



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FOLLOW**

“Whoever wishes to  
come after me must deny  
himself, take up his cross,  
and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

2540 San Diego Avenue, San Diego, CA 92110  
(619) 295-4141

[www.immaculate-conception-sandiego.org](http://www.immaculate-conception-sandiego.org) — [parish@icc-sandiego.org](mailto:parish@icc-sandiego.org)

**Mass Intentions**

**Sept. 11 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil**  
9/11 First Responders

**Sept. 12 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 People of Immaculate Conception Parish  
10:00 - William Tucker Family, SI  
11:30 - †Oonagh Heavy

**Sept. 13 - St John Chrysostom**  
†Adele Clementine Corrigan

**Sept 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
†Flavian J. Hughes, Sr.

**Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows**  
†James George Corrigan

**Sept. 16 - Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian**  
Josephine Andron, SI

**Sept. 17 - Weekday**  
Jaime Gregorio Collier, SI

**Sept. 18 - Weekday**

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

**Daily Readings**

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8, Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16, Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tim 4:12-16, Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3, Mk 9:30-37

**Pray for Our Sick**

Alex & Toni Alvarez, Joane Anderson, Susan Besecker, 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

FR. VINCENT MESI, OFM  
SACRAMENTAL & SPIRITUAL LEADER  
EMAIL: VMESI@ICC-SANDIEGO.ORG

FR. JOSEPH CHINNICI, OFM, and  
FR. MICHAEL BLASTIC, OFM  
IN RESIDENCE

PARISH EMAIL:  
PARISH@ICC-SANDIEGO.ORG

# Offering

An Act of Worship

**DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINE,  
REPORT OF OFFERINGS RECEIVED  
IS NOT AVAILABLE.**



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**Join us for a delicious pancake breakfast after the 8:30 or 10:00 Mass this Sunday. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and orange juice — all for only \$5 per person. Come and renew old friendship and make new acquaintances.**



## SENIOR LUNCHEON IS BACK ... AND SO IS BINGO!!

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

Monday, September 13, 2021  
Bingo begins at 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

**Bingo is free - Lunch is only \$5 per person.**



## Marriage Enrichment

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates the love you have for your spouse and helps you to build, expand, and deepen that relationship. Sign up for the upcoming September 17-19th Weekend at St. Charles Retreat Center in Imperial Beach. Food and lodging are provided. There is a \$125 fee and a voluntary donation requested at the end of the weekend. For many couples "Their Weekend" is one of the most significant experiences of their marriages. Sign up today at [www.wwme-sandiego.org](http://www.wwme-sandiego.org)

## Celebrate the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis

**September 17, 2021  
Festive 8:00 a.m. Mass**

In his Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul says: "May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Henceforth, let no one trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of our Lord Jesus in my body." (*Galatians 6:14-18*) Francis of Assisi truly lived this Scripture. On September 17, 1224, on his last visit to the mountain top La Verna, Francis received the grace of the Stigmata and thus he experienced the Passion of Christ upon his flesh.

Receiving the marks of Jesus' passion, Francis fulfilled his lifelong, burning love for Jesus crucified. Indeed, La Verna is called Franciscan Calvary. "Those wounds of Jesus in his hands, feet and side made all the difference between the poor man who walked up the mountain and the poor man who limped down." (*"The Journey and the Dream"*, by Murray Bodo, O.F.M.) Everyone is invited to keep the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis at a special Mass at 8:00 in the morning on September 17th! "I have been crucified with Christ. The life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me." (*Galatians 2:20*)



*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)**

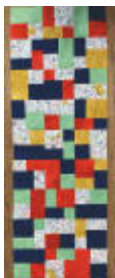


**Infant Baptism Preparation Class  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021  
6:00 p.m. in the parish hall**



Your baby's baptism is a wonderful reminder that the Church and God's entire family continue to grow. By baptizing your child, you decide that your baby will be a Christian, a member of Christ's body, the Church. You could not choose anything more precious. If you have a child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please call the parish office and register for this informative preparation class for parents and godparents on September 22nd at 6:00 pm. To your dear child, this community says: Welcome to God's Family!"

**CALLING ALL QUILTERS!  
(BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED)**



The parish quilting group will resume meeting on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 18. Bring your sewing machine and unfinished projects (or begin a new one). We meet in the hall at 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Face masks are required to participate.

**LIVE STREAM MASS**

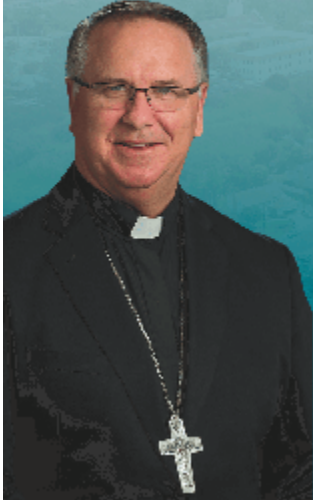
The Church of the Immaculate Conception is providing live stream and recordings of the live streams in two ways.



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.immaculate-conception-sandiego.org](http://www.immaculate-conception-sandiego.org). Simply click on the photo (shown above).

**CALLED TO ACT**



- Vaccines against Covid-19 are safe, effective and free.
- Church approves the use of all available vaccines.
- Moral obligation to protect ourselves and others.




Serra Gifts...

**STORE HOURS**

**FRIDAY 1:30 - 4:30 PM  
SATURDAY 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP  
AND FIND TREASURED GIFTS:**

- ROSARIES**
- RELIGIOUS MEDALS**
- CD'S & DVD'S**
- CHILDREN'S BOOKS**
- BIBLES**
- MAGNIFICAT**

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
ADVERTISERS**



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

September 12, 2021  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life’s cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus’ famous rebuke of Peter, “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Even he, as one of Jesus’ closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: “We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.” Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life’s picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God’s presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

©LPi



**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, ROME, ASSISI & SICILY**

*With Fr. Vince Mesi, O.F.M.*

**May 13<sup>th</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

For nearly 2000 years, Christians from all over the world have come to the Holy Land—the land of our spiritual heritage. You are invited to walk in the places where Jesus walked and prayed and where he preached and performed great miracles and rose from the dead! The

Holy land is truly a land like no other. We will spend 10 days visiting the holy places and celebrate Mass at many of the most important sites including the Holy Sepulcher, the Mount of Beatitudes and at the Jordan River. After our time in Israel, we fly to Rome. While there, we take part in the General Audience with Pope Francis. From Rome, we move by our chartered bus to Assisi—the city of St. Francis and St. Clare. This beautiful medieval hill top town will inspire all of us with the spirit of these two saints! A highlight will be to celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Francis! Then, we cap off our pilgrimage by visiting Sicily for the final leg of our trip. We will visit some amazing historical and spiritual sites such as Roman temples and the grand cathedral atop Monreale decorated with thousands of mosaics depicting a history of the Bible. You will also get a chance to meet some of my family—some delightful Sicilians! Our tour ends in Taormina—a grand resort town high up with captivating views of the sea and Mt. Etna.

The cost of the trip is \$6500 per person based on double occupancy. There are a few spaces left so if you would like to go, please call me as soon as possible. Come along and join fellow pilgrims on this sacred and delightful journey. You will enjoy every minute of it!

Fr Vince Mesi, O.F.M. 619-295-4141



## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



CNS photo/Tyler Orsburn

### Hispanic Heritage Month Begins!

September 15-October 15, 2021

#### Hispanic/Latino Presence in the USA: Early History

*By Alejandro Aguilera-Titus and Fr. Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ, courtesy of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church*

People with roots in Latin American countries have lived in the United States from its very beginnings. However, their presence on the national scene was practically invisible. The 1970 Census was the first time Hispanics were counted and recognized as a distinct population. The very term Hispanic was chosen by the U.S. Government to name a growing population that was not a racial or an ethnic group, but a people with roots in more than twenty-three Latin American countries and Spain, sharing a common cultural heritage and language. The term Latino emerged in the 80s as a self-given name, particularly in urban settings. This broadening of identity as Hispanics/Latinos was encouraged by robust immigration from

Latin America during the '80s and '90s. Yet today, most Hispanics/Latinos still identify with their nation of origin, for example, and prefer to call themselves Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans, Puerto Ricans, etc.

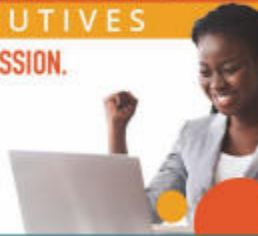
The roots of the Hispanic/Latino presence in the U.S. go back to colonial times when most of the country's southern flank was under Spanish rule. The first Mass celebrated in what is now the U.S. took place in 1569 in St. Augustine, Florida, under Spanish auspices. The Hispanic/Latino presence took on a whole new dimension in the 1840s with the annexation of half of Mexico's territory to the United States as a result of the Mexican-American War. The new border crossed entire populations from big and small towns, as the

# WE'RE HIRING

## AD SALES EXECUTIVES

**BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.  
WORK WITH PURPOSE.**

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community



Contact us at [careers@4lpi.com](mailto:careers@4lpi.com)  
[www.4lpi.com/careers](http://www.4lpi.com/careers)

## STUART TERRY AUTO REPAIR



**619-287-9626**

4858 El Cajon Blvd.  
Since 1975

[www.stuartterry.com](http://www.stuartterry.com)



Serving  
All of  
San Diego



**DONNA WEISSHAUPT**  
Realtor®

**619.227.9147** • [dweisshaup@gmail.com](mailto:dweisshaup@gmail.com)

CAL BRE #01430256 • BKR CAL  
BRE #01885684 • IC Parishioner

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM



45th & Hilltop Drive  
San Diego, CA

*No Interest Budget Plan  
Up to 5 years to pay*

**Call 264-3127**

Se Habla Español



**DAVID M.  
SPERA, DDS**

General &  
Cosmetic Dentistry  
Parishioner

1050 Rosecrans Ste. J

**619-222-2483**

## ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection  
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

## PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM



**\$29.95/MO**  
BILLED  
QUARTERLY

PLUS  
SPECIAL  
OFFER

CALL NOW!

1.877.801.7772

[WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM](http://WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM)

# We've Missed You!

Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are  
by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

[www.ParishesOnline.com](http://www.ParishesOnline.com)

## SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



# AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

## ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Cindy Kelly**  
to place an ad today!  
[ckelly@4LPi.com](mailto:ckelly@4LPi.com) or  
**(800) 950-9952 x2695**

