



# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THIRTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 15, 2020



*are you who fear the Lord,  
who walk in his ways!*

*Psalms 128*

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**Mass Intentions**

Sun., Nov. 15 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 5:15 Vigil - †Raymond Perry  
 8:30 - People of Immaculate Conception  
 10:00 - †William & Lucille Brown  
 11:30 - Priest's Intentions

Mon., Nov. 16 - Weekday  
 †Mr. & Mrs. Vincent O'Donnell

Tues., Nov. 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
 Julie Fishman, SI

Wed., Nov. 18 - Weekday  
 †Elli O'Donnell Lorch

Thurs., Nov. 19 - Weekday  
 Priest's Intentions

Fri., Nov. 20 - Weekday  
 Nguyen Huynh Family, SI

Sat., Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed  
 Virgin Mary  
 8:00 AM - Seminarians Worldwide

**Daily Readings**

Monday: RV 1:1-4, 2:1-5, LK 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: RV 3:1-6, 14-22, LK 191-10  
 Wednesday: RV 4:1-11, LK 19:11-28  
 Thursday: RV 5:1-10, LK 19:41-44  
 Friday: RV 10:8-11, LK 19:45-48  
 Saturday: RV 11:4-12, LK 20:27-40  
 Sunday: EZ 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 COR 15:20-26, 28,  
 MT 25:31-46

**Pray for Our Sick**

Joane Anderson, Karla Benitez, Rev. James Boyd,  
 Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi, Dominic Castagnola,  
 Reginald Custodio, Joanne Daleo, Michael Denny,  
 Dawn Desimone, Adela Diaz, Adele Dunne, Julie  
 Fish, Ardell Haskins, Gloria Heuer, Ditas Ibarra,  
 Shirley Ilog, Donna Cruz Jones, Ricardo  
 Hernandez, Olivia Ingram, Grace Mulvanity,  
 Stephanie Ng, Ann Orwig, Peter Salmon, Tom  
 Sapien, Crystal Spera, Nancy Stodgell, Marie  
 Whitman, Barbara Wingler.

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 AM

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 PM  
 Sunday: 8:30 AM\*, 10:00 AM (outdoors), 11:30 AM  
 \*also live-streamed

Holy Day Masses: To be announced.

Reconciliation: After weekday morning Mass and by appointment.

Baptisms: By appointment only. Please contact Deacon Robert Fitzmorris to make arrangements.

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.  
 Parish Office: 619-295-4141

Please pray for the repose of the souls of  
 †Raymond Perry, brother of Betty Dennis  
 and  
 †David Fleming, long-time parishioner.

**RECONCILIATION**

Confessions may be heard on Sundays between 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. See one of the ushers who will escort you to the priest. One can also ask the priest for

Deacon Robert Fitzmorris, Parish Administrator  
 rfitzmorris@sandiegodeacon.com  
 619-997-9063

Fr. Garrett Galvin, OFM, Liaison to the Parish  
 Fr. Joseph Chinnici, OFM, in residence  
 Fr. Anthony Garibaldi, OFM, Mission San Luis Rey  
 Parish email:  
 parish@immaculate-conception-sandiego.org



**Nov. 1, 2020  
COLLECTION  
\$4,055.00**

**EXPENSES: Nov. 2-6**

Flowers	\$41.70
Maintenance Supplies	\$62.14
Ministry Supplies	\$439.20
Office Supplies	43.09
Payroll (incl. taxes)	\$3,604.67
Payroll Service	\$42.80
Waste Disposal	\$551.57

**Total: \$4,785.17**

**CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE**

Mass inside the Church  
Daily at 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 5:15 p.m., Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Mass outdoors in the Courtyard  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**COURTYARD BRICKS**

Customized Brick and Bench tops are available by order at the Parish Office or on the parish website. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the Immaculate Conception Building Maintenance Fund.

**New Bulletin Publisher**

C&M Publications regrets that they are closing their publishing service. LPi will become our new bulletin publisher within the next 15-30 days. LPi has offered to email our bulletin to parishioners at no cost. If you are interested in receiving the bulletin via email, please email your request to parish@immaculate-conception-sandiego.org and we will add you to our list of recipients.



*Serra Gifts...*

**STORE HOURS**

Thursday & Friday 1:30-4:30 pm  
Saturday 11 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday 11 am - 5:00 pm

New Items

Magnificat Advent Companion  
St. Joseph Sunday Missal 2021  
Devotional Oils

The gift shop would like to be open 5-6 days a week, but we need volunteers to do so. Income from the gift shop helps to support our parish which has experienced a loss of income during the pandemic. If you are able to volunteer once a week (or more), please contact Linda at 619-295-4141, ext. 104.

**2020  
COLLECTION FOR  
NATIONAL NEEDS  
NOVEMBER 21-22**

These envelopes are sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and are available at the Shrine of San Diego. Please use the special envelope provided for the collection.



Collection  
for  
National Needs

Next weekend has been designated for the 2020 Collection for National Needs. Special envelopes are available for the collection which supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America.

The special envelopes are stapled to this week's bulletin. Please be as generous as you can and return the designated envelopes with your donation next weekend. Please make checks payable to Immaculate Conception Church. If you mail in your donation, please designate National Needs on the memo line.

## President of U.S. Bishops' Conference Issues Statement on 2020 Presidential Election

**NOVEMBER 7, 2020 BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE**

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued the following statement on the 2020 presidential election:

We thank God for the blessings of liberty. The American people have spoken in this election. Now is the time for our leaders to come together in a spirit of national unity and to commit themselves to dialogue and compromise for the common good. As Catholics and Americans, our priorities and mission are clear. We are here to follow Jesus Christ, to bear witness to His love in our lives, and to build His Kingdom on earth. I believe that at this moment in American history, Catholics have a special duty to be peacemakers, to promote fraternity and mutual trust, and to pray for a renewed spirit of true patriotism in our country. Democracy requires that all of us conduct ourselves as people of virtue and self-discipline. It requires that we respect the free expression of opinions and that we treat one another with charity and civility, even as we might disagree deeply in our debates on matters of law and public policy. As we do this, we recognize that Joseph R. Biden, Jr., has received enough votes to be elected the 46th President of the United States. We congratulate Mr. Biden and acknowledge that he joins the late President John F. Kennedy as the second United States president to profess the Catholic faith. We also congratulate Sen. Kamala D. Harris of California, who becomes the first woman ever elected as vice president. We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of this great nation, to intercede for us. May she help us to work together to fulfill the beautiful vision of America's missionaries and founders — one nation under God, where the sanctity of every human life is defended and freedom of conscience and religion are guaranteed.

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF  
CATHOLIC BISHOPS

## LIVE STREAM MASS

The Church of the Immaculate Conception is providing live stream and recordings of the live streams in two ways.

1) On the [Franciscan School of Theology on the YouTube Channel called FST EDU1](#). During this Covid-19 Shelter in Place period please visit the YouTube Channel to see all opportunities for viewing.

2) On the parish website [www.immaculae-conception-sandiego.org](http://www.immaculae-conception-sandiego.org). Simply click on the photo (shown here).



**Updated equipment has been installed and the live stream has high quality picture and sound.**

**Other Franciscan lectures are available on the YouTube Channel called FST EDU1. Topics include:**

- **Contemplative Prayer**
- **Mercy: The Distinct Justice**
- **Renewal: The Catholic Church Today**
- **Conversion & Call: Returning to Our Catholic Roots**

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SCHOOL

In celebration of Discovering Catholic Schools Week 2020, please join us for the St. Vincent de Paul School's Open House on Sunday, November 15, 2020, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. We are accepting applications for both St. Vincent's Preschool 2 -5 Year Olds & St. Vincent's School, offering Kindergarten - 8th Grade. St. Vincent's School offers both on campus in-person learning 5 days a week as well as a distance learning program, if preferred. Please visit [www.svscatholic.org](http://www.svscatholic.org) to reserve an appointment time. All COVID-19 safety precautions will be observed. If you cannot make the Open House, please contact the school office for an individual tour at 619-296-2222 or Preschool 619-296-2261. Come learn what it means to be a part of the Viking family! Catholic Schools: Learn.Serve.Lead.Succeed

### Mass Intentions

Do you have a deceased loved one or a friend or relative who is in need of prayers. Consider a Mass intention. Mail your stipend of \$10 per Mass (checks only please) along with the name of the person and indicate whether person is living or deceased. The Mass intention will be scheduled on the first available date and a confirmation will be mailed to you.

Questions: Please call the parish office.

Diocesan offices and Catholic Charities are collaborating with the State of California to disseminate emergency preparedness information.

Our parish, the Diocese of San Diego and Catholic Charities of San Diego encourage you to

#### Be Disaster Ready

Get alerts – to know what to do  
 Make a plan – to protect your people  
 Pack – a bag with things you need  
 Build – a Stay Box for when you can't leave  
 Help – friends and neighbors get ready

We are excited to announce the next lecture of the Fall Series will be offered on November 19.

Joseph Chinnici, OFM

### Does Pope Francis' Encyclical Address the Political Culture of the United States?

To register early, go to [fstnews@fst.edu](mailto:fstnews@fst.edu) or visit [www.fst.edu](http://www.fst.edu).

The lecture series is free of charge.

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### Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Feast Day—  
**November 17**



Elizabeth's short life was nonetheless full; she had a happy marriage and children, was a secular Franciscan, and was so devoted to the poor and sick that she gave away royal robes and founded hospitals. The daughter of a Hungarian king, Elizabeth married a nobleman of Thuringia, Louis, at age 14. He complained about the expense of her many charities until he witnessed a miracle involving Elizabeth, bread and roses. After he died during a Crusade, she became a Third Order Franciscan at Marburg, Germany, where she founded a hospital to care for the sick. Elizabeth, who was declared a saint in 1235, is the patron of bakers, young brides, widows, those falsely accused, countesses and secular Franciscans.

Catholic Current

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"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new center. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you."

Venerable Fulton Sheen



## THE REAL PRESENCE

**RON ROLHEISER, OMI**

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

When I was a graduate student in Belgium, I was privileged one day to sit in on a conference given by Cardinal Godfried Danneels of Brussels. He was commenting on the Eucharist and our lack of understanding of its full richness when he highlighted this contrast: If you stood outside of a Roman Catholic church today as people were coming out of the church and asked them: "Was that a good Eucharist?"; most everyone would answer on the basis of the homily and the music. If the homily was interesting and the music lively, most people would answer that it had been a good Eucharist. Now, he continued, if you had stood outside a Roman Catholic church sixty or seventy years ago and asked: "Was that a good mass today?" nobody would have even understood the question. They would have answered something to the effect of: "Aren't they all the same!"

Today our understanding of the Eucharist, in Roman Catholic circles and indeed in most Protestant and Anglican circles, is very much concentrated on three things: the liturgy of the Word, the music, and communion. Moreover, in Roman Catholic churches, we speak of the real presence only in reference to the last element, the presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

While none of this is wrong, the liturgy of the word, the music, and communion are important, something is missing in this understanding. It misses the fact that the real presence is not just in the bread and wine, it is also in the liturgy of the Word and in the salvific event that is recalled in the Eucharistic prayer, namely, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Most churchgoers already recognize that when the scriptures are celebrated in a liturgical service God's presence is made special, more physically tangible, than God's normal presence everywhere or God's presence inside our private prayer. The Word of God, when celebrated in a church is, like Christ's presence in the consecrated bread and wine, also the real presence.

But there's a further element that's less understood: The Eucharist doesn't just make a person present; it also makes an event present. We participate in the Eucharist not just to receive Christ in communion, but also to participate in the major salvific event of his life, his death and resurrection.

What's at issue here?

At the Last Supper, Jesus invited his followers to continue to meet and celebrate the Eucharist "in memory of me". But his use of the word "memory" and our use of that word are very different. For us "memory" is a weaker word. It simply means calling something to mind, remembering an event like the birth of your child, your wedding day, or the game when your favorite sports team finally won the championship. That's a simple remembering, a passing recollection. It can stir deep feelings but it does nothing more. Whereas in the Hebrew concept out of which Jesus was speaking, memory, making ritual remembrance of something, implied much more than simply recalling something. To remember something was not simply to nostalgically recall it. Rather it meant to recall and ritually re-enact it so as to make it present again in a real way.

For example, that's how the Passover Supper is understood within Judaism. The Passover meal recalls the Exodus from Egypt and the miraculous passing through the Red Sea into freedom. The idea is that one generation, led by Moses, did this historically, but that by re-enacting that event ritually, in the Passover Meal, the event is made present again, in a real way, for those at table to experience.

The Eucharist is the same, except that the saving event we re-enact so as to remake it present through ritual is the death and resurrection of Jesus, the new Exodus. Our Christian belief here is exactly the same as that of our Jewish brothers and sisters, namely, that we are not just remembering an event, we are actually making it present to participate in. The Eucharist, parallel to a Jewish Passover meal, remakes present the central saving event in Christian history, namely, Jesus' Passover from death to life in the Paschal mystery. And just as the consecrated bread and wine give us the real presence of Christ, the Eucharist also gives us the real presence of the central saving event in our history, Jesus' passage from death to life.

Thus at a Eucharist, there are, in effect, three real presences: Christ is really present in the Word, namely, the scriptures, the preaching, and the music. Christ is really present in the consecrated bread and wine; they are his body and blood. And Christ is really present in a saving event: Jesus' sacrificial passing from death to life. And so we go to Eucharist not just to be brought into community by Jesus' word and to receive Jesus in communion, we go there too to enter into the saving event of his death and resurrection. The real presence is in both a person and in an event.

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# “African American Spirituality in the American Catholic Church”



Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

**12:30 p.m. at The Immaculata Church**

(livestream will also be available)



**Deacon Marvin Threatt, PhD,**

Pastoral Associate, Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics

Join us in celebrating *Black Catholic History Month* with a special talk by Deacon Marvin Threatt. We have the opportunity to learn about the spirituality, philosophy, values, vision and desires of our Black Catholic brothers and sisters. We will also learn how challenging it is to cope, survive, and maintain emotional and psychological stability in the face of difficulties caused by racial injustice and inequalities as an African American Catholic.

**To register for this no-cost talk contact Laura at [lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu](mailto:lmartinspencer@sandiego.edu).**

*“We in the Catholic Community must seize upon this moment as transformative and enduring.” -Bishop McElroy*

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