

# Immaculate Conception Church

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## **Mass Schedule Weekdays:**

Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 AM

## **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 AM

## **Holy Day Masses:**

8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., & 5:15 p.m.

**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 office.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** First Friday of the month, after 8:00 AM Mass.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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# FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

An inclusive and caring faith community animated by the Gospel, **Immaculate Conception Church** embraces a rich Catholic heritage as it strives to manifest and celebrate the love of Christ through liturgy, sacrament, scripture, and service.

### Mass Intentions

**Sat., Feb. 24 - Lenten Weekday**  
8:00 - Rosy Reynaga, SI

**Sat., Feb. 25 - Second Sunday of Lent - Vigil**  
5:15 - †Sixto & Salvacion Cardenas

**Sun., Feb. 26 - Second Sunday of Lent**  
8:30 - †Simone P. Palasciano  
10:00 - Wil Murtaugh, SI  
11:30 - People of Immaculate Conception

**Mon., Feb. 27 - Lenten Weekday**  
The Tucker Family, SI

**Tues., Feb. 28 - Lenten Weekday**  
Msgr. Robert Ecker, SI

**Wed., Feb. 29 - Lenten Weekday**  
Josie Wilwayco, SI

**Thurs., March 1 - Lenten Weekday**  
Precy Valdez, SI

**Fri., March 2 - Lenten Weekday**  
†Flor L. Nerencina

### OFFERING

*for Weekend of February 18, 2024*

Parishioners: \$2,559.00

Visitors: \$1,357.00

Ash Wednesday: \$1,081.00

### *Welcome!*

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,

No matter what your current family or marital situation,

No matter what your past or present situation,

No matter what your personal history, age, background or race,

No matter what your own self image or self-esteem.

You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved,

And respected at Immaculate Conception Church!

**We are so happy to have you here!**

### Daily Readings

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| Monday:    | Dn 9:4b-10, /Lk 6:36-38                        |
| Tuesday:   | Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12                     |
| Wednesday: | Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28                      |
| Thursday:  | Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31                       |
| Friday:    | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| Saturday:  | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32            |
| Sunday:    | Ex 20:1-17, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 4:5-42           |

### Pray for Our Sick



Joane Anderson, Vee Anzalone, Jane Barbieri, Marcia Buompensiero, Marilyn Breanna, Shelley Cargill, Lyn Carruthers, Reginald Custodio, Antonia Diaz, Bob Doyle, Adele Dunne, Emmie Falco, Arline Fisch, Julie Fish, Olive Glorioso, Karen Houck, Shirley Ilog, Maria Cantu Hernandez, Maria Ellen Hernandez, Josie Hipolito, Donna Cruz Jones, Renee Hovanec, Sylvia Kelly, Christine Ketcham, **Katherine Kamrath**, Esther Lax, DeMarise McCorkle, David Millner, Ardith Moore, Jeff Morris, Grace Mulvanity, Madison Neola, Stephanie Ng, Angelica Ortega, Ann Orwig, Marilyn Rasmussen, Rene Milbauer Rice, Veronica Romo, Anyssa Sanchez, John Schaefer, Rita Tarango, Linda Thompson, William Tucker, Marie Wagner, Marie Whitman.

### TAIZÉ PRAYER DURING LENT



All are invited to take part in Taizé Prayer on each

**Wednesday of Lent at**

**6:30 p.m.** This beautiful prayer consists of short songs like "Jesus Remember Me", prayerful silence, and scripture readings to guide the focus of our prayer in a candlelit church. Take time away from your busy schedule to pause in quiet for 30 or 40 minutes to let the Lord touch your heart.



**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?  
DON'T BE SHY! JOIN THE CHOIR!**



Music has a unique and indispensable role to play in the celebrations of our faith community. It takes time to prepare music well. And so, choir members volunteer their time and talent for the good of the worshipping community. Liturgical musicians give their best to inspire the assembly and to lead the assembly in song—the servant of our common prayer. Being part of the choir is a rewarding experience and lots of fun!

If you like to sing, please join us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for rehearsals and on Sundays at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our parish has many opportunities to share the gifts that God has given to us. So, let your light shine! Give praise to God in song!

**For further information, please call Fr. Vince at 619-295-4141, ext. 102.**

**2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
THE CASE: CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

**Love.**

Walk into any classroom in our Catholic schools across San Diego and Imperial counties and you will see this Catholic value on display everywhere.

With small class sizes, each student gets the personal attention he or she needs. The students thrive in this safe, nurturing environment, performing at or above state academic standards. Schools offer a STEM curriculum to prepare students for 21st-century careers. And many offer enrichment opportunities in technology, music and sports.

Teachers and administrators love the opportunity to work in partnership with parents to ensure their children reach their full potential. And they value the diocese's investment in professional development.

Every school is committed to doing all it can to make a Catholic education accessible to as many families as possible.

Your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal is central to all of this work, enabling Catholic schools to not only prepare students to succeed

**PARISH BREAKFAST  
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

You are invited to volunteer to join the committee that is in formation to re-introduce the monthly Sunday breakfast for parishioners. The committee is looking for adult parishioners willing to serve as: Cooks, servers, dishwashers, set-up, shoppers for supplies. If you are interested, contact the parish office...

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**CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH  
AND ST. PATRICK!  
Sunday, March 17, 2024 after all the Masses!**

All are invited to share in the beautiful St. Joseph Table right after all the morning Masses on Sunday, March 17th. The St. Joseph Table is adorned with beautiful artwork, candles, and flowers and, most of all, your donated and delicious baked goods for sale! Please sign up in the courtyard or in the hall after Mass today to bring some of your favorite homemade goodies. Please wrap and price them. In keeping with the tradition of the St. Joseph Table, all proceeds will serve the needs of the poor!

St. Joseph, pray for us! St. Patrick, pray for us!

academically, but also to serve as future active members of the Church.

This is how one eighth-grader at a school in the diocese described her experience:

"The most important thing I learned from my years in Catholic school is that your faith can help you through anything, that it's your greatest superpower. I've been taught that you can use your faith to help others in ways that could change their lives. Catholic school has been extremely important in shaping me into the person I am today, and I can't imagine where I would be without it."





### **TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**

6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent.  
Begins February 21 and ends March 20

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

12:10 p.m. on Fridays in Lent.  
Begins February 16 and ends March 22

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:**

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:00 p.m., March 28

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday of the Passion of the Lord  
3:00 p.m., March 29

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

Easter Vigil  
8:00 p.m., March 30

### **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Masses at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m.

### **"Prayer and Practice for Lectors!"**

#### **Mondays of Lent - 6:30 PM in the church**

Please check your schedule to see when you are reading and kindly plan to attend the evening practice on the Monday before your scheduled date as a reader. *"Your words are spirit and life, O Lord, richer than gold, stronger than death. Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting."*

(A hymn by Bernadette Farrell)



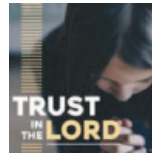
### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Join us in the parish hall for coffee and donuts after the 8:30 or 10:00 Sunday morning Mass. Come to welcome visitors and new parishioners, and enjoy conversations with others.

## MARCH 5 ELECTIONS

Immaculate Conception's parish hall has been selected as a polling site for the **March 5** Elections. During non-voting hours, there is NO access to the hall by parishioners, staff and ministry volunteers. Only poll workers are authorized to be in the hall during non-voting hours.

The hall will be closed to all persons, except poll workers, beginning Thursday, February 29, 2024 through Monday, March 4, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

— Father John Muir

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