



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 3, 2021



From Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Clovis, CA

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Mass Intentions

Oct. 2 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil
People of Immaculate Conception

Oct. 3 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 †Remedios Cruz
10:00 -Victor de la Fuente, SI
11:30 - †Nancy Crudo

Oct. 4 - St. Francis of Assisi
Marilyn Breanna, SI

Oct. 5 - Weekday
†Donald Goodman

Oct. 6 - Weekday
†Lazaro Gregorio

Oct. 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
†Richard Anthony Salmon

Oct. 8 - Weekday
Victor de la Fuente, SI

Oct. 9 - Weekday
Jean Ryan, SI

If you wish to request a Mass intention for a family member or friend, contact the parish office.

Daily Readings

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11, Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b, Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21, Lk 11-27-28

Sunday: Wis: 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30

Pray for Our Sick

Alex & Toni Alvarez, Joane Anderson, Susan Besecker, **Marilyn Breanna**, Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi, Dominic Castagnola, Reginald Custodio, Joanne Daleo, Michael Denny, Arline Fisch, Julie Fish, Christopher Haskins, Donna Hovanec, Shirley Ilog, Donna Cruz Jones, Patricia Haase, Jim Harris, Ricardo Hernandez, Olivia Ingram, Liam McNichol, Ardith Moore, Grace Mulvanity, Madison Neola, Stephanie Ng, Ann Orwig, John F. Phelan, Rene Milbauer Rice, Anyssa Sanchez, Tom Sapien, Crystal Spera, Rita Tarango, Linda Thompson, Teresa Tingle, Teresa Tolan, 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, 11:30 AM

*live-streamed & open to attendees

Holy Day Masses: To be announced.

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.
Parish Office: 619-295-4141

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.

FR. GARRETT GALVIN, OFM
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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IN RESIDENCE:
FR. JOSEPH CHINNICI, OFM,
FR. MICHAEL BLASTIC, OFM
BR. MOISES GUTIERREZ RIVAS

Offering. Gifts received Sept. 25-26:
An Act of Worship.

Parishioners: \$2,654.00

Visitors: \$642.44

Total: \$3,296.44

40 Days for Life campaign

19,198 lives have been saved since 2007! Help save babies by praying for an end to abortion during the upcoming **40 Days for Life campaign**, Sep 22 - Oct 31, 2021. Visit <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/40-days-for-life/> for more information and to sign up for vigil hours.

Year of Amoris Laetitia Family

Pope Francis has designated the 2021-2022 year as the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, a time to celebrate the five-year anniversary of the landmark Synod on the Family and ensuing apostolic exhortation, "Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love). This year, we also commemorate the five-year anniversary of our own Synod on the Family. Please join our bishops in both San Diego County and Imperial County to celebrate the five-year anniversary of "The Joy of Love" and the movement it inspired to welcome and serve today's families. Mass will be celebrated simultaneously at 11am on Saturday, October 23 at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Scripps Ranch and at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in El Centro. At St. Gregory the Great there will also be other planned activities including a Family Rosary, Family Ministry Fair, food trucks, and activities for kids. All families and domestic churches are invited.

For more information, please contact Belen at bolivero@sdccatholic.org/858-490-8299.



DONUTS & COFFEE

Join us in the parish hall after the 8:30 or 10:00 Mass for coffee and donuts. Coffee is free and donuts are only \$1 per donut. Come and renew old friendships and make new acquaintances.

SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO

Plan on renewing old friendships and forming New ones at the monthly senior luncheon in the parish hall:



Monday, Oct. 4
Bingo: 11 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30
Bingo is free - Lunch is only \$5 per person



CELEBRATING The Joy of Love

Join us to celebrate the five-year anniversary of "The Joy of Love" (Amoris Laetitia) and the movement it inspired to welcome and serve today's families.

OCT. 23, 2021 • 11 A.M.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

11451 Blue Cypress Drive, San Diego, CA 92131

Family Rosary at 10 a.m. | Family Activities Before and After Mass



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*Celebrating St. Francis Days!**October 3rd and 4th, 2021***I. Transitus, October 3rd**

The celebration of the Transitus – or passing over in death – of St. Francis is a traditional celebration for Franciscans. After the burial of St. Francis, the brothers would gather at the tomb of Francis on the anniversary of his death to celebrate his passing over to God at the time of Compline. Compline is that hour of the day we celebrate with a kind of examination of conscience, an examination of our living and of how we have met the challenges of the day.

In some ways, death encapsulates the whole sense of a person's life. The oldest rituals of Transitus focused on Francis as both a real presence and as a model of Franciscan living. How we celebrate and remember our Founder's death speaks of how we understand the challenge of our Franciscan life today.

Transitus offers the opportunity to reflect on our "resolved and unresolved life-tasks" in the light of Francis. The simple remembering of Francis' death can accomplish this, without words of explanation or explicit examinations of conscience. We Franciscans take a public moment to remember Francis, celebrate the legacy we embrace in and with him, and recognize in the real humanness of Francis as he faced his death an opportunity to embrace our own and our sisters' and brothers' humanness as our way to God.

Transitus:**The Passing of St. Francis to Eternal Life**

A Commemoration with the Friars, Secular Franciscans, Franciscan School of Theology and Immaculate Conception Parish

Sunday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Reception following)

**II. The Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th**

The Feast of St. Francis is indeed a special one for all of us especially here in this Franciscan Community! We honor this saint because he was truly the mirror of Christ—imitating the Lord in the Gospel values of peace, love for God's creation and devotion to Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament! Come along to keep the feast in beautiful liturgical celebrations. St. Francis, pray for us!

Festive Masses on Monday, October 4th at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

(Hors d' oeuvres Reception follows the evening Mass)

"For what else are the servants of the Lord but his minstrels to lift up the hearts of all and move them to spiritual gladness?"

—St. Francis



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AFTER-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN (or Catholic-friendly)

Given by Rachel's Hope on Oct. 29-31, 2021. Professionally led. Held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Drive, San Diego. Confidentiality maintained. Closing Mass included. Group Size limited. Cost \$60; partial scholarships available. Limited housing available. "Not judged, not lectured, just healed". For information/registration call Rosemary Benefield (858) 581-3022; text (858) 752-9378 or email rachel's_hope@juno.com. Visit us on our website: www.RachelsHope.org



CALLING ALL QUILTERS! (BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED)

The parish quilting group meets each Saturday. Bring your sewing machine and unfinished projects (or begin a new one). We meet in the hall, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Face masks are required to participate.



Would You Like to be an Altar Server? Special Training Session on October 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Hello young people of grade school and high school age! Girls and boys of the parish are invited to a special training session to learn how to serve at Mass on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m. The ministry of Altar server is a very sacred and important one for the celebration of the Mass and other ceremonies. Servers assist the priest at the altar with important duties and add reverence to the Liturgy. These ministers of the altar should have received their first Holy Communion and participate in Sunday Mass on a regular basis. If you feel God is calling you to serve at the altar, please contact Fr. Vince at 619-295-4141 or at vmesi@icc-sandiego.org.

**RON ROLHEISER, OMI****GOD IS HAPPY**

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Christianity, Judaism, and Islam ultimately all believe in the same God. Interestingly, too, in the popular mind they also all tend to conceive of God in the same way, namely, as male, celibate, and not being particularly happy.

Well, the gender of God is not something we can ever conceptualize. God is neither male or female, nor some androgynous mix of gender. So how can we conceptualize God's gender? We can't, pure and simple. Classically we've spoken of God as male, even as we know that this isn't exactly true because we affirm, dogmatically, that God is ineffable, incapable of ever being captured in any concept. That also holds true for our notion of God as celibate, as not having a wife. How masculinity and femininity interrelate in God is also ineffable, incapable of being conceived of, but we know God is not simply a male celibate.

But what about that other popular notion, namely, that God is not particularly happy, especially with us?

Here we have a clear answer: God is happy. How can God not be? If God is perfect oneness, perfect goodness, perfect truth, perfect beauty, and perfect fullness in every way, how then can God not be perfect happiness? An unhappy God would not be God for such a God would be lacking the power to make Himself (pardon the pronoun) happy. Not a minor inadequacy for God. So a perfect God is also a perfectly happy God. But that's a metaphysical statement. We can still ask, is God happy emotionally and is God happy with us? Mustn't God frown at times and shake his head in disappointment at our behavior? Surely God can't be happy with a lot that goes on in our world. God can't be happy in the face of sin.

Well, just as in every other thing about God, there are things here we cannot comprehend. However, this much must be affirmed, both from what's deepest in revelation in our scriptures and from the testimony of countless good people: God is happy! God is not habitually disappointed with us, frowning at our weaknesses, and sending the majority of us to hell. Rather, God is like the loving parent of a little child, forever luring us forwards, delighting in our energy, wanting us to flourish, saddened when we act in ways that bring unhappiness to others and to ourselves, but understanding of weakness rather than angry and

unhappy.

Julian of Norwich, the famed mystic, describes God this way: God sits in heaven, smiling, completely relaxed, his face looking like a marvelous symphony. When I first read this passage some years ago, I was taken aback both by the concept of God as smiling and by the image of God as relaxed. I had never thought of God as "relaxed". Surely with all that's happening in our world and surely with all the betrayals, large and small, in our lives, God must be tense, frustrated and anxious. It's difficult but easier to picture God as smiling (at least sometimes), but it's exceedingly difficult to picture God as relaxed, as not being tense about all that's wrong with us and our world.

Here's my journey in grappling with that. I was wonderfully blessed in my religious background. From my parents and family, through the parish community I grew up in, through the Ursuline nuns who taught me in school, you couldn't have ordered a more-ideal faith milieu. I experienced faith and religion being lived out in real life in a way that gave it credibility and made it attractive. My seminary training and theological studies strongly reinforced that. But, all that time, underneath, there was a picture of a God who wasn't very happy and who smiled only when the occasion merited it, which wasn't very often. The consequence of that in my life was an anxious attempt always to measure up, to be good enough, to not make God unhappy, and to earn God's approval and affection. But of course, we can never be good enough, never measure up, and so it's natural to believe that God is never really happy with us and never really happy at all.

In theory, of course, we know better. We tend to have a healthier concept of God theoretically; but the heart is not so easy to bring onside. It's hard to feel inside myself that God is happy, happy with us, happy with me. It has taken me seventy years to realize, accept, take consolation in, and finally bathe in the fact that God is happy. I'm not sure what pulled all the triggers inside me that helped me make that shift, but the fact that God is happy comes to me now whenever I'm praying whole-heartedly, nakedly, and sincerely. It's also what comes to me when I look at the saints in my life, those men and women whom I most look up to in faith, who reflect the face of God for me. They're happy, relaxed, and not perpetually frowning in displeasure.

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St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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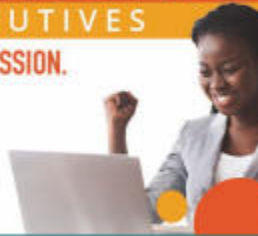


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