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Immaculata Events

Week of Feb 20 - Feb 26

MON. 20 8:00 a.m. Mass
PRESIDENTS DAY-PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUES. 21 8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. RCIA for Children - Rite of Election

WED. 22 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
8:30 a.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. RCIA

THURS. 23 8:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

FRI. 24 8:00 a.m. Mass
4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsals

SAT. 25 8:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. Mass
2:00 p.m. Wedding
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
3:30 p.m. Choir Practice

SUN. 26 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Rite of Sending
11:00 a.m. RCIA Breaking Open

Upcoming Events

Lenten Mini-Retreat

March 3, 2012, 12:00 p.m - 2:30 p.m.

First Communion Parent Meeting

March 15, 2012, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parish Groups & Organizations

FINANCE COUNCIL

Facility Maintenance
Audit

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Evangelization Committee
New Parishioner Welcome

Faith Formation Committee
Children's Faith Formation
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Youth
RCIA
Infant Baptism Preparation
Adult Sacramental Preparation
Adult Faith Formation
Bible Study
Mini-Retreats
Vocations

Social Ministries Committee
Give-Back Sundays
St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry

Stewardship Committee

Spirituality & Worship Committee
Ministry of the Word
Eucharistic Ministry
Service at the Altar
Hospitality Ministry (ushers)
Music Ministry
Liturgical Environment
Linen Care

Parishioner Care Committee
Ladies of the Immaculata
Knights of Columbus
Bereavement Ministry
Homebound Ministry
Step-Mom's Group
Men's Chastity Group

Young Adults

Prayer Groups
Adopt-An-Engaged Couple
Parish Rosary

Parish Life
Donut & Latte Ministry
Parish Events

February 19, 2012
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is I, I who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more."

- Isaiah 43:25

The Beacon

Newsletter of The Immaculata Parish

Welcome to
The Immaculata



Mission Statement of The Immaculata

Inspired and strengthened by the Sacraments, Scripture, and Liturgy, we are a vibrant, diverse Roman Catholic community called to serve as faithful disciples of Christ in our lives and ministries. With our Blessed Mother to guide us, we strive to be a beacon of faith and a spiritual home to all who seek God.

Masses

WEEKDAYS:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAYS:

8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)

SUNDAYS:

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS: To Be Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

(Also by appointment)

Immaculata Youth Build Community at Confirmation Retreat by Anne Rising

Last Friday evening, 16 of our high school youth gathered at Madonna Hall, not quite sure what was in store for them at their retreat. We began with a pizza and salad supper combined with a fun game to break the ice a little.

Our retreat took place at St. Charles Retreat Center in Imperial Beach. The building is a former convent and is perfect for our needs. We held our sessions in the chapel – all seated in a circle. When it came time for a liturgy, we turn the seats back to theater style seating. Social time, games and meals took place in the dining room. And there were also two lounge rooms for small group discussions or for silent, journaling time.



I noticed just in the car ride to Imperial Beach that the youth were getting to know each other at a different level than being in class each week. They were learning already that they had things in common!

Each day we prayed an abbreviated form of Morning and Evening Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours. Corey Tufford brought his guitar and accompanied us in our praise and worship songs. Each member of the retreat team did a presentation on the theme, "God

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For Heaven's Sake

Rev. Matthew D. Spahr, Pastor

The Season of Lent at The Immaculata

Our parish Worship and Spirituality Committee has planned a schedule of Lenten programs and devotions to assist us in our Lenten preparation. Each Friday during the season we will gather for a simple soup supper followed by the Stations of the Cross. Our Mini-Retreat this season, which will be held on March 4th, will focus on the "Liturgy of the Hours," the public and common prayer of the People of God that calls us to mark the various periods of our day with prayer and thereby sanctify time. Following a light lunch there will be a children's activity and a presentation for teens and adults. Childcare will be provided for children under four. We will finish with a short prayer service for everyone and be done by 2:30 p.m. During the remainder of Lent, parishioners will be invited to pray Morning Prayer prior to morning Mass. On Monday, March 26th we will celebrate a communal penance service with the opportunity for individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lenten schedule is listed below. I hope you will find these programs and devotions helpful for your own Lenten preparation. Together with our catechumens and those of us already baptized, may this season lead us to true healing for both ourselves and our world.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Masses 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent - 7:00 p.m.

Soup Supper in Salomon Hall - 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Mini-Retreat

The Liturgy of the Hours:

A Reflection on the Public & Common Prayer of the People of God
Sunday, March 4, 2012 - 12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Light Lunch in Salomon Hall
Presentations for Children, Teens and Adults; Childcare for Children Under Four

Liturgy of the Hours

Starting Monday, March 5, 2012

Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 26, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

Diocesan Chrism Mass

Thursday, March 29, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Church, Mira Mesa

Friday Devotion: Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

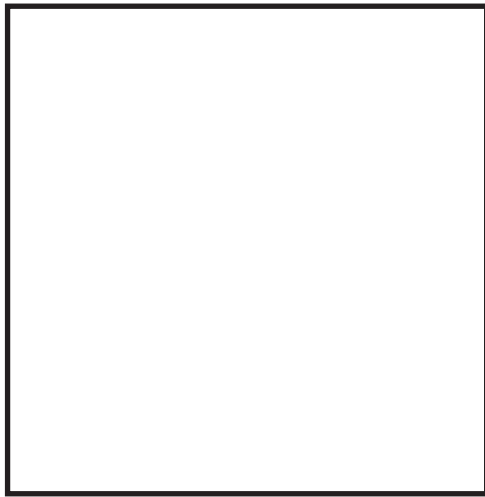
Please join in the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. This ancient devotion is a wonderful way to meditate on the mystery of the Lord's passion and death as we prepare for Easter. A simple supper of soup, bread and salad will precede the stations in Salomon Hall before the stations at 6:00 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested.

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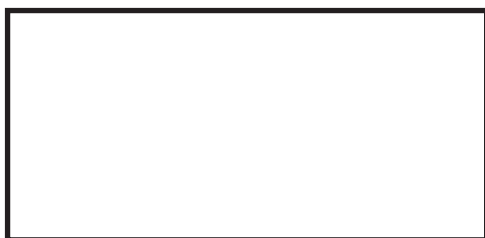
When you give to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you are supporting:

- Education in the Faith
- Priestly & Religious Vocations
- Catholic Charities
- Marriage & Family Life
- Imperial Valley Parish Development
- Parishes and Schools in Need

Each of these is essential to our mission as Catholics. Our parish fair-share assessment of the appeal is \$53,000. Everything collected beyond our assessment will go toward the Secondary Education Initiative of our Diocese to support secondary education. Therefore, we have set our parish goal at \$90,000. Please make a pledge to the appeal and be as generous as possible. Pledge envelopes are in the pews.



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Meet Our Candidates and Catechumen

by Pablo Maldonado, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please join us in prayer for these Catechumens and Candidates of our parish during this holy season of Lent. They are currently preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Those preparing for Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation



Nichole Cease



Crawford Fleming



Nisara Granado



Jonathan Junker

Those preparing for First Eucharist & Confirmation



Carson Ederle



John Perkins

**“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”
Matthew 7:7-8**

Religious Education Corner

Ms. Anne Rising, Director of Catechetical Ministry



Catholic Culture:

Tuesday, February 21, is an optional memorial for Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. He was born in the 11th century in Italy. He was one of many children, and eventually entered a Benedictine monastery comprised of dedicated hermits. As a committed student of Scripture and the Fathers of the Church, he became known for his scholarly works and his spirituality. Even though he lived in a monastery, he was a powerful figure in the reform of the Church. He was very vocal about the need for correction of clerical abuses, and he challenged bishops to recommit themselves to their vocation. He even called for a reformed papacy. His leadership qualities were recognized and he was appointed Abbot of his monastery and eventually was installed as Bishop of Ostia. Despite that esteemed office, he never lost thought of the fact that he was a monk at heart. Pope Leo XII declared him to be a Doctor of the Church. (Adapted from [2012 Sourcebook](#).)

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner, and begins on February 22. We will have two Masses that day – 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Many people think this is a holy day of obligation, but it is not. However, what a wonderful way to start Lent, by coming to Mass and receiving ashes on our forehead – a reminder of our call to turn away from sin and to be faithful to the Gospel. This day is a good reminder to us that being a Christian is serious business. Lent is a time to prepare for the unconditional love that God has for us, in that He would take on human flesh and live among us, and then give His very life for our salvation. But we know the end of the story – it doesn't end with Good Friday and Jesus dying on the cross. We are called to jubilation on Easter Sunday as we celebrate His defeat of sin and death in the Resurrection. (Adapted from [2012 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays](#).)

During Lent we are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday. That means no snacking, and only two small meals that don't quite equal one regular meal. We are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday as well as all Fridays of Lent. We often given up something we enjoy, or what is even better, begin to pray more or make an extra effort in reaching out to others with love and compassion. All in all, Lent is a time to be on a 40 day retreat, in the midst of our busy lives as American Catholics. Often when we make it a Lenten practice to read more Scripture or to be more intentional about prayer, it becomes a habit that we want to continue when Lent is over. Praying over Scripture, and prayer in general, leads us to a greater intimacy with Christ.

We will have our catered soup and salad suppers in Salomon Hall all Fridays of Lent at 6:00 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00. Our Lenten mini retreat is on March 4 following the 11:00 Mass. The topic will be Liturgy of the Hours and Fr. Matt will be the presenter. As usual, there will be sessions for children. We will begin to have Morning Prayer at 7:30 on Monday, March 5. Morning Prayer will take place Mondays through Saturdays. Starting your day with the Prayer of the Church is a very meaningful way to begin the day.

Thursday, February 23 is the memorial for St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr. He lived in the first half of the 2nd century and was friends with many who actually knew Jesus. It was St. John the Evangelist who influenced him to become a Christian. He became Bishop of Smyrna, in Turkey, around the year 96 A.D. Heresies about Christianity were beginning to spring up, particularly that of the Gnostics. He refuted those and fought to maintain the truth of Christianity. He also was asked to intervene in a controversy with the Churches of Asia Minor about when Easter should be celebrated. The Romans tried to burn him at the stake when he was in his late 80's, and when that failed, they stabbed him to death with a dagger. (Adapted from [2012 Sourcebook](#).)

New Youth T-Shirts

We have a new design for our youth T-shirts. We want all youth going to Youth Day to wear these, and we'll be using them for other activities as well. I will pass around a sheet in the Confirmation classes as to what size each student needs. If your son or daughter has already been confirmed and they are still in high school, they may order a shirt too. Please e-mail me the size, along with your child's name. My email address is arising@sandiego.edu.

Retreat...

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Calls us to Community," which was followed by each teen completing a worksheet and then going into small groups for faith sharing. We went to Coronado beach for an hour of recreation time – mostly volleyball. We all sat on the sand while I gave a talk on the importance of prayer, noting the rich heritage our Catholic faith has given us in various ways to pray. We followed that by praying the rosary – the Luminous Mysteries – right there on the beach. It's interesting – the temperature seemed to dip at least ten degrees when the rosary began, but when we got to the Transfiguration, the sun came out and warmed us all!

Fr. Matt joined us for dinner on Saturday and then presided at a penance service followed by individual confessions. From the youth's reflections on the retreat, Reconciliation and Mass were among the things they valued most about the retreat. Fr. Matt celebrated Mass and invited us to stand around the altar for the consecration. One of our youth, Daniella Zenteno, received her First Holy Communion that night. We also experienced Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

This class was a delight to be with. They were respectful of their adult chaperones as well as each other. They were eager to participate and often shared very deeply about their faith and what it means to them. And I am quite sure that they formed a new community with their classmates.

Sacraments

Baptisms

Contact Anne Rising (619) 574-5702

Weddings

Contact Julie Dudziak (619) 574-5704

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

(Also by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office (619) 574-5700

Mass Readings and Intentions

Sunday, February 19

First Reading

Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!
(Isaiah 43 18:19, 21-22, 24-25)

Psalm

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.
(Psalm 41)

Second Reading

God has given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.
(1 Corinthians 1:18-22)

Gospel

They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."
(Mark 2:1-12)

Intentions:

9:00 a.m. - For the sick of the parish
11:00 a.m. - For all parishioners

Monday, February 20:

James 3:13-18

Mark 9:14-29

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - +Pat Austin

Tuesday, February 21:

James 4:1-10

Mark 9:30-37

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - +Eileen Waters

Wednesday, February 22:

Joel 2:12-18

Pslam 51

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 23:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Luke 9:22-25

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - Jim Madden

Friday, February 24:

Isaiah 58:1-9

Matthew 9:14-15

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - +Anna Craycraft

Saturday, February 25:

Isaiah 58:9-14

Luke 5:27-32

Intention:

8:00 a.m. +Dr. Henry & Gladys Cosand

4:30 p.m. +Sally Marie Derenthal

Sunday, February 26:

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm 25

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Keep In Your Prayers...

Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly father.

Matthew 18:19

Parishioners

Archie DeRyckere
Mary Gapasin
Rudy Guerrero
Maggie Jo Hughes

Lavonne Lawson
Lillian Mationg
John McGreevy
James Morey
Kimberly Morey

Ray Pathman
John Stevenson
Lou Wasden
Robert Werve

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pat Bush.

Deployed Military Men and Women

Cpl. Robert Acuna, USMC, Middle East
Capt. Shawn Baldy, USAF, Afghanistan
Lt. Daniel Bellomo, USN, Persian Gulf
Maj. Sean P. Carroll, USMC, Afghanistan
Sgt. Jason Garland, US Army, Afghanistan
2ndLt. Grasmuck, USMC, Afghanistan
Capt. Padraic T. "Paddy" Heiliger, US Army, Afghanistan
Capt. Ryan T. King, USMC, Afghanistan
LtCDR. Jacob Kuriokose, USN, Afghanistan
Sgt. Eric Palmero, US Army, Afganistan
Ens. Josh Paulaitis, USN, USS DeWert
Ens. Christine Rejent, USN, Middle East
Lt. Trevor Ritland, USN, Persian Gulf
Lt.jg Joseph G. Spence, USN, USS Sampson
Capt. William Swank, USAF, Afghanistan
1st Lt. John-Claude Van Dyke-Cote, US Army, Afghanistan
Lt. Sam Velez, US Army, Afghanistan

Welcome to our New Parishioners

Floro & Ofelia Alabanza & family
David & Gabriella Celio & family
Brenda Bermudez
Mark & Seana Scholtemeyer & family

Welcome Newly Baptized

Isabel Grace Patajo
Samantha Calitis Gawaran
Renzo Gerard Baurzon
Pedro Andre Montes
Eliana Arden Vale Cruz
Dylan Ryan Doherty
Meilani Alexis Lim Miranda
Andre Richard Celio

Stewardship of Treasure Week of February 13, 2012

Plate \$2,617.00
Online Giving: \$2,498.00
Envelope: \$8,486.77
Total: \$13,601.77

Thank you for your generosity!

Adult Faith Formation

Mr. Pablo Maldonado, Coord. of Adult Faith Formation

The Immaculata Adult Faith Formation Rite of Sending & Election

Lent is a time to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery. Catechumens are preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The Candidates, already one with us in Baptism, prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This weekend at the 11 a.m. Mass, as a parish, we send the following catechumens and candidates to Bishop Robert H. Brom for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion.

Catechumens: Nicole Cease, Crawford Fleming, Nisara Granado, and Jonathan Junker

Candidates: Carson Ederle and John Perkins

Please keep them in your prayers during the Lenten Season as they prepare for the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic please contact Pablo Maldonado at (619) 574-5703 or at pablom@sandiego.edu.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult Immaculata Parishioner who has been baptized and received First Communion, but not the Sacrament of Confirmation? We have an opportunity for you to complete your Sacraments of Initiation at the Immaculata over a few weeks this spring if you meet the requirements to receive the Sacrament.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. To set up an interview, find out more information and to begin the process, please contact Pablo Maldonado at 619-574-5703 or by email at pablom@sandiego.edu.



Diocesan News & Events

Theology On Tap

When: Thursday, February 23, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall, 4005 Normal St. 92103

Description: Gather with young adults (ages 18-39), single & married, for food, fellowship and great speakers. Fr. Bill Dillard, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist, will speak on "Growing Spiritually and Personally: Reflections From Our Traditions on What HELPS and What Doesn't." 7:00-7:30 pizza, salad & drinks, \$5, 7:30 - 9:00 presentation.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat For Catholic Women

When: March 9-11, 2012

Where: Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego

Description: Given by Rachel's Hope and professionally led. Closing Mass included. Group size is limited. Cost is \$45 with partial scholarships available. Confidentiality maintained. Limited housing available. For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield at (858) 581-3022. Visit us on our website: www.RachelsHope.org.

Immaculata Announcements

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is resuming this Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is immediately following 8:00 Mass at 8:30 a.m. Repose is at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. If you can commit to stay for an hour during this time, there is a signup sheet in the vestibule on Wednesday, or please contact Pat Manly 619-276-2065.

Courtesy Announcements

New Catholic Radio Station

Come watch as we "flip the switch" and launch Immaculate Heart Radio on 1000 AM KCEO on March 1, 2012, from St. Therese of Carmel. All are welcome to this historic event, or if you cannot join us, please tune in at 1:50 p.m. to listen to our first live broadcast from San Diego.

For Professional and Family Caregivers

"Care of the Sick, Care of the Caregiver." Reflection on the spirituality of caring for the sick--how we care for our sick brothers and sisters while caring for ourselves. For professional and family caregivers. What we can learn from the Gospel presented by USD Professor of New Testament, Florence Gillman, Ph.D. Review of pastoral practices from John Gillman, Ph.D., Director of Pastoral Services, Vitas Hospice. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, 9:00 - 1:30, Salomon Lecture Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, USD. \$25 fee includes light breakfast and box lunch.

Whispering Winds 30th Annual Gala

Celebrate Faith, Family and Friends at the Whispering Winds 30th annual Dinner Dance Gala on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Loews Coronado Bay Resort. This evening will feature a silent auction with sports memorabilia, incredible hand-made items, restaurant certificates and much more. Our live auction items include many fabulous vacation getaways! Join us for an elegant evening of great food, music and dancing while supporting the ministry and growth of the camp. Registration is now open at www.whisperingwinds.org or by calling (619) 464-1479.

Camp Oliver--Summer Fun for Kids

Camp Oliver is owned by the Sisters of Social Service, and has been operating Summer Camp for over 60 years. Campers enjoy swimming, arts and crafts, archery, dance and drama classes, hiking, campfires, low ropes course and more! Financial assistance is available. For information and/or online registration, visit our website at www.campoliver.com or call the office at (619) 445-5945.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of San Diego has published a brochure that includes information regarding sexual misconduct by Church Ministers and how to report any complaints. This brochure, entitled Sexual Misconduct: Preventing, Responding, Reporting, is available at the back of the church.