

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 23, 2018 – 4th 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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(650) 593-2344

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.

ANOIDING 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:

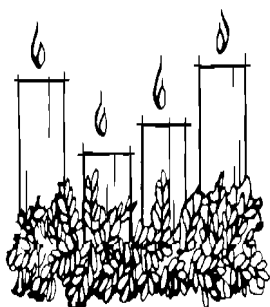
Welcome to our community. You are invited to register in the parish on each 2nd Sunday of the month in the vestibule after Mass, by coming to the Parish Office during regular business hours, or by completing a "Welcome Card" found in the pamphlet rack at the entrance of the Church and mailing it to the 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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The Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 23, 2018

(Isaiah 9:6): A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us: Whose government is upon His shoulder: and His name shall be Called the Angel of great counsel (Introit from Third Mass of Christmas during the Daytime).

Christmas 2018

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I wish you and all your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With great joy I look forward to celebrating my first Christmas with you as your new pastor. Many know that the original plan was for me to leave after Christmas for Marin; but man proposes, God disposes. I believe it was Our Lady in her Immaculate Conception and Immaculate Heart and Our Lady of Knock, who made this change happen. I pray that I may be her faithful and loving servant during my time with you. An old priest I knew in my youth often said “Mary Christmas.” Yes, Mary, Our Blessed Mary, shows us how to best receive Jesus into our hearts, with tender love, strong faith, and undying hope.

There is a traditional German Christmas song that begins *“Alle Jahre wieder kommt das Christuskind; every year the Christ Child comes to us again.”* Yes, He first came 2018 years ago, and He will come again at the end of the world. However, every single day, and especially at Christmas, He wants to come to us so that we might continue to be reborn in Him through grace. Christmas is a time to more fully and lovingly embrace Jesus my personal Lord and Savior.

There is a long standing tradition that Jesus was born in Bethlehem at Midnight at the darkest time of the year to make clear that He comes as a light shining in the darkness of fallen humanity – to bring us Godly warmth, guidance, good cheer, and most importantly love. He came and will continue to come to us as our last, best, and only hope.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish we are committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. We are committed to serve God, family, and country. I thank you for your past and continued support of the ministry we share in Christ. I am counting on your much needed assistance in the coming year. If you haven’t already done so, please consider a special gift to the parish at Christmas. We have almost reached our goal for the archbishop’s annual appeal. Please try to donate before the end of the year, which is also good for tax purposes. On behalf of all I offer you my sincerest thanks. I share with you a bright vision now and in the future. Indeed, it is far better to light even one little candle, than to curse the darkness. You will be with me in a special way at the four Masses for Christmas that I will happily celebrate.

May each of us live in the light of Christ and radiate that light to others the best we can. God is good!

Mary love you! God bless you and all your loved ones! Thank you for your warm and cordial welcome to IHM. I daily thank God for the privilege to be with you.

**Yours in the Divine Savior and Mary, the Mother of God,
Fr. 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, 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 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

Dec 24 Mon.- 8:00am, 5:00pm, 9:00pm, Midnight

Dec 25 Tues.-*The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas*
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
No Evening Mass

Dec 26 Wed.-*St. Stephen, The First Martyr*
8:00am –Marshall Family & Friends

Dec 27 Thurs.-*St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*
8:00am –Ana & Ferdinan Horn

Dec 28 Fri.-*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
8:00am – Kaj Harders

Dec 29 Sat.-*St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr*
8:00am-
5:00pm-Irene Stewart

Dec 30 Sun.-*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
7:30am –James Krueger
9:30am- People of the Parish
11:30am-Lucrecia & Ismael Milla



CELEBRANTS for Dec. 29, 30, 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. 29, 30, 2018

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 (17C)
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

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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.

DISCOVERY ROOM

The Discovery Room is closed this weekend since we need the space to store all the flowers for Christmas Masses. After-Mass hospitality will resume in January. Meanwhile drop in whenever the church is open to browse, borrow or return materials (except, as mentioned, this weekend!)

School



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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.

CELEBRATE IHM LIFE



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

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



THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.
-St. Augustine