

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
1040 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS
BELMONT, CALIFORNIA 94002

CURRENT MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses
 Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:30 am
 Reservations required.

Traditional Latin Mass
 Sunday 4:00 pm
 Reservations required.

Reservations can be made on our website at:
www.ihmbelmont.org

Masses are held outdoors – in front of the Parish Center.

February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Mark Mazza.....Pastor
 Rev. Rufino Gepiga.....Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Mr. Henry Jacquemet.....Permanent Deacon
 Rev. Mr. Steven G. Hackett.....Permanent Deacon
 Rev. Mr. Leon P. KortenkampPermanent Deacon
 Mrs. Andrea Harville.....School Principal
 Mrs. Robyn Lang.....Director of Religious Education
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 Ms. Terri Lee Craib.....Parish Secretary
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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.

ANOIDNTING THE SICK:

This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Please contact the Parish Office for current protocols. 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 for current protocols.

NEWCOMERS:

Welcome to our community. You may register online at ihmbelmont.org/contactus or by calling 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: By appointment. Please call the Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, this coming week, the Catholic Church throughout the world will begin the solemn season of prayer, fasting, penance, and almsgiving known as Lent. I like to recall that the word “Lent”, used only in the English-speaking world, goes back to the ancient Anglo-Saxon days. “Lent” is similar to the word “lengthening” which refers to the time of longer days or what we call Spring. Thus, Lent is springtime for our souls. It is that special time of year when through His Church Jesus calls each of us to His Way: to take up the Cross and follow Him. The Lord Himself personally invites each soul to enter more fully into the great mystery of His death and resurrection.

In conversation, some speak about the traditional practices of Lent as if they live only in the past, in quaint memories of yesteryear. I have even heard some say that they observe a “modern” Lent, which leaves off penance and even prayer and focuses only on works of charity. What is the correct way to think about Lent? The tradition of the Church will always offer to men and women of good will the tried and true means and methods utilized by the saints who have gone before us and those who are striving to be saints today. It is the Way of Our Lord Jesus Christ set down for the ages. Therefore, an authentic, complete, Catholic Lent, must involve prayer, penance, and almsgiving, not just one or the other or nothing at all. Saint Pope John Paul II, who was beatified in May 2011 and canonized a saint in April of 2014, mirrored all three in his heroic, holy life. We are called by name to do the same; using the identical, certain means, the Church places before us to attain the desired result of union with God on earth in anticipation of eternal happiness with Him in heaven.

Please take a few moments now during these days before Lent to formulate your Lenten plan. Prayerfully, in your heart of hearts, look at your life in the light of the teachings and demands of Christ and His Church; and then formulate, even in writing, your personal Lenten program. Do this right now before you forget! Don't delay! Time is fleeting! Then as you receive the blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday begin your holy Lenten journey to Easter. No Lent, no real Easter! No cross, no crown, no glory! May you have the best Lent of your life!

Please note our schedule for Ash Wednesday Masses and services in the bulletin/website. You will also find there ways to make a better Lent.

Let us rise up and enthusiastically respond to the Lord who calls out: “Repent and believe in the Gospel. Now is the time of fulfillment!”

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 14th

**Matthew Langley
For the People**

Monday, February 15th

Juliana Mesa

Tuesday, February 16th

Antonia DeZuzuarregui

Wednesday, February 17th *Ash Wednesday*

Geraldine Morrissey

Thursday, February 18th

Lenny Sanfilippo

Friday, February 19th

Stacey R. Bales

Saturday, February 20th

**Lisa Stasiak
Denyse Boulton**

Please note: Mass Intentions scheduled at a time when Mass is not being held in public will be fulfilled privately by a Priest.

LIGHT A CANDLE

“...(t)he light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5)

Do you want a place, in your heart and soul, in your home to simply break away and discern the Lord's direction and strength in the midst of each week of Lent? Deacon Steve will lead a virtual Lenten reflection series each Wednesday of Lent from 7 to 8 pm. For more information, go to **ihmbelmont.org**.

PARISH NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY Worship

Due to the pandemic, this year **all blessed ashes will be sprinkled on the top of the head without touching.** They will not be put on the forehead as in the past. All services will take place in front of the Parish Center, weather permitting.

9:00 AM - Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes (No Mass)

12:00 PM - Mass of Ash Wednesday and distribution of ashes

5:00PM - Traditional Latin Low Mass preceded by the blessing and distribution of ashes

7:00PM - Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes (No Mass)

Weekday Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 AM in front of the Church from February 18th through March 30th.

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Family Lent Day!

Lent is beginning soon!

As we prepare to change seasons, you are invited to a fun family event to help get us ready for Lent!

Join us this afternoon, February 14 at 2:00 pm for a virtual event to explore our Lenten traditions and how they help us prepare our hearts, minds and homes for Easter.

This event will be livestreamed from our parish Facebook page and Parish website. No reservation required!

<https://www.facebook.com/ihmbelmont>

<https://ihmbelmont.org>

SCHOOL NEWS

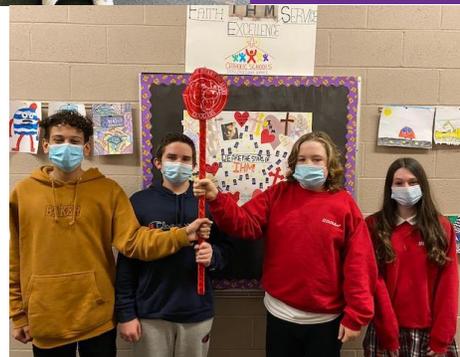


CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WAS A SUCCESS!

Congratulations to the 8th Grade who won the School Spirit Stick for creating the “Best Catholic Schools Week Themed Poster”. Congratulations are also in order for 5th Grade for creating the “Best CSW Parent Poster”. The 3rd Grade won the “Most Spirited CSW Class Award”! The students enjoyed all of the fun activities of CSW and especially enjoyed the Minute- to-Win-It Games and the special Dress Days! I am so proud of our students who are **Faithful, Excellent and Serve!**



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21



In Christ,

Mrs. Harville, M.S.Ed.

**Our next School Mass is on February 20th
at 5pm for the 3rd Graders!**