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

PASTORAL STAFF:
Rev. Mark Mazza……………………………………………Pastor
Rev. Mr. Henry Jacquemet……………...Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Steven G. Hackett………………..Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Leon P. Kortenkamp ………………Permanent Deacon
Ms. Jessica Schaukowitch…………………School Vice Principal
Mrs. Robyn Lang………………...Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Elizabeth Zapien……………………Pre-School Coordinator
Dr. Cyril Deaconoff…………..………Music Coordinator
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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, 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.
Right is right even if no one is doing it. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.

Let us love one another!

Laetare Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31, 2019

Isaiah 66:10-11: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

At this mid-point of Lent we pause to rejoice. This Sunday, which parallels a similar Sunday in Advent, is known as Laetare i.e. Rejoice Sunday. It is a tradition to replace the stark violet vestments on this day with rose colored ones. The name comes from the traditional entrance chant, or Introit, which begins in Latin with the words “Rejoice Jerusalem” from Isaiah 66:10-11. Today, we can already anticipate the joy of Easter. All of our Lenten observances have not been in vain, but are the means that lead our souls into the loving, joyful embrace of our Lord. It is all worth it after all. Grace works. Therefore, we are encouraged to stay the course in the tried and true way no matter how difficult it may be. The cross leads to eternal joy in heaven. And we can already taste it now. Virtue is its own reward.

The Gospel of John, chapter nine, relates the account of the cure of the blind man. There is a profound theological meaning to this encounter with the Lord similar to that of the Samaritan woman we heard about last week. The blind man represents all of humanity, Everyman, as it were. Without Christ we are in the dark, unable to see clearly. We can make foolish and foolhardy choices. At worst the choice of sin prevents us from being who we are capable of being. To oppose God and to make decisions in opposition to Him is to plunge ourselves into spiritual, moral, and psychological darkness and sadness. There is only one sure cure: Jesus. Jesus evidently turns sadness into joy. This miracle is for all.

Only Jesus can forgive the darkness of sin and heal our spiritual blindness. Only Jesus can restore our spiritual sight and bring us into the light. Only Jesus gives us the power to see spiritually and morally in this world and grasp God’s eternal plan. Only Jesus can break the barrier between heaven and earth. Only Jesus can be our light and the light of the whole world. Apart from Him there is darkness now, which if left to run its course leads souls to eternal darkness. The question: do I embrace the cure or not? This light is pure joy now and forever. No wonder we rejoice in His saving and healing graces. We have nowhere else to go. Jesus loves us so much.

During the time that remains in Lent let us be more attentive to living our lives in union with the Lord, in obedience to the Gospel. At the end of Lent during Holy Week we will reaffirm who we are in Christ. Let us rejoice!

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Mark G. Mazza, Pastor

“O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity.”

- Saint Basil the Great
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, Bob Claesgens, Victoria Renard, Valerie Abbey, Bob Ahrens, Tom Anderson, Joe Andreano, Fernando Arguello, Ron Barri, James Carvalho, Jorge Castillo, Margaret Charlton, 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 Jacquemeton, Leota Jones, Torin Jones, Maria Latham, Patrick Lobo, Jacob Loeffler, Vicki Logan, Rosemarie Maffei, Kevin Mapes, Carol Mateus, John McEvoy, Ken McQueen, Jesse Montalvo, Donna Moynihan, John Nguyen, Pauline & Jerome Oppenheim, Arlene Penn, Betsy H. Pereira, Elizabeth Pugh, James Pugh, Joshua Pugh, Chris Quigg, 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.

CELEBRANTS for Apr. 6, 7, 2019
Sat. 5:00 pm – Fr. Stump
Sun. 7:30 am – Fr. Mazza
9:30 am – Fr. Mazza
11:30 am – Fr. MacDonald

READINGS for Apr. 6, 7, 2019
First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11

SUNDAY COLLECTION
Collection for weekend of 03-24-19: $5,368
SVDP Collection for weekend of 03-24-19: $2,626

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2019
Our Goal for this year 2019 is $83,531
As of this date, we have 81 donors, who contributed $36,507.00 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, April 5th 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, April 2, 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, April 6, from 4 pm – 4:45 pm.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held at IHM Church on Friday, April 5th after the 8:00 am Mass.
UPCOMING TRADITIONAL
LATIN MASSES
Traditional Latin Mass Society
Celebrant: Father Alvin Yu
Passion Sunday: April 7th, 5:00 p.m.

VENERATE A RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS OF CHRIST
The Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross at 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, in union with IHM Church, are having a joint Prayer Service of the Salutations of the Holy Cross at their church on Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 pm, to foster a spirit of ecumenism. You will have the opportunity to venerate a relic of the True Cross of Christ. Metropolitan Gerasimos will preside; and Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone will preach.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS
Please join us for Lenten Soup Suppers in Saint Michael’s Hall at 5:30 pm on the remaining two Wednesdays of Lent: Apr 3 and 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.

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.
MAY 11 30th ANNUAL AUCTION
DINNER DANCE
Invitations will be mailed to registered parishioners April 5. Reservations can be made also online. Invite your adult friends and family. Singles, couples and those wishing to reserve a guest table are welcome. This event directly helps to balance the parish’s annual operational budget.

AUCTION GIFTS
Your gifts create the Silent and Live Auctions. Let your imagination be your guide. Bring gifts to the parish office now to be printed in the event catalog. Gifts received after April 10 are printed in an event addendum. Gifts are tax deductible as permitted by law.

CATALOG ADS
White Ad forms are on the vestibule table. Note black and white print is available in varying sizes.

DISCOVERY ROOM NEWS
Our small groups are now mid-way into their Lenten study on the Mass. If you could not attend, another way to deepen your own understanding of the Mass this Lent is to read one of the wonderful books available to borrow in the Discovery Room. Newly donated by Fr. Mazza is the exquisite and classic *The Spirit of the Liturgy* by Benedict XVI. We also have had a donation of several copies of the very readable *The Lamb’s Supper, The Mass as Heaven on Earth* by Scott Hahn. Grab a cup of coffee after Mass today and take a look at these and all the other materials you could borrow to deepen your faith this Lent.

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