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Immaculata Events

Week of Feb 6 - Feb 12

MON.
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8:00 a.m. Mass

TUES.
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8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Baptism Class

WED.
8

8:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Catholicism Class

THURS.
9

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

FRI.
10

8:00 a.m. Mass
5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Confirmation dinner/Retreat

SAT.
11

8:00 a.m. Anointing Mass/
Reception
2:00 p.m. Wedding
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
3:30 p.m. Choir Practice
4:30 p.m. Mass

SUN.
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9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Mass
9:15 a.m. Religious Education
11:00 a.m. RCIA Breaking Open

Upcoming Events

Office Closed—Presidents' Day

Monday, February 20, 2012

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 22, 2012, 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 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 5, 2012
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name"

- Psalm 147:4

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)

Chargers Miss the Big Game But QB's Faith Stands Tall

by Julie Dudziak



We've arrived at that bittersweet time of year when Charger Fans everywhere sit back and wonder, "What if?" Super Bowl Sunday, except for that one magic year in 1995, has meant rooting for our favorite back-up team and hoping that, well, maybe next year will be the one.

But Catholics, take heart! Our hometown team may not bring us to the playoffs every year, but we can take comfort in the fact that Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers is a lifelong, devout Catholic, and no matter how many times the offensive line lets him get sacked, he stands tall for our faith in every circumstance.

Rivers credits his mother with instilling his Catholic faith. Growing up in Alabama, he claims there were only about fifteen kids in his confirmation class, which drew from an entire county. But he recalls that when he left for college, "the biggest thing that stuck in my head from my mom was never miss Mass. That was the thing that she definitely got across.

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For Heaven's Sake

Rev. Matthew D. Spahr, Pastor

Communal Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick is the Church's most powerful prayer for healing. In the Church's ritual book for the sacrament we read, "the Lord Himself showed great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick and commanded His followers to do likewise. This is clear from the gospels, and above all from the existence of the sacrament of anointing, which He instituted and which is made known in the Letter of James. Since then the Church has never ceased to celebrate this sacrament for its members by the anointing and the prayer of its priests, commending those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that He may raise them up and save them. Moreover, the Church exhorts them to associate themselves willingly with the passion and death of Christ and, thus, contribute to the welfare of the people of God." (Pastoral Care of the Sick #5)

Since the sacraments are always actions of the whole church, and the sick especially find solace in the support and prayers of the Christian community, it is very appropriate, from time to time, to celebrate this sacrament in a communal setting. For that reason, we will celebrate a special anointing Mass, here at The Immaculata, on Saturday, February 12th at 8:00 a.m.

The sacrament of anointing is appropriate for baptized persons whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age. It is also appropriate for those preparing for any surgery, even routine surgery involving a general anesthetic. It is important to distinguish between the sacrament of anointing and what is called "the last rites." The last rites refer to a number of sacraments (anointing, reconciliation, viaticum (one's last reception of communion) which are given to a person for the last time prior to death. Anointing of the sick is a sacrament of healing and should never be delayed until the moment of death, but administered as soon as one is aware of an illness, in order to benefit from the graces of the sacrament, both bodily and spiritually.

All who have a serious illness, or are weakened due to old age, are welcome to receive the sacrament at this special Mass. Parishioners may consider bringing sick family members or neighbors who are homebound so that they can receive the sacrament. A reception follows the liturgy.

Souper Bowl Sunday

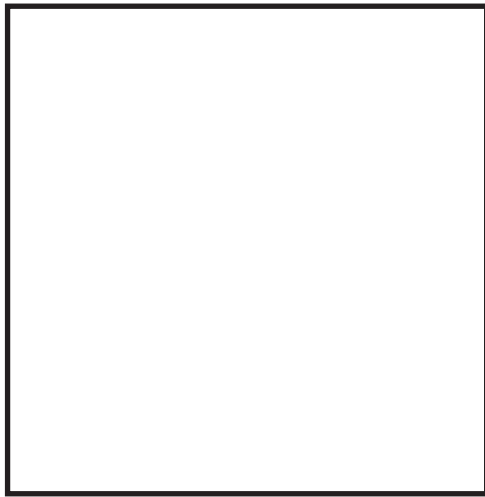
Please support our youth who are participating in the "Souper" Bowl of Caring to support the homeless. This national effort, which corresponds to Super Bowl Sunday each year, calls us to be mindful of those in our local community who lack the basic necessities of life. Parish youth will be available after Masses, with pots and pans, soliciting donations of \$1 or more which will then be given to Fr. Joe's Villages.

World Marriage Day

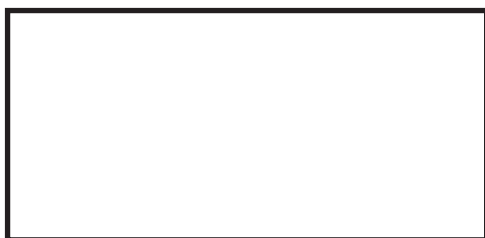
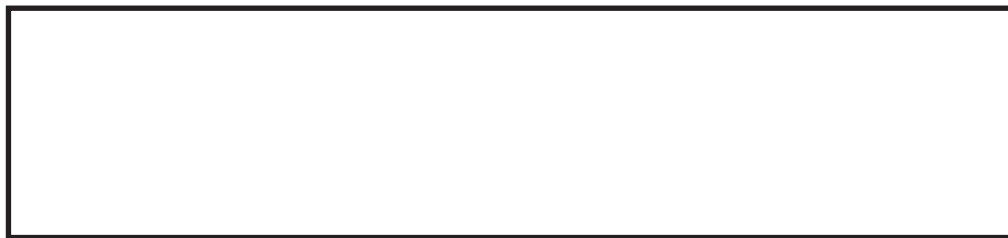
Next Sunday, February 12th is World Marriage Day. Established by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and celebrated annually, the purpose of this special observance is to honor husband and wife as head of the family. World Marriage Day salutes the beauty of the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Check out the official World Marriage Day website at <http://wmd.wwme.org/> for some suggestions on how you and your spouse might observe this special day. And speaking of marriage, check out the excellent marriage website "For Your Marriage" at <http://foryourmarriage.org/> sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is an excellent resource for marriage and families including resources for married and engaged couples, parents and families. The site includes tips, blogs, and loads of faith based resources.

Proposed Change of Mass Time Survey

If you have not yet had a chance please participate in our parish survey regarding a proposal to change the start time of our Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. More information is included with the survey forms which may be found at the entrances to the church. Surveys are due on Sunday, February 12th.



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Teach Us to Pray as We Ought

Jesus went up the mountain to pray. . . (Luke 6:12)

Before any major action, Jesus prepared Himself through prayer. We are to take it that He didn't go up and recite a bunch of Our Fathers or Hail Marys. Rather, He was fully immersed in the presence of God. His prayer was direct communication of all that He is and all that He required to God.

When Jesus did this, He was showing us what a prayer life could be. It isn't an endless stream of words, nor is it countless petitions. We must remind ourselves that prayer is NOT, "Listen Lord, your servant is speaking," but rather, as Eli enjoins Samuel, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

Prayer can be a great many things - a spontaneous outpouring of joy, sorrow, desperation, hope, love, or anger. But most of all prayer is conversation. Prayer is conversation with the most important Person in our lives - the only One who truly knows you and knows what you need. Conversation consists of two parts - speaking and listening, and a good conversationalist, as with a good prayer, knows that the better part is listening.

In your prayer then, make time and space for listening. Speak out of the fullness of your heart and then just wait on the Lord. Say your piece, and let the Lord say His own. In this way, you will be blessed by hearing and listening. You will be strengthened by the One who loves you. You will not have the courage of your convictions, but rather, the courage of the Lord's Will - far more powerful and far more meaningful than anything we could summon alone.

Remember always that prayer is a conversation, an exchange, a speaking and a listening. Allow your prayer time to have some loving, attentive silence in which you wait upon the Lord. Even if the answer does not come immediately, it will come - through other people, through circumstances, through a changed heart and a transformed mind and will.

---Juan de la Cruz



Parish Pics



Religious Education Corner

Ms. Anne Rising, Director of Catechetical Ministry



Catholic Culture:

I attended a diocesan workshop two weeks ago and heard a marvelous speaker, Joe Paprocki, D.Min. He spoke of the meaning behind some of our Catholic traditions, and has written a book about those called Practice Makes Catholic. I wrote about one of these last week - how we can venerate the cross with a kiss when we make the sign of the cross. Another practice that he reminded us of was the meaning of a novena. As most of you know, a novena is when one prays for a specific intention, for nine days. The tradition of this is that Mary and the Apostles prayed ardently for the coming of the Holy Spirit between Jesus' Resurrection and Pentecost - nine days.

We remember St. Paul Miki and his companions, martyrs, on February 6. Paul Miki was born in Japan between 1564 and 1566. As a Jesuit brother, Paul's preaching of the Gospel met with much success. He and 25 of his companions were arrested when the Emperor of Japan began persecuting Christians. These holy men watched as crosses were put up for their crucifixion, and encouraged one another with prayer and words of faith as they awaited their execution. They were all crucified and then stabbed in the heart by an executioner - one at a time. After this, Japan withdrew from the rest of the world until 1865. Regardless of the isolation of the country, Christianity survived all those years without any priests, and with Baptism the only sacrament available to them. (Adapted from Liturgy of the Hours, OOR and Living with Christ, February 2012.)

We celebrate the lives of two saints on February 8. St. Jerome Emiliani lived between 1481 and 1537. He served in the Venetian army and when captured and imprisoned, underwent a conversion and later became a priest. He devoted his life to educating orphans and caring for poor and abandoned children. He founded a religious order, the Somaschi, to assist in his ministry. St. Jerome died while serving the sick during a plague. (Adapted from Living with Christ, February 2012.)

St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin, lived between 1869 and 1947 and was born in Sudan. She was sold into slavery to the Italian Consul at age 9. He treated her well and brought her to Italy where she was baptized. She gained her freedom and joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice. She was canonized in the year 2000. (Adapted from Living with Christ, February 2012.)

February 10 is the feast day of St. Scholastica, the twin sister of St. Benedict. She was born in Italy around the year 480. She followed her brother, the founder of Western monasticism, to Monte Cassino where she lived a life vowed to God. She is the patron of Benedictine nuns. There is a stained glass window with St. Scholastica's image in the rear transept, above Fr. Matt's sacristy. (Adapted from Living with Christ, February 2012.)

We celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11. Mary Immaculate appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous 18 times between February 11 and July 16, 1848. The site of these apparitions was in a cave at Massabielle near Lourdes, France. Through Bernadette, Mary called sinners to conversion that resulted in a great zeal for prayer and charity, particularly service to the sick and poor. The spring discovered through Mary's instructions to Bernadette at this site has had miraculous healing properties for many. Each year, thousands of pilgrims flock to Lourdes - both the sick and those who are healthy. When St. Bernadette asked the woman her name, the reply was "I am the Immaculate Conception." This feast day is one to honor just that, Mary, the Immaculate Conception - not the miraculous cures that come from the waters of Lourdes. Our Chapel 8 is dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. It is toward the front of the church on the west side. (Adapted from Liturgy of the Hours, OOR.)

Souper Bowl Sunday:

Our high school youth will be collecting money for the national youth campaign, Souper Bowl of Caring, that takes place each year on the Sunday of the Super Bowl. Our youth will be asking you to donate at least \$1 (or perhaps more) on the date when so many of us are feasting on party food while watching the Super Bowl. The money collected will go to Fr. Joe's Villages here in San Diego. Please be generous.

Confirmation Retreat:

This year's Confirmation class will be on retreat during the upcoming weekend, February 10, 11, and 12. Please keep these young people and the retreat team in your prayers during this time.

QB's Faith...

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When you go to college that's when the faith becomes your own. Your mom and dad aren't waking you up and reminding you, 'Hey this is a good day to go to confession.' It's up to you."

With a hectic travel schedule, the Catholic Church helps the Rivers family feel at home wherever they are. His wife Tiffany is a convert and has been a strong partner in upholding Catholic values. In particular they appreciate "the one-ness of the church wherever you are, Raleigh, San Diego, Alabama. Every place we were was home because the Catholic Church is the same everywhere. When we went to Mass that first Sunday after moving to a new place, that was where we felt at home and were able to say "well, home is anywhere, it doesn't matter where we live because we have the faith."

Rivers' advice to teenage Catholic men is straightforward: "Appreciate the faith. Appreciate what we have and what a great gift the sacraments are. It's hard to see that as a young man but I think that again, they too are the leaders of their age. They grow in their faith and everybody will follow, both their girlfriends and others. And then also, -- this can apply to their faith but also to anything else they do -- my dad always said that if you're going to do something - do it all the way. If you're going to be a Catholic man, be it all the way."

Adapted from "Catholic in the NFL: A Philip Rivers Interview" by Eric Porteous, lifeteen.com

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 5

First Reading

Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me (Job 7:1-4, 6-7)

Psalm

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147)

Second Reading

I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23)

Gospel

Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39)

Intentions:

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

Monday, February 6:

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13
Mark 6:53-56

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - +Donald King

Tuesday, February 7:

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
Mark 7:1-13

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - +Juanita Strickland

Wednesday, February 8:

1 Kings 10:1-10
Mark 7:14-23

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - +Carol McAllister

Thursday, February 9:

1 Kings 11:4-13
Mark 7:24-30

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - +Antonio G. Pedro

Friday, February 10:

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
Mark 7:31-37

Intention:

8:00 a.m. - +Wilma Wark Rees

Saturday, February 11:

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Mark 8:1-10

Intention:

8:00 a.m. +Janice Jackoskie
4:30 p.m. +Joseph D'Acquisto

Sunday, February 12:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm 32

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1
Mark 1:40-45

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

Pat Bush	Lavonne Lawson	Ray Pathman
Archie DeRyckere	Lillian Mationg	John Stevenson
Mary Gapasin	John McGreevy	Lou Wasden
Rudy Guerrero	James Morey	Robert Werve
Maggie Jo Hughes	Kimberly Morey	

Deployed Military Men and Women

Peter Andrade, US Army, Iraq
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, Afghanistan
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

Martina Angelica Baker & Family
Anibal & Melanie Benitez
Patrick & Jessica Lynn Chang
Julia Huey
Marco Maldonado
Garrett & Vanessa Ryan

Stewardship of Treasure Week of January 30, 2012

Plate	\$1,961.00
Online Giving:	\$1,735.00
Envelope:	\$7,638.77
Total:	\$11,334.77

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Adult Faith Formation

Mr. Pablo Maldonado, Coord. of Adult Faith Formation

Inquiring Minds Want to Know!

Have you ever wondered why Catholics genuflect as they enter their pews? Why the Book of the Gospels is carried with such respect? What the rosary is all about? If you have questions like these and others about the Catholic faith, we invite you to take the next step—begin the Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) by joining our Inquiry sessions. Learn more about the faith in a friendly, welcoming environment. For more information contact Pablo Maldonado at (619) 574-5703.

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

Wide Awake III

When: February 11th

Where: SDSU Newman Center

Description: Are you asleep? Are you just existing and going through the motions? Are you wondering if there is more to life than this? Then wake up and join others (18-30 yrs.) to experience our Catholic faith as a way that inspires both loving devotion and loving service! The day conference will include compelling keynote speakers, young adult personal stories of faith, large group sessions with powerful music, and workshops that confront the questions that young adults ask. Concludes with Mass. Cost is \$25 (\$10 for students). Register at www.evangelicalcatholic.org or for more details/information contact cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org or (858) 490-8260.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Help for healing troubled marriages is available. For confidential information about upcoming weekends or to register, call (619) 423-0182, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or contact sdretropub@gmail.com. Next retreat is Feb 24-26, 2012 in Spanish or March 16-18, 2012 in English.

Theology On Tap

When: Thursday, February 9, 2012

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. Bernadeane Carr, Instructor for the Diocesan Institute, presents "The Beatitudes-Blessings in Disguise-What is Jesus' strategy for living them?" 7:00-7:30 pizza, salad & drinks, \$5, 7:30 - 9:00 presentation.

Courtesy Announcements

Support Group for Separated/Divorced

An ongoing group for anyone suffering from the pain and loss associated with a separation or divorce. We meet Sundays at 10:15 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church--Ministry Center offices in Solana Beach. For information contact Frank Grant at (760) 533-1520 or at fwgrant@gmail.com or www.divorcecare.org.

DCCW La Jolla Deanery Meeting

Ladies: would you like to become more connected to other local Catholic women? The La Jolla Deanery of The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to meet with us at the parish hall of St. Brigid's Church, 4735 Cass Street in Pacific Beach on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 for our monthly meeting. Coffee and friendship at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10:00 followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

Scripture Unlocked!

John Paul the Great Catholic University bring to San Diego a series of free dynamic talks led by top Biblical Theology and Philosophy Scholars. Scripture Unlocked will kick off the first talk on Monday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the university. Plus a display of historical Bibles will be featured from the Fowler Bible collection. To register visit www.jpccatholic.com/scriptureunlocked or contact Colleen Monroe at (858) 653-6740 ext. 1713.

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.

Assisted Living Options

If you or a loved one is considering an Assisted Living Facility, Little Flower Haven may be the place. Located at 8585 LaMesa Blvd. La Mesa, CA 91941 It has been owned and operated by the Carmelite Sisters D.C.J. since 1938. Daily Mass, private rooms, 3 meals and snacks daily, weekly housekeeping, medication management, life-line emergency phone system, planned social and recreational activities, spacious gardens, transportation available, and beauty shop are offered. Call for a tour: (619) 466-3163.

OLSH Open House

Are you looking for a solid and faith-filled educational experience for your child in Preschool-8th Grade? We are the school for you! Our Lady of the Sacred Heart offers a strong academic program, small class sizes, sports, drama, before and after school care in a diverse, caring and safe environment. Open House and Early Bird Registration will be held Saturday February 25 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and Tuesday February 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. OLSH is located in City Heights near I-15, 805 and I-94 freeways. Tuition assistance is available. Come check us out at 4106 42nd St., San Diego 92105, or call (619) 284-1715.