

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

August 11, 2019 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Mark Mazza.....Pastor
Rev. Rufino Gepiga.....Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Mr. Steven G. Hackett.....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, August 11, 2019 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Wisdom 18:6 The night of the Passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage.

Hebrews 11:1 Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

Luke 12:32 Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.”

Luke 12:37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Luke 12:40 You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For many years there has been much interest in what some call “The Rapture.” According to this theory, when the Lord Jesus returns at the end of the world, some will be taken right up to heaven and the others will be left behind. Thus, a great deal has been made about the popular Left Behind series of books and even movies. According to most writers on this subject, those “left behind” are those who did not accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior during their life on earth. These are the once saved always saved folks. Most of these writers would exclude Roman Catholics, because we do not fit into their definition of what is required to be a Christian. These relatively recent theories, maybe not even a century old, are supposedly Biblical. Yet there is no evidence for them in the Bible, unless some texts are stretched way beyond their obvious sense. In fact, they are neither Biblical nor part of Tradition. They are merely sensational proposals clearly meant to sell books and promote movies.

What is the Truth? The Church has always taught that the Lord Jesus will return. In fact, in the Bible it seems that many expected Him to return in the early days of Christianity. Obviously, this was not the Lord’s plan, but return He will when He is ready to complete the work of our Redemption. When He shall return we do not know; there is no specific date approved by the Scriptures or the Church. We simply do not know when. Yet we know that He will return at some point. We call this return of the Lord His Second Coming. That the world as we have known it will end is also clear. Yet we are not certain about all the details. Nevertheless, the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that the end times will be a time of great moral, spiritual, and doctrinal decadence and darkness on earth. The stench of evil will reach to heaven and the Lord will then return in His glory.

The point of the Scriptures today is that we must always be ready. We must not lose hope or abandon a life of faith and love. There will be a General Judgment when the Lord returns and souls will be placed in Heaven or Hell for all eternity. We will be judged according to the way we lived our lives in line with all that Jesus Christ has revealed. There is also a Particular Judgment at the time of death, in the period in which we are now living, before the Second Coming. Besides Heaven and Hell, it is very likely many souls will have to spend some time in Purgatory, preparing for Heaven. Only perfect, sinless souls can enter Heaven, thus the need for Purgatory for those who die in venial sins and/or those who die without having made up in proper penance for their sins, especially confessed and absolved mortal sins. God gives us a second chance after death. We are also certain that in the end we will be given back our bodies, which will be resurrected and glorified, similar to that of Jesus Christ and His Mother, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

The claim “once saved always saved” is not the teaching of the Bible or the Tradition of the Church. We are not saved “by faith alone.” Salvation depends on faith and grace. In order to be found ready for the Lord we must die in the state of grace. Of course, we need to throw ourselves upon the tremendous love and mercy of God. The Scripture this week reminds us not to be presumptuous. We must do our all to respond to God in faith and love, which gives us the hope that all will turn out well in the end. Jesus wants us to have confidence that He will fulfill all His promises and will not let us down. He tells us: “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.”

The prayers for the Novena to Our Lady of Knock are in the pews. Please take a copy home if you wish. Let us storm heaven with our prayers through the intercession of Our Lady of Knock.

Yours in Our Lady of Knock,
The Rev. 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: 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, 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 Maffei, Kevin Mapes, Carol Mateus, John McEvoy, Ken McQueen, Jesse Montalvo, Donna Moynihan, 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.

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
& INTENTIONS**

- Aug 10 Sat.-** *Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*
8:00am- Celebrant’s Intention
5:00pm- Jim Sarzotti
- Aug 11 Sun.-** **7:30am – Priya and Cyril Paul (living)**
9:30am – People of the Parish
11:30am – Special Intention
- Aug 12 Mon.-** *St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*
8:00am – Vilma Martin
- Aug 13 Tue.-** *Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*
8:00am – Celebrant’s Intention.
- Aug 14 Wed.-** *Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*
8:00am – Bernadette Bhagat (living)
- Aug 15 Thu.-** **THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
8:00am – People of the Parish
Noon – Beverly D’Emilio
6:00pm – Ann Marie Witkoski
- Aug 16 Fri.-** *Saint Stephen of Hungary*
8:00am – Antonio De Zuzuarregui, Jr.
- Aug 17 Sat.-** *Weekday. Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:00am – Pacita Javier
5:00pm – Arthur Orten
- Aug 18 Sun.-** **7:30am – Virginia Vavuris**
9:30am – People of the Parish
11:30am – Peter Schwab

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collection for weekend of 08-04-19: \$5,954
Second Collection for weekend of 08-04-19: \$1,326

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

As of this date, we have 124 donors, who contributed \$51,747 in cash and pledges toward this purpose. Amount Due: \$31,284.

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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, August 15th is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** – a Holy Day of Obligation, and a dogma of the Catholic Faith. IHM Church will have a Vigil Mass at 7 pm on Wednesday, August 14th; and 3 Masses on Thursday, August 15th at 8 am, noon, and 7 pm.

The Catholic Church teaches as **dogma** that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". This doctrine was dogmatically defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1st, 1950 in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* by exercising papal infallibility.

CELEBRANTS for Aug 17, 18, 2019

- Sat. 4:00 pm – Confessions: Fr. Stump
5:00 pm – Fr. Stump
Sun. 7:30 am – Fr. MacDonald
9:30 am – Fr. Mazza
11:30 am – Fr. Gepiga

READINGS for Aug 17, 18, 2019

- First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6:8-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

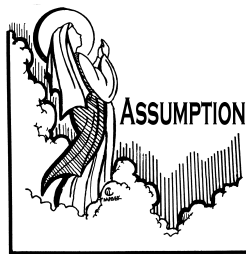
WHAT DOES THE WORD “DOGMA” MEAN?

A dogma of the Catholic Church is defined as "a truth revealed by God, which the magisterium of the Church declared as binding."

WHAT ARE THE FOUR MARIAN DOGMAS?

The Catholic Church teaches 4 Marian Dogmas about Mary's relationship with God and her role in human salvation:

1. **Mary's Divine Motherhood** was proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. She is called the Mother of God or, in Greek, the Theotokos (God bearer). Jesus Christ is one Person, with 2 natures – one divine and the other, human. Jesus' divine nature was begotten of God the Father before all ages. Jesus got His human nature from Mary, who conceived Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. **Mary's Perpetual Virginity**: Jesus Christ was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary without human seed, by the Holy Spirit only. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was and is a Virgin, before, during and after the Virgin birth of Christ. It also maintains that Jesus was Mary's only child. The so-called "brothers and sisters" are close relatives.
3. **The Immaculate Conception of Mary**: This dogma emphasizes the dignity and holiness required to become the Mother of God. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception states that "the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege from Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, was kept free of every stain of original sin."
4. **The Assumption of Mary into Heaven**: This dogma states that "Mary, Immaculate Mother of God *ever Virgin*, after finishing the course of her life on earth, was taken up body and soul into to heavenly glory."



*A great sign appeared in the heavens –
a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.*

— REVELATION 12:1

As a gift from *God*,
every human life is *Sacred*
from *Conception*
to *Natural death*.

31st Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Essay Contest

Open to all students grades
K-12 with cash prizes!!

Visit www.sfarch.org/essay-contest for
application, rules, and eligibility.

Deadline is October 31, 2019.
Winners announced January 13, 2020.



IT'S POSY TIME!

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GREATNESS
CONSISTS IN
THE FACT THAT
SHE WANTS TO
MAGNIFY **GOD**,
NOT HERSELF.

Pope Benedict XVI