

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 16, 2018 – 3rd 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
Ms. Jessica Schaukowitch.....School Vice Principal
Mrs. Robyn Lang.....Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Elizabeth Zapien.....Pre-School Coordinator
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Ms. Gail Tesi.....Parish Operations Manager
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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.

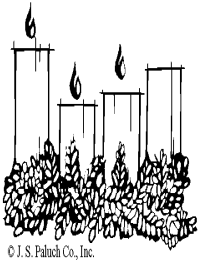
R.C.I.A.

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.

Gaudete Sunday – The Third Sunday of Advent – December 16, 2018



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Philippians 4:4-5 *Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Dominus enim prope est. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.*

Zephaniah 3:1 *Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart.*

Luke 3:1 *Exhorting them in many other ways, he (John the Baptist) preached good news to the people.*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent are traditionally known in the sacred liturgy of the Roman Rite by the Latin first words of their Gregorian Chant Introits (Entrance Chants), which remain even in the liturgical reform as the official opening music for these days. In Advent it is Gaudete, whereas in Lent it is Laetare; both are exhortations to the people of God to rejoice in the Lord. In fact, during the many centuries when these ancient and venerable chants were used exclusively, the congregation would immediately know the occasion not only by the words, but also by the proper music. It told them that the holy season of Christmas preparation or Easter preparation was half over. There is still the custom in many parishes to switch from violet colored vestments to rose colored ones, if these are available, but just for these two Sundays. Clearly, the theme in Advent is rejoicing in the grace won for us by our Divine Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Who wouldn't want to be reborn in Christ?

In these days of text-messaging you might try Philippians 4:4. Though a Christian is usually not exempt from suffering, there is always reason to be joyful in the Lord come what may. This joy is not superficial, but enters the depths of one's being in one's heart of hearts. Here, no matter what may be going on, the Lord comes to dwell. Thus, from the Christian perspective, sadness is to live in the state of mortal sin, alienated from God. Authentic Christian joy means to live in the state of sanctifying grace and to grow in that wonderful grace day by day. It is that joy that already gives us a taste of the joy of heaven in this world. That is what the Gospel is all about, meaning in the original Greek, Good News.

Right before we receive Holy Communion the priest says: "Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." In the 1970 translation the word used was "happy." Communion with our Lord is our greatest joy. I encourage all to make their Christmas communion with the purest and most loving heart - a heart that is right with the lord. What is Christmas if we are not reborn in the Lord, if we are not in communion with Him? With this attitude we receive the greatest Christmas gift of all.

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

The best way to Keep Christ in Christmas!

In a Catholic home much goes on in preparation for Christmas. The same is true in our parish as the Day draws near. What is Christmas without Christ's Mass? Clearly, that is where we got the word "Christmas", unique to the English language, which goes back way before the Reformation. Christmas without assisting at Mass is an empty day. The Jesus born in Bethlehem is the same Jesus who becomes present in His holy body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine at Mass. Jesus was born to draw near to us, save us, and open for us the gates of heaven. Nowhere else is Jesus closer to us than in the Holy Eucharist. This year we have many opportunities to celebrate Christmas Mass. **On Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th Mr. Jeff Voss with the Folk Choir will lead the music for the Children's Mass preceded by the Posada, which is a little Christmas pageant based on the Scriptures. This will be at 4:30pm, followed by Mass at 5:00 pm. Later, that same night there will be Mass at 9:00 pm preceded by the singing of carols at 8:30 pm with the music directed by Dr. Cyril Deaconoff with the Liturgical singers. On Christmas Day at the 7:30 am Mass, Carla Deasy will provide music for congregational singing. Mr. Jeff Voss and the Folk Choir will return for the 9:30 am Mass and Dr. Cyril Deaconoff with the Liturgical Singers will return for the 11:30 am Mass. There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day. The Traditional Latin Mass Society of San Francisco is sponsoring a Traditional Latin Midnight Mass for Christmas in our parish. The pre-Mass program will begin at 11:45 pm on Mon., Dec. 24th followed by the Mass at midnight.** The collection taken up will go to our parish. The Rev. Fr. Alvin Yu will be the celebrant and homilist. He is a Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew's Church in San Mateo and Director of Liturgy at St. Patrick Seminary. You may remember him from the time he served here as a seminarian. The Rev. Fr. Donald Morgan will be Deacon and the Rev. Mr. Michael Rocha will be the Sub-deacon.

PRAY FOR:

- Those who have died, Gerard Eugene Raney, and 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, 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, 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 15 Sat.- 8:00am-Norma June Perry
5:00pm- Alex Carbullido**

**Dec 16 Sun. - 7:30am –
9:30am- People of the Parish
11:30am- Madonna Oswald**

Dec 17 Mon.- 8:00am –Antonio Talens
Dec 18 Tues.- 8:00am – Marshall Family
Dec 19 Wed.- 8:00am –Fr. Xavier Harris, OFM
Dec 20 Thurs.- 8:00am –Special Intention (DS)
**Dec 21 Fri.–St. Peter Cantisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:00am – Tom Smith**

**Dec 22 Sat.– 8:00am-
5:00pm-Jim Trees**

**Dec 23 Sun 7:30am –Billy Paalua
9:30am- People of the Parish
11:30am-A.P. Joseph**



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CELEBRANTS for Dec. 22, 23, 2018

Sat. 5:00 pm – Fr. Stump, OFM, Cap
Sun. 7:30 am – Fr. Mazza
9:30 am – Fr. Mazza
11:30 am – Fr. MacDonald

READINGS for Dec. 22, 23, 2018

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a (12C)
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collection for weekend of 12/9/18: \$6,230.00
Second Collection (Religious Retirement) for
weekend of 12/9/18: \$3,530.00

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 \$62,448.00 toward this purpose.

We are at approximately 70% of our goal. Please consider making a pledge to support this collection.

2019 CALENDARS

2019 Calendars donated by Crippen and Flynn are available in the vestibule of the Church.

DISCOVERY ROOM

Hospitality in the Discovery Room will be on hiatus until January 6.



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Novena of Advent Masses

Simbang Gabi (meaning evening Mass), is a Christmas Novena to the Blessed Mother in preparation and welcoming of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. This celebration of faith strengthens the bonds between parishes and cultures, and offers a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all.

- Dec. 15, Sat., 7:00pm – St. Bartholomew, San Mateo
- Dec. 16, Sun., 7:30pm – Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame
- Dec. 17, Mon., 7:00pm – St. Mark, Belmont
- Dec. 18, Tues., 7:00pm – St. Gregory, San Mateo
- Dec. 19, Wed., 7:00pm – St. Catherine, Burlingame
- Dec. 20, Thurs., 7:00pm – St. Luke, Foster City
- Dec. 21, Fri., 7:00pm – St. Matthew, San Mateo
- **Dec. 22, Sat., 5:00pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont**
- Dec. 23, Sun. 7:30pm – St. Bartholomew, San Mateo



Come visit IHM on Sunday, January 27th, 2019, as we will hold our Open House. We will begin with our Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:30am followed by an Open House from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

This is a great opportunity to see first-hand the quality of our students' work and the community support. Please join us and follow our journey on our Facebook page, Immaculate Heart of Mary School Belmont.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. You can download an application from our website at www.ihmschoolbelmont.org or call the school office for an application at 650-593-4265. School tours are available; call the school office to set up a tour. For more information on preschool call Liz Zapien, Preschool Director at 650-593-2344.

Applications for students entering Kindergarten are due January 11, 2019. For the 2019-2020 school year, children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1, 2019. Kindergarten assessments will take place during January and February. For information please contact the school office at ihmoffice@ihmschoolbelmont.org or call Suzie Smith at 650-593-4265.

IHM School Admission Policy

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and nation and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. Immaculate Heart of Mary School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Likewise, Immaculate Heart of Mary School does not unlawfully discriminate against any applicant for employment on the basis of sex, age, handicap, race, color and national and/or ethnic origin.

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IHM NEW WEBSITE

<http://ihmbelmont.org>

What You Can Do On The Website...

- **Check the Latest News, Events & Calendar**
- **Learn about our Ministries and Outreach Organizations**
- **Update Parish Registration**
- **Find Catholic Links and Resources**

Enjoy our parish Christmas party today!!



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Our Parish Community Christmas Party

Sun Dec 16, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Enjoy Christmas music, crafts for the children. We ask you to share your special holiday treats with your fellow parishioners. Please bring

enough "finger-food" style treats to serve 20 people. If your last name begins with A-N – bring your favorite appetizer. If your name begins with O-Z – bring your favorite dessert. We need your help to produce this wonderful event.

CELEBRATE IHM LIFE

Happy families enjoyed decorating their holiday gingerbread house on Dec. 2. We thank Chairmen



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Julie Smith, Kelly Charnas, Nicole Mitchell, Sarah Muscolina and Theresa Gotshalk. Their leadership and generosity provided refreshments plus an annual

IHM family tradition.



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MAILING

Our 30th annual IHM Gala, May 11, 2019 news will arrive in your mail. There are several ways to participate now. Auction gifts, Event Sponsors or Underwriting plus Event Catalog Ads are deeply appreciated. Your charitable tax contributions, which create this event, will be acknowledged and accepted through Dec. 31, 2018. Note our new online address: ihmbelmont.org/auction



'Tis
The
Season

Celebrate Christmas with the Daughters of St. Paul

*Come join us as we celebrate our first Christmas at our new location **Sat., Dec. 22, 11am-4pm**, 3250 Middlefield Rd. Menlo Park, 94025. A Christmas*

Story Time 11:30, 1 & 2 pm. Christmas Crafts, Snacks