

# CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

## 1040 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS

### BELMONT, CALIFORNIA 94002

#### MASS TIMES

##### Monday through Saturday:

7:40 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
8:00 AM Mass  
Rosary Following Mass

##### Sunday Obligation

5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil)  
7:30 AM  
9:30 AM  
11:30 AM

##### First Friday Holy Hour

7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Exposition, Meditation &  
Benediction of the Blessed  
Sacrament

##### Bulletin Deadline:

10:00 AM Tuesday

February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Mark Mazza.....Pastor  
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#### BAPTISMS:

Parents wishing to baptize children should call the Parish Office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our Baptismal Preparation Program. Please call two months before you wish the Baptism. The preparation may be done before the birth of the child.

#### MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made six months before the tentative date of the marriage by calling the Parish Office.

#### ANOINTING THE SICK:

This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital is located, through the nursing station.

#### COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member cannot attend Sunday Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist at home during the week.

#### NEWCOMERS:

Welcome to our community. You are invited to register in the parish on each 2nd Sunday of the month in the vestibule after Mass, by coming to the Parish Office during regular business hours, or by completing a "Welcome Card" found in the pamphlet rack at the entrance of the Church and mailing it to the Parish Office.

#### R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which adults prepare to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### PENANCE:

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm or at other times by appointment.

*Right is right even if no one is doing it. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.*

Let us love one another!

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Many times we hear or read about a person's last will and testament. I imagine that many actually do get around to leaving some parting words after putting in order their financial affairs before leaving this world. I suppose it might even be videotaped. What will you write or what have you written or videotaped? How is it possible to sum up what really matters most to those who come after us? It seems that words are always inadequate, but nevertheless we grapple with them to best say what is in our mind, heart, and soul. At funerals I have often advised those who give eulogies that no one can sum up a life even in the best words, but they should just speak from the heart about the one loved so much. I believe that often the Holy Spirit steps in to enlighten mind and heart about what best to say.

Every word of Jesus in the Scriptures touches us deeply because He speaks to us from His relationship with His heavenly Father. Nothing is fake. He speaks always with love for each of us with words we need to hear. He touches us, heart to heart, with words of love. He is sincere in order to reach us in the most efficacious way possible. Since He wants to save us for all eternity, He tells it like it is.

In the passage from the Gospel of St. Luke (6:27-38), He has much to convey to us with these simple words: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies. . ." Then He elaborates this point to make clear His teaching. There can be no doubt what He means. Here is a basic truth. Though we must be prudent in our dealings with others, true love means forgiving those who seem to be or actually are our enemies. If we start with this foundation then a mighty edifice of love is built over time, since forgiving others can be very, very hard. Yet we know that authentic Godly love bears abundant fruit for the sake of the kingdom. Isn't this what we really want? We crave to love and be loved.

From the Cross, Jesus cried out (Luke 23:34): "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do; (Pater, dimitte illis: non enim sciunt quid faciunt)." Also, hanging next to Jesus on a cross, St. Dismas called out to the crucified Lord (Luke 23:42): "Lord, remember me when Thou shalt come into Thy kingdom (Domine, memento mei cum veneris in regnum tuum)." Jesus replied simply (Luke 23:43): "Amen, I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in Paradise; (Amen, dico tibi; hodie mecum eris in paradiso)." How many souls must have been saved over the centuries taking to heart these words of hope? Finally, when Jesus taught us to pray in the Our Father, he asked us to pray thus: "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; (Et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris)."

Here is a clumsy last testament. I'm sure you could do better than what I have written. Nevertheless, here are my poor words in a yet unfinished attempt: "I admit I am a poor sinner, therefore I throw myself on the mercy of God. My loving Father never failed to forgive me for which I am eternally grateful. I loved with all my heart, but I know that I could have loved more. I am humbled by those who loved me in spite of my many sins. Dear family and friends, please love one another, come what may. I beg forgiveness from those I have sinned against, especially if I have failed to make amends because of spiritual blindness. In the end all that remains is God's love that endures forever and ever. Please pray for the repose of my soul through the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and through other prayers. May we merrily meet in Heaven" (St. Thomas More). Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. We all need it, don't we?

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Fr. Mark G. Mazza, Pastor

P.S. March is the Month of St. Joseph, patron of Fathers, workers, contemplatives, the dying, and the Church. The Litany of St. Joseph will be prayed when possible after Masses in March.

**PRAY FOR:**

- Those who have died, and especially those who have no one to pray for them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
- Those who are newly baptized: May God always be present to him and may he continue to grow in “age, wisdom and grace.”
- Peace in our world, for those who serve our country, at home and overseas; for all who suffer in any way due to war and civil disturbance, that God will assist all people toward reconciliation and peace.
- Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, that God will assist them in their need. Especially, Valerie Abbey, Bob Ahrens, Tom Anderson, Joe Andreano, Fernando Arguello, Ron Barri, James Carvalho, Jorge Castillo, Margaret Charlton, Joselina Deladingco, Grace Delagnes, Reese Derryman, Julie Fletcher, Roy Fong, Dennis Frazier, Manny Galvez, Barbara Gartner, Greta Gipson-Lewis, Queen Gipson, Silva Guerbidjian, Griselda Guevara-MacDonald, Gary Harder, Anna Herdtler, Henry Jacquemet, Leota Jones, Torin Jones, Maria Latham, Patrick Lobo, Jacob Loeffler, Vicki Logan, Rosemarie Maffei, Kevin Mapes, Carol Mateus, John McEvoy, Ken McQueen, Jesse Montalvo, Donna Moynihan, John Nguyen, Pauline & Jerome Oppenheim, Arlene Penn, Betsy H. Pereira, Elizabeth Pugh, James Pugh, Joshua Pugh, Chris Quigg, Joel Rivera, Ron Rosso, Adrian Sanchez, Joseph Sangervasi, Brooke Seim, Bill Selenger, Lisa Stasiak, Ofelia Vallejo, Paulette Volante, Marc Weiss, Mary Ellen Weiss, Justin & Jennifer Wells & Family, Ted Wolfe, and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE  
& INTENTIONS**

- Feb 23 Sat.-** *Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*  
**8:00am – Socorro Yniguez-Gallo**  
**5:00pm – Marjorie Sanders**
- Feb 24 Sun.-** *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**7:30am – Doris Lawrence**  
**9:30am – People of the Parish**  
**11:30am – Joe Sarti**
- Feb 25 Mon.-** *Weekday*  
**8:00am –**
- Feb 26 Tue.-** *Weekday*  
**8:00am – Bill and Ruth Paalua**
- Feb 27 Wed.-** *Weekday*  
**8:00am – Claire McVay**
- Feb 28 Thu.-** *Weekday*  
**8:00am – Stacy Hackett**
- Mar 1 Fri.-** *First Friday*  
**8:00am – Mary Frances Carroll**
- Mar 2 Sat.-** *First Saturday*  
**8:00am – Lilia Torre**  
**5:00pm – Christopher Beltrame**
- Mar 3 Sun.-** *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**7:30am --**  
**9:30am – People of the Parish**  
**11:30am – Caterina Svevo**  
**5:00pm – Latin Mass**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Collection for weekend of 02-17-19: \$4,829.00  
Second Collection for weekend of 02-17-19: \$1,664.00



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

All youth in grades 5 – 12 who have received First Eucharist are invited to be part of this important Ministry!

**The last session of the New Server Training will be held on**

**Wed. afternoon, Feb 27, at 3:30 pm in the Church.** Special commissioning for all servers who complete the training will be Sunday, March 3 at the 9:30 am Mass. Please see the full details in the yellow flier.



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**PREPARE FOR EASTER IN A SPECIAL WAY THIS YEAR.**

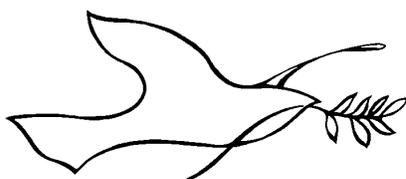
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **May 17-19, 2019 in San Jose, CA and Aug 9-11, 2019 in San Francisco, CA.** For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org), or contact Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or at 408-782-1413.

**READINGS for Mar. 2, 3, 2019**

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7 (84C)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



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You know well that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, age 24



## DISCOVERY ROOM NEWS

The Mass holds the place of the supreme act of worship in the Church. We will have an opportunity to more deeply appreciate it during our upcoming parish small group study this Lent. Meanwhile take a look at all the other resources we have to learn about the Mass in the Discovery Room today after Mass. And be sure to grab some goodies and coffee too!



## Christian Education

### KICK-OFF FOR OUR LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY IS NEXT WEEK!

Plan to stay after Mass next week for refreshments and the kick-off session of our Lenten 2019 study program!

Our parish will be launching an exciting **Catholic Study program on the Mass for Lent 2019** taught by one of the most effective Catholic evangelists today, Bishop Robert Barron. Last year in the parish survey we asked for an opportunity to learn more about our faith and to share with each other. This is it! Our kick-off is the weekend of March 2/3 when we will have an opportunity to view the first teaching video, "A Privileged Encounter". This will be shown in St. Michael's Hall after all the Masses (including Saturday evening) so we can get a flavor of what the series is like. The next 5 videos in the series will be experienced in a small group, so we can dig deeper into the content and apply what we are learning. Can't make it to the kick-off to see the first video? No worries! The first video (not the rest) is actually available free online, [mass.wordonfire.org](http://mass.wordonfire.org). And you will learn plenty from the subsequent videos in your small group even if you haven't seen the first one. Sign-up for the small groups, offered at various times, can be made on the paper registration form in the today's bulletin, or next week at the kick-off session, or online at [ihmbelmont.org/smallgroup-study](http://ihmbelmont.org/smallgroup-study). There is no charge.

For questions please call or email Sam or Laura Hutkins, [hutkins@comcast.net](mailto:hutkins@comcast.net) or (650) 591-0194.

### What can you find on the IHM Website?

How you can participate in your parish community!

- Learn more about all our different ministries on our Ministries pages
- Learn about our Parish and Community Outreach Organization on the Community\Parish & Community Outreach page
- Volunteer online at Community\Volunteer page

*...all at your fingertips. Check it out at [ihmbelmont.org](http://ihmbelmont.org)!*



## CELEBRATE IHM LIFE 2019

You are invited to join the volunteers who produce our May 11<sup>th</sup> Gala. Blue volunteer forms are on the vestibule table. The green flyer lists committees and their chairmen. You may also sign up for the various community events throughout the year. You will be contacted. We need you to celebrate IHM Life through 2019. Questions? Please call General Chairman Gloria Oswald 650-591-4719. Mass speakers today will describe Auction Gifts and event Catalog ad opportunities. 350 gifts comprise our auctions. 15 are on the Live Auction.



## EARLY EVENT MAY 11 GALA RESERVATIONS

Early reservations extend through March 1 at \$110 per person. The evening's festivities include a 3 course gourmet Dinner (guest entré choice) with wines, drawings, Silent and Live Auctions, DJ Music and Dancing, plus delightful surprises. Reservations may be made online at [ihmbelmont.org/auction](http://ihmbelmont.org/auction). Early reservation forms with special guest incentives are on the vestibule table. **Enjoy our grand 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction, Dinner Dance and Grand Drawing!**



## WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Space to unwind to get in touch with God, yourself, and reality

- \* An opportunity to be free from the stress of daily demands
- \* Silence for reflection \* Physical rest and spiritual renewal
- \* A new outlook on life \* Nature walks in the redwood

What a great way to start your LENTEN journey! Come join us for a silent women's retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains at St. Clare's Retreat House, March 8-10. Topic – "From Eve to Mary: The Promise of Redemption Fulfilled." Fr. John Boyle will be the presenter. Reservations can be made by contacting St. Clare's at (831)-423-8093 or [stclaresretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:stclaresretreatcenter@gmail.com). For further information, you may contact Joanne Davis – 650-595-2714.