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. Rufino Gepiga…………………………….Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Henry Jacquemet…………………Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Steven G. Hackett…………………Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Leon P. Kortenkamp ………………Permanent Deacon
Ms. Johanna McCormack……………………School Principal
Mrs. Robyn Lang………………………Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Elizabeth Zapien……………………Pre-School Coordinator
Dr. Cyril Deaconoff…………………………Music Coordinator
Mrs. Denise Allen…………………………Parish Office Manager
Mrs. Karen Turner…………………………Parish Finance 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.

August 4, 2019 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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, August 4, 2019 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2** Vanity of Vanities, says Quoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

**Colossians 3:1-2** Brothers and Sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

**Luke 12:20-21** But God said to him, “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?” Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves, but are not rich in what matters to God.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians presents us with the sublime doctrine of the Christian Faith. It stands in contrast with the world. It is dynamic and attractive. Nothing could be more compelling. What do I choose, the earthly way or the heavenly way? Do I prefer the here and now, or do I see all things in the light of eternity? Do I work for an earthly paradise or the Kingdom of God perfected in heaven? Where do I stand? Is it on the way of grace or on the way of degraded nature? Will I live for this world to enter eternal death or die to this world in order to gain eternal life? In fact, not to choose is to choose. I stand with God or not. It is that simple. We are warned by the Great Apostle lest we be deceived by Satan, who flatters and tempts us so that we can lose the way on earth so that we may be lost for all eternity.

One of the many books of Pope Benedict XVI is entitled Seek that which is above. It was first published years ago when he was a cardinal. It is a little book that offers reflections on the liturgical year. I have found it simple, profound, and moving all at once. At the heart of his reflections is the Easter message. The events of the Lord’s Death and Resurrection have changed the world forever. All things must now be seen from a different perspective. Jesus reversed the order of things so that the gates of heaven could be opened again and that we could be reconciled with our loving Father in heaven. There is now a Christian Order. This is the Kingdom of grace, of justice, and of peace. This is the Kingdom of Faith, Hope, and Charity. Even now one must be reborn, recreated, become a “new self” in Christ (Colossians 3:9-10). Heaven comes to earth and earth to heaven. This is the new order of the supernatural. That is why St. Paul wrote: “If you were raised in Christ, seek what is above.”

Jesus expresses this doctrine in a more forceful way in the parable He relates to us. Could He make Himself clearer to us? “You fool!” He proclaims to all the ages of foolish men and women. “You fool!” is meant to grab us in the depths of our being and wake us up before it is too late. “You fool!” is the clarion call to immediate and total conversion to Christ. “You fool!” is a loving God reaching out to His beloved sons and daughters to prevent them from losing their immortal souls. “You fool!” is meant to startle the worldly and comfort the other worldly. Yes, there will be a judgment of souls and the standards are not ours by God’s. Our eternal happiness depends on an investment in the eternal not the superficial and fleeting. Wealth is not measured in terms of heaped up material things. No, all is different in the Kingdom without end, the Kingdom of God. In which Kingdom do I live: the Kingdom of light and love in Christ, or the Kingdom of darkness and evil in Satan? May we not be fools, outsmarting ourselves in the long run; but wise men and women, who joyfully and freely choose the Way of our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is our last, best, and only hope. Amen.

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

“Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well; who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him.” Saint Dominic Savio, Schoolboy Saint, and Model of Youth, Age 14.
PRAY FOR:

- Those who have died, BARBARA THIELEN, 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 Delahante, 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 Maftei, Kevin Mapes, Carol Mateus, John McEvoy, Ken McQueen, Jesse Montalvo, Donna Moyer, 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 Aug 10, 11, 2019

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SUNDAy COLLECTION

Collection for weekend of 07-28-19: $6,510
Second Collection for weekend of 07-28-19: $1,442

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2019
Our Goal for this year 2019 is $83,531

As of this date, we have 125 donors, who contributed $52,147 in cash and pledges toward this purpose.

You can donate online at
https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa#DonateForm

For the remainder of the year, on every Sunday that does not have a special scheduled second collection, our second collection will be to assist IHM reach its goal for the Annual Archdiocesan Assessment. Please consider making a pledge and please support this collection.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to our newly baptized!

In the month of July, we welcomed

Finley Fett
Andrew Gordils
Andrea Casco
Nolan Sujarit

So glad you are part of our family of faith!

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word." (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213).
AN URGENT NEED

The Gabriel Project at St. Matthew’s parish, which helps pregnant mothers in need, is totally out of baby clothes size 0-3 months. (Mostly, that would be one-piece outfits, pajamas, sleepers). A woman pregnant with twins, who is DUE ANY DAY NOW, is currently being helped.

If you have any to spare, or know someone with some to spare, or can donate to buy some, please email Jessica Munn at themunns@yahoo.com and she will connect you with the current person in charge there.

DISCOVERY ROOM NEWS

Tired of searching for worthwhile reading this summer? We’ve got some pretty good choices in the Discovery Room! Expand your faith, learn about a new saint, or get hints on enhancing your prayer life. Borrow materials after Mass today or whenever the church is open.

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.

Foundation in Christ + Excellence in Education + Strength in Community

IHM PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool Parent Night – August 15th, 2019 at 7 P.M. in Saint Michael’s Hall.

Preschool Orientation week – August 19-23rd in the Preschool classroom.
IHM Parish Community Event
CELEBRATE IHM LIFE!

FAMILY AND FRIENDS
GAME & MOVIE NIGHT
FUN FOR ONE AND ALL!

Saturday, September 14, 2019
7:00 to 9:00 pm. ● St. Michael’s Hall

Loads of games, pizza, popcorn, snacks, drinks and movies.
Trivia for teens and adults – fun games, arts and crafts for children of all ages

Reservation fee is $20 per adult and pre-teens.
Children 10 years and younger are $10 per child

Reservation flyers are on the vestibule table
Or reserve online: ihmbelmont.org/auction

Reservation deadline is September 7, 2019

PRO-LIFE SAN FRANCISCO PRESENTS
Let There Be Life Conference
September 7th, 2019
The University of California, Berkeley – Pauley Ballroom

This event is intended to keep our state’s pro-life activities connected and organized in order to achieve big legislative and cultural results. California is a crucial place and we are living in crucial times for the pro-life movement. Let us join talents to navigate a new and unified path towards building a culture of life in the one state that influences cultural change on a global scale above all others. Let’s build a pro-life future together! All ages, religions, and political affiliations welcome! Early bird pricing available through 8/17. Register today at prolifesf.com/events!