M A S S  T I M E S

Monday through Saturday:
7:40 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:00 AM Mass
Rosary Following Mass

Sunday Obligation
5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil)
7:30 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM

First Friday Holy Hour
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Exposition, Meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

B u l l e t i n  D e a d l i n e:
10:00 AM Tuesday

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B A P T I S M S:
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.

M A R R I A G E:
Arrangements must be made six months before the tentative date of the marriage by calling the Parish Office.

A N O I N T I N G  T H E  S I C K:
This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital is located, through the nursing station.

C O M M U N I O N  F O R  T H E  H O M E B O U N D:
Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member cannot attend Sunday Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist at home during the week.

N E W C O M E R S:
Welcome to our community. You are invited to register in the parish on each 2nd Sunday of the month in the vestibule after Mass, by coming to the Parish Office during regular business hours, or by completing a “Welcome Card” found in the pamphlet rack at the entrance of the Church and mailing it to 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.

P E N A N C E:
Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm or at other times by appointment.
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we celebrate our national Thanksgiving Day this week, I join with you in giving thanks to almighty God for the many blessings that He has sent each of us. As Catholics we live in the spirit of thanksgiving, because the word “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving” in the original Greek. We are most thankful for the gift of the Father’s Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Savior. I invite you and your families to join me on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd, for the Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m. Someone recently remarked: “Now that you are no longer a lame duck . . .” you will need to make some decisions for the long term rather than the short term. Yes, I agree. Nevertheless, I can’t do that alone. I am counting on your support of time, talent, and treasure to further the kingdom of God in our midst. Now is a crucial time in the history of the Church and in our little parish for an authentic renewal built on our steadfast Faith in Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. I am ready and willing.

As the head of this household of Faith, I am just beginning to take a serious look at our spiritual and financial well-being. There is an integral link between the two. If we firmly believe, we will gladly give our all to Christ.

1. CURRENTLY, I MUST BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE URGENT NEED TO INCREASE OUR REGULAR SUNDAY COLLECTION. I do not exaggerate this important need. Our regular Offertory collections fund the normal operations of the parish. Therefore, if you are in a position to do so, would you kindly increase, even double, your weekly contribution. If everyone responds to this call, then we will advance toward greater financial strength in service of God and neighbor. This weekly increase is vital to our present and our future. I thank you in advance as I hope that you will respond to this sincere appeal. This is not about me, but about the parish we love, our spiritual home, our shared mission in the Lord.

2. I consider our services to people paramount. Recently, I hired back Patrick Lobo to re-organize and re-mobilize our extensive ministry to those in care-homes and the homebound. I want to be sure that those who want to receive the sacraments, but just simply can’t get to church because of age, infirmity, or illness, will know that they can count on us to bring the sacraments to them, especially Holy Communion. For some this Holy Communion is their last. We call this last Holy Communion Viaticum, which means the Eucharistic Christ is with a soul on the road that travels between earth and heaven. There is always a need for more volunteers. Please contact Patrick Lobo at the parish office if you are available.

3. In addition, next year I will have to inform the Archbishop whether we are in a position to support an assistant priest to expand our sacramental ministry and reach out in other ways to young and old. Can we afford him? Can we afford not to afford him? At this point the budget is very tight. Only you can make this possible with the grace of God. Let us keep this intention in our prayers.

4. Many are aware of the need to restore our sixty year old church. It was consecrated by Bishop Hugh A. Donohue on November 30, 1959. I understand that this has been much discussed. She is becoming a little shabby and needs attention. You might say she could use a lot of TLC. After speaking to the Finance Council, I have decided to delay this important project until I get to know you better; and I am sure that we are on solid financial ground. I am well aware that this project will require much planning and a capital campaign if we are to do it right. I’m sure that you want it done right all for the greater honor and glory of God.

5. Finally, I ask you to help us complete the 2018 campaign for the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. We have less than two months to collect or receive in pledges about $13,500.00. At the current rate we will not reach our goal unless giving increases. Thanks to those who have already contributed. If we don’t reach our goal, we will need to take the money out of our regular income. We can’t afford to do that, especially now. Let us get this paid off by Christmas. All extra funds will come back to us. This special campaign each year pays for the services all the parishes use, for example, the expensive training of priests, works of charity, the Catholic newspaper, and various other services. I can testify from my recent experience in the seminary that the Archdiocese has fine seminarians, who are ready to lay down their lives like the Lord in service to the Church. No money from this campaign has ever been used to pay off lawsuits for whatever reason.

I am glad to be your pastor. You are fine people with fine families. I appreciate all you do or have done for the Lord as the People of God. I sincerely entrust all of our endeavors to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In my heart I sing out: “O Mary my Mother to thee do I flee; in all my afflictions I hasten to thee. Thy heart is so gentle, so loving, so mild, thou canst not reject thy poor suppliant child.” I beg the Immaculate Heart of Mary, like a little boy at her knee, to open our hearts to respond to her Divine Son.

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

“Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right even if no one is doing it.”

November 18, 2018 – The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
PRAY FOR:

- Those who have died, Alice Mary Gomez, especially those who have no one to pray for them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
- Those who are newly baptized. May God always be present to them and may they continue to grow in “age, wisdom and grace.”
- Peace in our world, for those who serve our country, at home and overseas; for all who suffer in any way due to war and civil disturbance, that God will assist all people toward reconciliation and peace.
- Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, that God will assist them in their need. Especially, Valerie Abbey, Bob Ahrens, Tom Anderson, Joe Andreano, Fernando Arguello, Ron Barri, Mary Bosque, James Carvalho, Jorge Castillo, Margaret Charlton, Joselina Deladingco, Grace Delagnes, Reese Derryman, John Farbein, Julie Fletcher, Roy Fong, Dennis Frazier, Manny Galvez, Barbara Gartner, Greta Gipson-Lewis, Queen Gipson, Silva Guerbidjian, Griselda Guevara-MacDonald, Gary Harder, Anna Herdtler, Henry Jacquemet, Leota Jones, Torin Jones, Michael Latham, Maria Latham, Patrick Lobo, Jacob Loeffler, Vicki Logan, Rosemarie Maffei, Kevin Mapes, Carol Mateus, Beth McCarthy, John McEvoy, Ken McQueen, Jessey Montalvo, Donna Mychnian, Farz Narcisso, John Nguyen, Pauline & Jerome Oppenheim, Arlene Penn, Betsy Pereira, Elizabeth Pugh, James Pugh, Chris Quigg, Joel Rivera, Ron Rosso, Adrian Sanchez, Malu Sanchez, Joseph Sangervasi, Brooke Seim, Bill Selenger, Lisa Stasiak, Venus Toia, Paulette Volante, Marc Weiss, Mary Ellen Weiss, Justin & Jennifer Wells & Family, Ted Wolfe, Francesca Zuniga, and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

THE FUTURE

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

- Pope John Paul II
RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Share the promise!

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? We are happy to help! The Catholic Church offers adults at various stages of their faith journey the opportunity to explore the Church through the RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

If you are

- Unbaptized and wish to learn more about the Catholic Church
- Baptized in another faith tradition and are interested in becoming Catholic
- Baptized Catholic with little or no formal religious instruction, and would like to prepare for First Communion and Confirmation
- Just interested in more information about our Catholic faith

Please contact Mrs. Robyn Lang at rlang@ihmschoolbelmont.org or (650) 593-6157 x 22 for more information. Our team is looking forward to talking with you!

Discovery Room

After Mass hospitality resumes after all Sunday Masses in the Discovery Room this week!

Come by and have some coffee and goodies. While there, note the basket of Christmas cards which parishioners have donated throughout the year. We have packaged them in groups of 6 and tied them with a pretty ribbon. They are free. Take some for yourself or a friend!

St. Vincent de Paul

“Stay Warm Campaign” in San Mateo

You can help save a life this winter. Most of us have a warm and dry place to sleep at night...but many of our homeless brothers and sisters do not. The cold nights and mornings beginning now in San Mateo County will last throughout the fall & winter seasons. Shoes, socks, rain gear, warm jackets, gloves, hats, scarves, & sleeping bags are urgently needed. Your small gift of money can provide homeless people with the basic necessities needed to survive. To help, visit the website: StayWarm 2018 website
Holiday Boutique
November 17 & 18
St. Michael’s Hall

Come join us for the IHM’s annual Holiday Boutique. Get started on your holiday shopping with a unique selection of jewelry, handmade crafts, holiday gift baskets, baked treats and much more! Join us on Saturday, November 17th from 10:00am – 4:00pm & Sunday, November 18th from 10:00am – 1:00pm.

Family Gingerbread Workshop – Dec. 2nd
4-6pm St. Michael’s Hall

This fun workshop includes one Gingerbread House with decorations. Enjoy holiday cookies, cocoa and Christmas music with the IHM community. Reservation fee is $30 per family (up to 4 people). Reservation deadline is November 26, 2018. Additional gingerbread houses may be purchased for $15 each. Reserve online auction.ihmbelmont.org
See flyer in today’s bulletin.

Help us celebrate The Posada
Calling for all Youth Singers, Angels & Shepherds

We will be doing the Posada celebration on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and we are looking for singers (especially from 3rd – 12th grade), Angels and Shepherds. Practices start in December and will be announced soon. Anyone interested, please email Jeff Voss now at jmv99id@gmail.com