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

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

Let us love one another!

**Sunday, June 30, 2019 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Pastor’s Notes**

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**The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2019**

**I Kings 19:21c** Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

**Galatians 5:1** Brothers and sisters, for freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

**Luke 9:62** To him Jesus said, “No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In the 18th century in a far off distant land a young Franciscan heard the Lord call him to do missionary work in this part of the world in what is now Mexico and California. He yearned to bring the Gospel to new people, especially the Indians. He meditated on Luke 9:62, which strengthened his resolve, and then he set out on a mission trip that would consume his entire life. He would eventually be responsible for founding the twenty-one missions in California alone. Of course, his name is Junipero Serra. We live near a city and in an Archdiocese named after one of those missions.

Jesus reveals that true freedom, happiness, fulfillment comes from obedience to God’s will. There must be no looking back, no second thoughts. What God wills, God wills. Since we are made in His image and likeness, the more we conform to Him the more we are in line with His plan for us, His unconditional love. Jesus marched up to Jerusalem to suffer, die, and rise for our sakes. We must walk in His footsteps if we are to know union with God and all that He gives to those who follow Him.

This concept is confirmed in the reading from First Kings. Elisha gave up his livelihood to follow Elijah, the prophet. There was no turning back, no second guesses, no regrets. He would never doubt that he was called to do God’s work. Therefore, he becomes a great prophet in tune with the ways of heaven.

St. Paul leads us to a more profound understanding. He recognizes the complete surrender to Christ for what it is. If we do as we please, as we want, as we feel, living on our whims, following the path of least resistance, choosing our way over God’s in sin, we don’t find freedom but slavery. Sin enslaves, never liberates. Currently, there is a prevalent a false sense of freedom. True freedom is obedience to God not self. Freedom as license to do as I please brings the opposite: sadness, defeat, bondage, frustration. With confidence let us fully respond to the Lord, who calls out to each of us every day: “Follow me!”

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this year, let us pray that America will learn that true freedom comes from obedience to God and His commandments. One philosopher said: “If there is no God, all things are permitted.” The more and more men and women choose to build up a Tower of Babel instead of the Kingdom of God, all will suffer, before and as it comes tumbling down.

God bless America, land that I love! Stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above. God bless America, my home sweet home!

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Mark G. Mazza, Pastor
PRAY FOR:

- Those who have died, FRANCES TIDD, 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, James Carvalho, Joselina Deladingco, Grace Delagnes, Judith Delahunty, Reese Derryman, Donna Moyrinian, John Nguyen, Pauline & Jerome Oppenheim, Arlene Penn, 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, Justin & Jennifer Wells & Family, Ted Wolfe, and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

CELEBRANTS for Jul 6, 7, 2019

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

READINGS for Jul 6, 7, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c
Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18
Finley Nicole Fett, Andrew Jay Gordils, & Nolan Luke Sujarit will be baptized at IHM Church next Sunday, July 7th at 12:45 pm.

THE FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR on July 5th has been cancelled because of the July 4th Holiday.

IHM FIRST SUNDAY LATIN MASS will be held on Sunday, July 7th at 5:00 pm.

DISCOVERY ROOM NEWS

Who says these things?

“Content, filming and music excellent”
“Brought my prayer life to a deeper level
“There was so much to learn about the symbols of the Mass that I had forgotten and now going to Mass is more meaningful to me”

These were some of the comments made by IHM parishioners after attending our small group study of the Mass this Lent.

If you were unable to attend the series or would just like to see the videos used for the study again, we now have several copies of Bishop Barron’s incredibly beautiful series available for check out in the Discovery Room.

And in the wise words of still another parishioner: “The more you know, the more your faith will mean to you”

GOD BLESS AMERICA

The IHM Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018.
CAN HOLY COMMUNION BE GIVEN TO NON-CATHOLICS?

The Catholic Church is always at work to bring about Christian Unity. Unfortunately, at the present time, the Catholic Church does not yet approve the distribution of Holy Communion to non-Catholics. [The Orthodox Church is a separate case].

Catholic Church dogma teaches that Holy Communion is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ – His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is the totality of the Person of Jesus Christ – in his human nature and Divine nature. The Catholic Church does not view It as a symbol: It is the Real Presence! The Consecration of the bread and wine has to be done by a validly ordained Priest who can trace his ordination in an unbroken line of succession to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

The Catholic Church teaches that Holy Communion is the Sacrament of Unity – Unity of Faith that is taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church – among the people who partake of It. It cannot be given to those who do not share in this unity, otherwise it becomes a grave sin – a sacrilege on the part of the Priest or minister distributing Holy Communion.

This is not an indictment of non-Catholics who do not share that Faith; nor is it an indictment of Catholics who hold to this Faith. It merely means, that a lot more prayer, reflection, contemplation and understanding is necessary on the part of Catholics and Protestants to attain to that unity that Jesus prayed for, at the Last Supper, in John 17:20-23: [20] “I pray not only for them [the Apostles], but also for those who will believe in me through their word, [21] so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. [22] And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, [23] I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.”

BLESSED BE JESUS IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR!