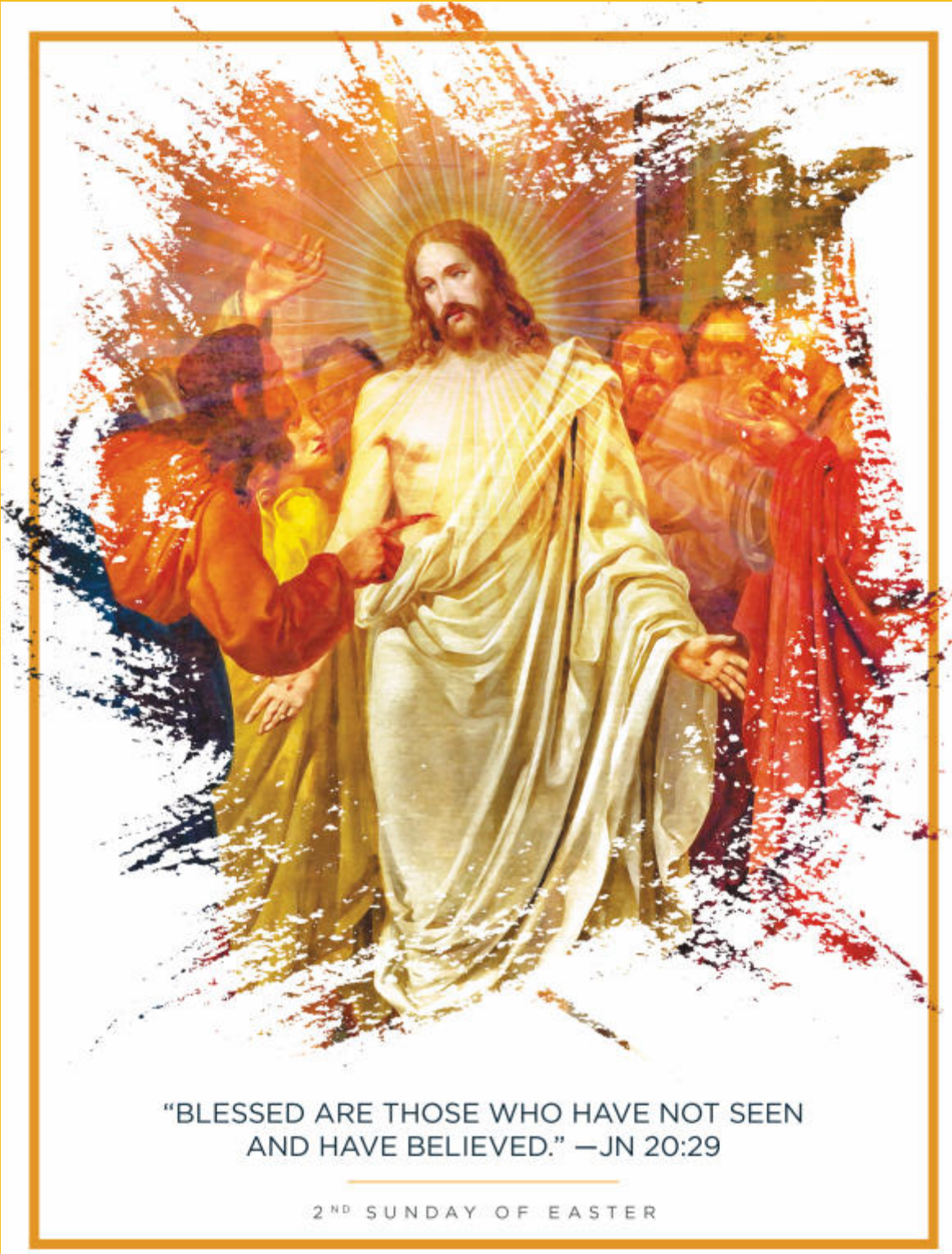




THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11, 2021



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Mass Intentions

Second Sunday of Easter- Vigil - April 10
5:15 - Bishop Robert McElroy, SI

Second Sunday of Easter - April 11
8:30 -Eddie Mendia, SI
10:00 - Linda Thompson, SI
11:30 - People of Immaculate Conception

Easter Weekday - April 12
Aux. Bishop John Dolan, SI

Easter Weekday - April 13
Aux. Bishop Ramon Bejarano, SI

Easter Weekday - April 14
Priest's Intentions, SI

Easter Weekday - April 15
†Maria R. Nungaray

Easter Weekday - April 16
Deceased Donors

Easter Weekday - April 17
Robert & Ann Fitzmorris, SI

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

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
*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 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

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:31-36

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:15-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-51; Lk 24:35-48

Pray for Our Sick

Joane Anderson, Susan Besecker, Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi, Dominic Castagnola, Reginald Custodio, Joanne Daleo, Michael Denny,, Adela Diaz, Adele Dunne, Arline Fisch, Julie Fish, Ardell Haskins, Ditas Ibarra, Shirley Ilog, Donna Cruz Jones, Ricardo Hernandez, Olivia Ingram, Liam McNichol, **Eddie Mendia**, Ardith Moore, Grace Mulvanity, Stephanie Ng, Ann Orwig, Peter Salmon, Anyssa Sanchez, Tom Sapien, Crystal Spera,, Rita Tarango, Linda Thompson, Marie Whitman, Barbara Wingler.

Bold indicates addition.

RECONCILIATION

Now that we have returned to our regular Mass schedule, confessions may be heard on Saturdays between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. in the church. One can also ask the priest for confession after the weekday morning Mass.

Deacon Robert Fitzmorris, Parish Administrator
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619-997-9063

Fr. Garrett Galvin, OFM, Liaison to the Parish
Fr. Joseph Chinnici, OFM, in residence
Fr. Vincent Mesi, OFM
Parish email:
parish@immaculate-conception-sandiego.org

March Financial Report

Income

Collections and Offerings	\$17,362.57
Offerings	\$280.00
Flowers	\$383.00
Total Income	\$18,025.57

Expense

Priests Retirement	\$725.47
Salaries	\$7,858.50
Taxes & Fringe Benefits	\$1,703.14
Telephone & Internet	\$451.18
Supplies	\$397.59
Ministry	\$443.11
Professional Services	\$245.03
Dues & Subscriptions	\$91.99
Furniture & Equipment	\$822.53
Utilities	\$2,570.79
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,626.93
Assessments	\$3,747.25
Property Insurance	\$1,549.94
Total Expense	\$22,233.45
Net Ordinary Income	-\$4,207.88
Net Other Income	\$2,000.00
Net Income	-\$2,207.88



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
PARISH GOAL: \$10,000.00
Pledges Paid: \$8,810.00
as of March 15

Your contribution, no matter how small, helps our diocese support Catholic schools, faith formation programs, Catholic Charities, and priestly formation.

Please make your check payable to **Diocese of San Diego**. If you plan on using a credit card for your donation, please visit giving.sdcatholic.org.

You may drop off your donation form and check/cash in the collection box after Mass or visit the parish office (Monday thru Friday).



Amazon donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to Immaculate Conception

April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

This annual observance is dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse. One in four children have experienced abuse or neglect at some point in their lives. Children who experience abuse or neglect can suffer from physical, psychological, and behavioral issues. A National Institute of Justice study found that abused or neglected children are 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile, 28% more likely to be arrested as an adult, and 30% more likely to commit a violent crime. Individuals and parishes are encouraged to rededicate themselves to being supportive of families, play an active role in preventing child abuse and neglect, and to promote child and family well-being. Please keep all victim/survivors of abuse in your prayers this month, especially those harmed within the church and those abused as children.

"Trust me."
 —GOD

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ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

1844-1879
Feast Day—April 16

As a child in a poor French family in the Hautes-Pyrenees town of Lourdes, Bernadette suffered both asthma and cholera. Uneducated, she had not made her first Communion by 1858, the year she experienced 18 visions of a beautiful lady calling herself the Immaculate Conception and calling for penance and pilgrimage. Bernadette was unchanged by this extraordinary experience, and in 1866 became a member of the Sisters of Charity, taking the name Maria-Bernarda. Chronically ill after 1875 with worsening asthma and tuberculosis of the bones, she died at age 35. When she was canonized in 1933, it was not for being the Lourdes visionary, but for her simple life of prayer, devotion and obedience.

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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 You Tube Channel called FST EDU1](#). During this Covid-19 Shelter in Place period please visit the You Tube Channel to see all opportunities for viewing.

2) On the parish website www.immaculate-conception-sandiego.org. Simply click on the photo (shown above).

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

Other Franciscan lectures are available on the You Tube Channel called FST EDU1.

The Diocesan Celebration – A Pentecost For All People

Bishop McElroy invites all faithful to come together for this special Pentecost celebration as we re-energize our mission to love and serve all of mankind in God's name.

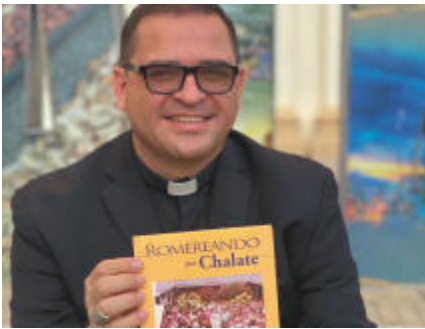
Bishop McElroy with Auxiliary Bishops John Dolan and Ramón Bejarano and clergy will concelebrate this annual Mass with the diverse communities and cultures of the diocese, invoking the Holy Spirit to renew us by building unity, justice and mercy in the Body of Christ. Everyone is welcome to this extraordinary celebration of our universal Catholic family.

This event will be held at Good Shepherd Church on Saturday, May 22, beginning with a Call to Worship at 10 a.m. and Mass at 11. It will be an outdoor event – physical distancing and masks are required. The event will be live-streamed at www.sdcatholic.org/pentecost2021.

Pregnant & In Need?

Culture of Life Family Services helps uninsured and underserved women in the midst of unplanned pregnancies. To schedule a free ultrasound, call (760) 741-1224 or visit www.COLFS.org for more information on other medical services. We are also proud to offer holistic, Christ-centered primary health care to patients of all ages.

Abortion Pill Reversal: Regret taking the abortion pill?
Call or text the APR Helpline at 1-877-558-0333.



From one shepherd to another: A Salvadoran bishop honors St. Romero in book

By: Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Agency
Date: March 23, 2021

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (CNS) — As a child, he frequently listened to the pastor’s homilies on the radio and was enraptured by the voice of the archbishop.

“Before I was a priest — and after I became a priest — I said ‘when he’s canonized, I want to go,’” recalled Bishop Oswaldo Escobar about his early conviction that then-Archbishop Oscar Romero, who often visited northern El Salvador, was a saint. The bishop said he has read every homily, every diary entry and can recite St. Romero’s most notable words by heart.

Decades later, Bishop Escobar said he continues to be inspired by St. Romero, this time because of the stories he keeps hearing in the region of Chalatenango, where Bishop Escobar was born. It was part of the Archdiocese of San Salvador during St. Romero’s period as archbishop from 1977 until his martyrdom March 24, 1980.

As Bishop Escobar was getting to know his rural flock shortly after his appointment in 2016, many parishioners told him stories of how the human rights icon had saved them from near death when they were beaten and tortured; how they had secretly recorded and guarded his homilies when it seemed like a crime to listen to them; and how, because they had nothing to give, they threw little yellow wildflowers in St. Romero’s path to welcome him to the remote corners of the Salvadoran countryside when he visited.

Bishop Escobar collected their stories in a book called “Romereando por Chalate,” a play on words roughly translated as “A Pilgrimage Through Chalatenango,” to mark the 41st anniversary of the saint’s martyrdom. He debuted the book before a cooperative of Salvadoran priests March 22 in San Salvador.

In its foreword, Salvadoran Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chavez, who will help launch the book at his parish in San Salvador on the March 24 feast of St. Romero, said the stories describe the ideal pastor Pope Francis

seeks in his bishops: one who “walks in front of, in between and behind his sheep.”

While much has been written about St. Romero theologically, politically and historically, Bishop Escobar shows the human side of a pastor and his flock: how he stopped for a cup of coffee and a pastry with farmhands or took a jaunt through the unpaved “Salvadoran heaven” — the mountains of Chalatenango — with a priest in a rickety truck.

But he also shows the dangerous political landscape those in the Salvadoran mountains suffered: how soldiers killed to intimidate people to prevent them from gathering with their bishop, who was never afraid to speak of abuses during his radio addresses.

St. Romero often spoke of the much-ignored and battered region of Chalatenango during his radio show and in articles highlighting crimes in the remote corners no one paid much attention to, clamoring for justice for slain catechists and other Catholic ministers, priests and religious who were dismembered and disfigured in El Salvador in the 1970s and 1980s.

“No one loved Chalatenango more than St. Romero,” said Bishop Escobar, who was able to fulfill his wish of attending the first Salvadoran saint’s canonization ceremony at the Vatican in October 2018.

Bishop Escobar, 52, was a child when St. Romero was alive and walked as a “pilgrim” in his native region. He said he doesn’t remember ever meeting him, but St. Romero has influenced him as a Christian and a pastor, and he’s proud to have inherited part of the saint’s flock.

He said he never gets tired of reminding them that “a saint walked here.”

Volunteer Opportunity

Jewish Family Services (JFS) is the lead NGO supporting the efforts to support the migrants while they are in San Diego. Currently JFS has volunteer staffing needs to support the following (4 hour shifts all days of the week):

- 10AM-2PM to help pack and deliver lunch
- 3PM-7PM to pack and deliver dinner
- 4AM-12PM To work as airport guide support
- 6PM-10PM To work as airport guide support

These opportunities have been posted on the Hands-on San Diego website and can found here: [HandsOn San Diego | Volunteer Opportunities Supporting Migrant Children and Families at the Border](https://www.handsonsandiego.org/volunteer-opportunities-supporting-migrant-children-and-families-at-the-border).



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



APRIL IS NATIONAL

CHILD ABUSE

PREVENTION MONTH



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A PRAYER FOR HEALING
Victims of Abuse

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,
steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Divine Mercy Sunday- The Second Sunday of Easter

APRIL 11, 2021

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



CNS Photo

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

Mercy and Healing

This weekend we celebrate the Sunday of Divine Mercy. God never ceases offering us His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](https://www.HopeAfterAbortion.org).

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join us throughout the month as we continue to pray for the healing of victims of abuse.



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