CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
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March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday of Lent

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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.

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

Let us love one another!

The Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 2019

Romans 5:8:  But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
John 4:13-14: Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman in the Gospel of St. John is one that is touching and yet profound. In our journey of faith much is revealed to us: Jesus is the living water; Jesus forgives our sins; Jesus heals us from the wounds of sin; Jesus quenches the thirst of souls; Jesus gives us the hope of life eternal; He fulfills our deepest longings and desires; God loves us and brings us salvation.

What particularly appeals to us is that the Lord’s encounter with the Samaritan woman is personal. Jesus saves souls one by one. We are not just faceless members of a group. Jesus as God-man can befriend each man and woman, each boy and girl, down through the long march of time. He knows me by name and brings me His life. He died for me as if I were the only one in need of salvation. That is why I place my whole life in His hands, humbly repenting of my sins, knowing that they are washed away; that I am clean and refreshed; and full of His amazing and saving grace, His life. It is this life that gives me the hope of eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. The Lord’s kingdom is here already, but not yet fully come to its completion. Soul by soul the kingdom of heaven is built up.

In John 4 the image of water stands out. We see in it a prefiguration of the waters of Baptism. From the pierced side of the Lord, as He was nailed to the Cross, there came forth blood and water, which point to the waters of Baptism that are made efficacious by the power of His blood shed for us and by His Resurrection from the dead. Baptism is our initiation into the death and Resurrection of the Lord. We are freed from Original Sin and filled with God’s grace. For those baptized, the Lenten and Easter seasons give us the opportunity to reclaim what was given us at Baptism. This life can be lost and our souls with it. The other sacraments are necessary to maintain our Christian life and grow in it.

Most importantly, the blood clearly manifests the irrevocable mystical event of the Lord’s Sacrifice on the Cross and its renewal in an un-bloody manner under the appearances of bread and wine. At every Mass we are invited to enter more fully into His death so as to enter more fully into His Resurrection. There is no better connection with the saving Lord than at Holy Mass, because the Lord willed it so. Therefore, the Holy Mass is for those who dare to love as Christ loved us. We can’t do it without Him. This is the rhythm of the Christian life. The Catholic Church was born from the wounded side of the crucified and risen Lord for all peoples of all time. Authentic Christians identify with their vocation to daily turn away from sin through Christ and live more fully in Him. He did it all for me and for you. What is my response?  Will Easter be real for me or not?

Yours in the Lord,

Fr. Mark G. Mazza, Pastor
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: Charlize Brooke Narvaez; and Angelina Elizabeth Ricard. 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, James Carvalho, Jorge Castillo, Margaret Charlton, Bob Claesgens, Joselina Deladingco, Grace Delagnes, Reese Derryman, 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, John MeEvoy, Ken McQueen, Jesse Montalvo, Donna Moynihan, John Nguyen, Pauline & Jerome Oppenheim, Arlene Penn, Betsy H. Pereira, Elizabeth Pugh, James Pugh, Joshua Pugh, Chris Quigg, Victoria Renard, Joel Rivera, Ron Rosso, Adrian Sanchez, Joseph Sangervasi, Brooke Seim, Bill Selenger, Lisa Stasiak, Ofelia Vallejo, Paulette Volante, Marc Weiss, Mary Ellen Weiss, Justin & Jennifer Wells & Family, Ted Wolfe, and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

**Mass Schedule**

Mar 23 Sat. - **Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**
- 8:00am – Anna Ng

Mar 24 Sun. - **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
- 7:30am – Oliver David Gutierrez
- 9:30am – People of the Parish
- 11:30am – Anita Stasiak

Mar 25 Mon. - **The Annunciation of the Lord**
- 8:00am – Agnes Burk

Mar 26 Tue. - **Lenten Weekday**
- 8:00am – Teofilo Gutierrez

Mar 27 Wed. - **Lenten Weekday**
- 8:00am – Bill and Ruth Milestone

Mar 28 Thu. - **Lenten Weekday**
- 8:00am – Inez Yoell

Mar 29 Fri. - **Lenten Weekday**
- 8:00am – Flor Maria Arguello

Mar 30 Sat. - **Lenten Weekday**
- 8:00am – Josephine Pantaleone

Mar 31 Sun. - **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
- 7:30am – Gail Tesi
- 9:30am – People of the Parish
- 11:30am – Bob, Agnes & Dominic Pasquesi

**CELEBRANTS for Mar. 30, 31, 2019**
- Sat. 5:00 pm – Fr. Mazza
- Sun. 7:30 am – Fr. MacDonald
- 9:30 am – Fr. Mazza
- 11:30 am – Fr. Mazza

**READINGS for Mar. 30, 31, 2019**
First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 (30C)
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**
Collection for weekend of 03-17-19: $6,462
Second Collection for weekend of 03-17-19: $1,323

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2019**
Our Goal for this year 2019 is $83,531
As of this date, we have 61 donors, who contributed $28,225.00 in cash and pledges toward this purpose. You can donate online at https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa#DonateForm

**LENTEN HOLY HOUR**
There will be a Holy Hour on Friday, March 29th from 7 pm – 8 pm consisting of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration and Benediction, at IHM Church. All are encouraged to attend.

**Confessions**
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered at all parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco this Tuesday, March 26, from 6 pm – 8 pm. There will be a priest available in the Confessional of every parish church during those hours. You may go to any parish to receive the Sacrament. Fr. Mark Mazza will be in the confessional at IHM. There will also be Confessions at IHM this Saturday, March 30, from 4 pm – 4:45 pm.

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
will be held at IHM Church on every Friday of Lent, after the 8:00 am Mass.
VENERATE A RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS OF CHRIST at the Prayer Service of the Salutations of the Holy Cross at our sister church, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, on April 4th at 7:00 pm. Metropolitan Gerasimos will preside, and Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone will preach.

UPCOMING TRADITIONAL LATIN MASSES
Traditional Latin Mass Society
Celebrant: Father Alvin Yu
1. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Monday, March 25th, 6:30 p.m.
2. Passion Sunday: Sunday, April 7th, 5:00 p.m.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS
Please join us for Lenten Soup Suppers in Saint Michael’s Hall at 5:30 pm on the remaining 3 Wednesdays of Lent: March 27, Apr 3, 10. To assist, or bring your favorite soup, call Mary Podesta at 650-576-3597 or email her at podestam@sfarch.org. Small group sessions on the Catholic Study of the Mass will follow at 7 pm in the Discovery Room of the Church.

DISCOVERY ROOM NEWS
Head to the Discovery Room after Mass today for a free copy of “Why Stay away? Encountering Heaven on Earth”. In this beautiful little booklet, which is companion to our parish Lenten small group study on the Mass, you will find answers to common questions as well as devotional prayers is to say after Mass. Be sure to pick up your free copy while the supply lasts!

IHM SCHOOL INFORMATION
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.

For the 2019-2020 school year, children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1, 2019. For information please contact the school office at ihmoffice@ihmschoolbelmont.org or call Suzie Smith at 650-593-4265.
WE ASK FOR MAY 11 AUCTION GIFTS

Businesses are responding to our requests. Your business and personal contacts are gift sources. Gifts are accepted Monday through Friday 9 AM-4:00 PM in the parish office. Each gift requires a gift form. Copies are on the vestibule table. Gift ideas vary from household services such as carpet cleaning, handyman, electrical and plumbing services, to kitchen cooking items. Unique experiences, tickets to sports events, vacation stays overnight to one week, dining certificates are popular gifts. Let your Imagination be your guide. You may go online - ihmbelmont.org/auction. Click on gifts. Gifts are tax deductible as permitted by law.

MAY 11 30th ANNUAL AUCTION DINNER DANCE

A spectacular evening is planned for guests at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel. Reservations can be made now online. Auctions, drawings, gourmet dinner with wines dancing plus surprises await guests. Guest menu selection is online. Invitations will be mailed April 5. Reservation fee is $135 per person. Your adult friends and family are invited. Singles, couples and those wishing to reserve a guest table are welcome.

CELEBRATE IHM LIFE 2019

You are invited to join the volunteers who produce our May 11th Gala. Blue volunteer forms are on the vestibule table. The orange flyer lists committees and their chairmen. You may also sign up for the various community events throughout the year. You will be contacted. Questions? Please call General Chairman Gloria Oswald 650-591-4719. An opportunity for further event participation is placing an Event Catalog ad for your business, or a personal message. White Ad forms are on the vestibule table or online