

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

1040 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS

BELMONT, CALIFORNIA 94002

MASS TIMES

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

Bulletin Deadline:

10:00 AM Tuesday

December 2, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent



PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Mark Mazza.....Pastor
Rev. Mr. Henry Jacquemet.....Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Steven G. Hackett.....Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Leon P. KortenkampPermanent Deacon
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Mrs. Robyn Lang.....Director of Religious Education
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BAPTISMS:

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.

MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made six months before the tentative date of the marriage by calling the Parish Office.

ANOINTING THE SICK:

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.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

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.

NEWCOMERS:

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.

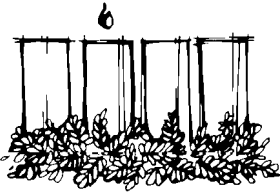
R.C.I.A.

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.

PENANCE:

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm or at other times by appointment.

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Romans 13:14 Abjiciamus ergo opera tenebrarum, et induamur arma lucis; Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.
Luke 21:33 Coelum et terra transibunt; verba autem mea non transibunt: Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On the first Sunday of Advent the Church begins a new Church year. Once again we begin to come in contact with the central mysteries of our faith. Actually we are invited to respond in faith to God, who lives and loves. We are drawn into His Being. This is not done in a merely nostalgic way or in a way that merely recalls events of long past. No, the Church believes that in its sacred liturgy what happened then happens now.

Yes, the circumstances change from century to century, but the deep reality of God's revelation and Who He is remain the same. He reaches out to us through the sacred liturgy in His Church for the sake of our souls. We must keep in mind that the Truth does not change. It cannot. However, since faith must seek understanding we can develop by God's assistance in our personal understanding of what is eternal. We change; God cannot. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to study and pray over all that God has revealed in the Sacred Scriptures and in Tradition, living the faith in the Church. We are not free to change what has been handed down to us. We discover what is there and has always been there.

The Advent season is clearly derived from the Latin word "advenire", which is a dynamic, active coming. In the history of salvation God has revealed to us that He comes as the God-man in three specific ways: 1.) The First Coming at the Annunciation at the moment of His conception, and then made manifest at His Birth; 2.) He always stands ready to come into our pure hearts here and now; 3.) He will return at the end of the world. This is His Second Coming.

The major obstacle to having the Lord draw near to us is sin. However, the worst sin is not simply to reject God, but to refuse to step in His direction, to refuse to come into His light, to turn away from His invitation to love Him and our neighbor. The rejection of the Light is a far worse deprivation of soul than embracing the darkness. The heart of darkness is to live apart from the God who loves us.

Advent has much to teach us. We must put on the armor of God, the armor of light, to come into the light and live forever in the light. We must be obedient souls that take seriously God's proper and justified demands from us, His commandments, if we wish to live forever in Heaven.

Heaven is for the obedient, not the disobedient, i.e. for the faithful, not the unfaithful. Jesus is the Mediator and Model of fidelity. Through Him, with Him, and in Him we find the answer to our deepest longings. We find perfect Love.

Jesus comes. Advent presents that reality to us. Let us let Him come into our hearts, minds, and souls so as to be happy in this world and forever in the next. A good and faithful Advent will take us in that direction. At Christmas may we be able to say that we are living in Christ the light, in fact, we are the light of Christ to others in a real and true way.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th, 2018

On the eve of this Solemnity, exactly seventy-seven years ago, the Empire of Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. The next day, President Roosevelt announced that we were at war. He spoke of "the day that will live in infamy." Thus began our participation in the sad events of World War II, which had already begun in Europe in 1939. We would be at war until the defeat of Japan on August 15, 1945. A whole generation, and indirectly those after, would be formed by these tragic years of war. One commentator rightly described this age group as "the greatest generation", because of the many sacrifices they were asked to make before, during, and after the war. Through it all we Catholics believed that Our Lady in her Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States, intervened on our behalf to bring us victory over the powers of darkness. Many have remarked that for us the war began on the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception and ended on the Feast of Mary's Glorious Assumption. From its earliest days, our bishops have placed our nation in the loving embrace of Immaculate Mary, Mother of God. During these difficult times, let us renew our consecration to Jesus through Mary, **The Immaculate Conception is a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Friday, December 7th at 5pm and on Saturday, December 8th at 8am and 10am. The evening Mass at 5pm on December 8th does not count for the holyday, but for the Second Sunday of Advent. Therefore, two Masses are required of us: one for the Immaculate Conception; and one for the Second Sunday of Advent.**

Tota pulchra es, Maria, et macula originalis non est in te. Tu gloria Jerusalem, tu laetitia Israel, tu honorificentia populi nostri; You are all beautiful, Mary, and the original stain (of sin) is not in you. You are the glory of Jerusalem, you are the joy of Israel, you give honor to our people.

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

PRAY FOR:

- Those who have died, 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 Farbstein, 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, Jesse Montalvo, Donna Moynihan, Farz Narcisso, John Nguyen, Pauline & Jerome Oppenheim, Arlene Penn, Betsy H. Pereira, Elizabeth Pugh, James Pugh, Joshua Pugh, Chris Quigg, Joel Rivera, Ron Rosso, Adrian Sanchez, Malu Sanchez, Joseph Sangervasi, Brooke Seim, Bill Selenger, Lisa Stasiak, Venus Toia, Ofelia Vallejo, 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.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Dec 1 Sat.	8:00am- Cecilia Benrath 5:00pm- Luis Miguel Juliano
Dec 2 Sun. -First Sunday of Advent	7:30am –Jeanine Tavernier (living) 9:30am- People of the Parish 11:30am- Jim Trees
Dec 3 Mon.-St. Francis Xavier, Priest	8:00am –Bruce Hansen
Dec 4 Tues.-St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church	8:00am –
Dec 5 Wed.-	8:00am –
Dec 6 Thurs.-St. Nicholas, Bishop	8:00am –Bolger Family
Dec 7 Fri. –St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	8:00am – Ascunzion Bautista 5:00pm (Vigil)-
Dec 8 Sat.–The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00am-Lenny Sanfilippo 10:00am-For the People 5:00pm-Stephen Boban
Dec 9 Sun	7:30am –Brian Larkin 9:30am- People of the Parish 11:30am-Lorraine Marie Kohnke



CELEBRANTS for Dec. 8 & 9, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm – Fr. Mazza

Sun. 7:30 am – Fr. Mazza

9:30 am – Fr. Mazza

11:30 am – Fr. MacDonald

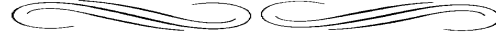
READINGS for Dec. 8 & 9, 2018

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 (6C)

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collection for weekend of 11/25/18: \$5,535.00

Second Collection for weekend of 11/25/18: \$1,396.00

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2018

Our Goal for this year 2018 is \$89,301

As of this date, we have **149 families and individuals**, who contributed **\$62,449.00** toward this purpose.

For the remainder of the year, on every Sunday that does not have a special scheduled second collection, our second collection will be to assist I.H.M. reach its goal for the annual Archdiocesan Assessment. Please consider making a pledge and please support this collection.

DISCOVERY ROOM

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What's on your reading list for Advent this year? If you haven't yet read *Jesus of Nazareth, The Infancy Narratives* by Pope Benedict XVI, now is the time! You will gain many new insights and fresh perspectives on the Christmas story in this short and surprisingly readable book. We have two copies in the Discovery Room. Borrow one after Mass today or take a look at all the other materials we have to enhance your faith this season.



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The Mystery of the Mass—The Source and Summit of Christian Life

Our parish will be launching an exciting Catholic Study program next year!

We have decided to make it our Lenten parish study. Would you like to be involved either as a small group facilitator or as a helper? Please prayerfully consider if this is something you could do. Training/orientation for these roles will be provided.

If interested please call or email Sam or Laura Hutkins, hutkins@comcast.net or 591-0194.



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Advent Day of Prayer-Dec. 7, 2018

Please join us for a day of prayer at beautiful Mercy Center, 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame- (650) 340-7474. We will meet from 10am – 3pm and the day will be facilitated by Marilyn

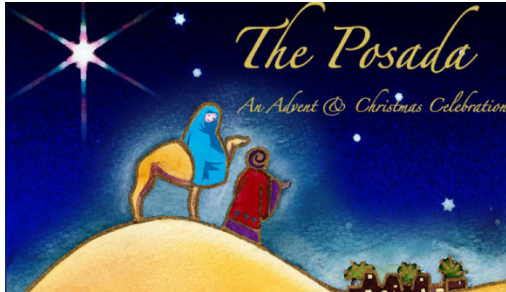
Granucci. Cost is \$30.00 Bring a bag lunch. Register at: www.mercy-center.org. Walk-ins welcome!



ADVENT

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

-Anonymous



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



Did You Know?

IHM's new website **IS NOW LIVE!**

Check it out at ihmbelmont.org and update your parish registration under *About Us/Parish Registration*.

Attention

SAVE THE DATE!

Our 30th Annual
Auction Dinner Dance
is May 11, 2019.



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