Bonaventure by Dr. Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ 05/13
- Into God: The Other Side of the Tapestry by Dr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap. 04/22
- Saint Francis and Fratelli Tutti: Shattering Boundaries by Bishop Robert McElroy 04/08
- "Everything is connected" – Thomas of Celano on Creation and Incarnation by Br. Michael Blastic 03/25

**Pope's Communications Day message:
'Listening is essential for dialogue'**

After focusing last year on seeing reality and conveying it to others, Pope Francis in his 2022 Message for the World Communications Day emphasized the quality of listening, which he said "is decisive in the grammar of communication and is a condition for genuine dialogue."

The Pope noted that people are quickly losing the ability to listen to one another, while at the same time listening is undergoing new developments, especially due to new forms of communicating. These trends demonstrate that "listening is still essential in human communication."

Listening with the heart

The title of this year's message, "Listening with the ear of the heart," invites us to reflect that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing. True listening is a foundation of genuine relationships, and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity.

The Pope, quoting St Paul, noted that "faith comes through hearing." In fact, he remarked, "listening corresponds to the humble style of God," who reveals Himself by speaking, and by listening to men and women recognizes them as His partners in dialogue.

Human beings are called in turn to "tune in, to be willing to listen," as God calls them to a covenant of love. Fundamentally, the Pope said, "listening is a dimension of love."

A condition of good communication

In many relationships, however, true communication is lacking, as dialogues end up as competing monologues, where the two sides refuse to listen to one another. This is evident nowadays even in public life, the Pope said, where people often end up "talking past" one another.

Pope Francis insisted, however, that "listening is the first indispensable ingredient of dialogue and good communication."

Without listening, he said, there is no good journalism; journalists need to listen to many voices in order to ensure the "reliability and seriousness" of the information they transmit.

Listening, he continued, allows people to exercise the art of discernment, the ability "to orient ourselves in a symphony of voices."

Listening in the Church

There is also "a great need to listen to and hear one another" in the Church, the Pope said, adding, "Freely giving of our own time to listen to people is the first act of charity."

He pointed to the ongoing synodal process, asking for prayers "that it will be a great opportunity to listen to one another."

Comparing communion in the Church to a choir, the Pope said "unity does not require uniformity, monotony, but the plurality and variety of voices, polyphony."

He continued, "At the same time, each voice in the choir sings while listening to the other voices, and in relation to the harmony of the whole."

The Holy Father concluded, "With the awareness that we participate in a communion that precedes and includes us, we can rediscover a symphonic Church, in which each person is able to sing with his or her own voice, welcoming the voices of others as a gift to manifest the harmony of the whole that the Holy Spirit composes."

By Christopher Wells
Vatican News



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

**January 30, 2022
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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SAINT OF THE DAY

JANUARY 30 - BLESSED MARY ANGELA TRUSZKOWSKA



Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska founded the Felician Sisters as a result of a conversion experience she had while convalescing from an illness. At the age of 44 she was forced to resign due to ill health. She lived however, into her '70s.

JANUARY 31 - ST. JOHN BOSCO



Inspired by Saint Francis de Sales, Saint John Bosco founded the Salesians to continue his work among boys. Then, joining forces with Mary Mazzarello, he helped found the Salesian Sisters. All this during a time when established religious communities in Italy were closing their doors. But Don Bosco was different; he was a poor man who truly cared for the poor, and people saw that.

FEBRUARY 1 - ST. ANSGAR



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.

From franciscanmedia.org

OUR UNCONSCIOUS SEARCH FOR GOD**Published February 1, 2021****Ron Rolheiser, OMI**

How do we search for God?

It is easy to misunderstand what that means. We are forever searching for God, though mostly without knowing it. Usually, we think of our search for God as a conscious religious search, as something we do out of a spiritual side of ourselves. We tend to think of things this way: I have my normal life and its pursuits and, if I am so inclined, on the side, I might have a spiritual or religious pursuit wherein I try through prayer, reflection, and religious practices to get to know God. This is an unfortunate misunderstanding. Our normal search for meaning, fulfillment, and even for pleasure, is in fact our search for God.

What do we naturally search for in life? By nature, we search for meaning, love, a soulmate, friendship, emotional connection, sexual fulfillment, significance, recognition, knowledge, creativity, play, humor, and pleasure. However, we tend not to see these pursuits as searching for God. In pursuing these things, we rarely, if ever, see them in any conscious way as our way of searching for God. In our minds, we are simply looking for happiness, meaning, fulfillment, and pleasure, and our search for God is something we need to do in another way, more consciously through some explicit religious practices.

Well, we are not the first persons to think like that. It has always been this way. For instance, St. Augustine struggled with exactly this, until one day he realized something. A searcher by temperament, Augustine spent the first thirty-four years of his life pursuing the things of this world: learning, meaning, love, sex, and a prestigious career. However, even before his conversion, there was a desire in him for God and the spiritual. However, like us, he saw that as a separate desire from what he was yearning for in the world. Only after his conversion did he realize something. Here is how he famously expressed it:

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. ... You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness."

This is an honest admission that he lived a good number of years not loving God; but it is also an

admission that, during those years, he had massively misunderstood something and that misunderstanding lay at the root of his failure. What was that misunderstanding?

Reading his confession we tend to focus on the first part of it, namely, on his realization that God was inside of him all the while, but that he was not inside of himself. This is a perennial struggle for us too. Less obvious in this confession and something that is also a perennial struggle for us, is his recognition that for all those years while he was searching for life in the world, a search he generally understood as having nothing to do with God, he was actually searching for God. What he was looking for in all those worldly things and pleasures was in fact the person of God.

Indeed, his confession might be recast this way:

Late, late, have I loved you because I was outside of myself while all the while you were inside me, but I wasn't home, and I had no idea it was you I was actually looking for in the world. I never connected that search to you. In my mind, I was not looking for you; I was looking for what would bring me meaning, love, significance, sexual fulfillment, knowledge, pleasure, and a prestigious career. Never did I connect my longing for these things with my longing for you. I had no idea that everything I was chasing, all those things I was lonely for, were already inside me, in you. Late, late, have I understood that. Late, late, have I learned that what I am so deeply hungry and lonely for is contained inside of you. All these years, I never connected my restlessness, my seemingly selfish and lustful pursuit of things, with you. Everything I am lonely for is inside of you and you are inside of me. Late, late, have I realized this.

We are fired into life with a madness that comes from the gods. So say the Greek Stoics. They are right. Our whole life is simply a search to respond to that divine madness inside us, a madness Christians identify with infinite yearnings of the soul. Given those yearnings, like Augustine, we plunge into the world searching for meaning, love, a soulmate, friendship, emotional connection, sexual fulfillment, significance, recognition, knowledge, creativity, and pleasure, and that earthy pursuit, perhaps more than our explicit religious pursuits, is in fact our search for God.

Best to realize this early, so we do not have to write: "Late, late, have I loved you!"

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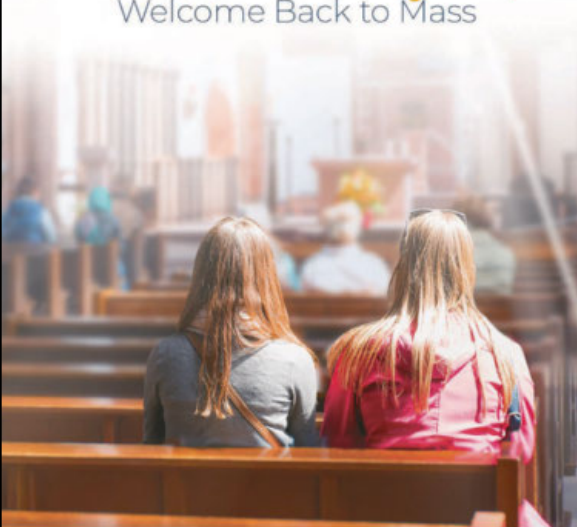


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