

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

1040 ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS

BELMONT, CALIFORNIA 94002

MASS TIMES

Monday through Saturday:

7:50 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:15 AM Mass
Rosary Following Mass

Sunday Obligation

5:00 PM (Sat. Vigil)
7:30 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM
5:00 PM Latin Mass (1st and 4th Sundays of the month)

First Friday Holy Hour

7:00-8:00 p.m.
Exposition, Meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Bulletin Deadline:

10:00 AM Tuesday

December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent



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. KortenkampPermanent Deacon
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Mrs. Robyn Lang.....Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Elizabeth Zapien.....Pre-School 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, 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.

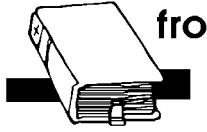
PENANCE:

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!

A Message



from the

Pastor

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The First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 1, 2019

Romans 13:14 - Abjiciamus ergo opera tenebrarum, et induamur arma lucis;

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.

Matthew 24:44 - Ideo et vos estote parati: quia qua nescitis hora Filius hominis

venturus est; So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On the first Sunday of Advent the Church begins a new Church year. Once again we begin to come in contact with the central mysteries of our faith. Actually, we are invited to respond in faith to God, who lives. We are drawn into His Being. This is not done in a merely nostalgic way or in a way that merely recalls events of long past. No, the Church believes that in its sacred liturgy what happened then happens now.

Yes, the circumstances change from century to century, but the deep reality of God's revelation and WHO He is remain the same. He reaches out to us through the sacred liturgy in His Church for the sake of souls. We must keep in mind that the Truth does not change. It cannot. However, since faith must seek understanding we can develop by God's assistance in our personal understanding of what is eternal. We change; God cannot. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to study and pray over all that God has revealed in the Sacred Scriptures and in Tradition, living the faith in the Church. We are not free to change what has been handed down to us. We discover what is there and has always been there.

The Advent season is clearly derived from the Latin word "advenire", which is a dynamic, active coming. In the history of salvation God has revealed to us that He comes as the God-man in three specific ways: 1.) The First Coming at the Annunciation at the moment of His conception, and then made manifest at His Birth; 2.) He always stands ready to come into our pure hearts here and now; 3.) He will return at the end of the world. This is His Second Coming.

The major obstacle to having the Lord draw near to us is mortal sin. However, the worst sin is not to reject God, but to refuse to step in His direction, to refuse to come into His light. The rejection of the Light is far worse than embracing the darkness. To reject Love is far worse than accepting hate.

That is the direction our Scriptures point out to us. We must have on the armor of God, the armor of light, to come into the light and live forever in the light. We must be obedient souls that take seriously God's proper and justified demands from us, His commandments, if we wish to see them fulfilled forever in Heaven.

Heaven is for the obedient, not the disobedient, i.e. for the faithful, not the unfaithful. Jesus is the Mediator and Model of fidelity. Through Him, with Him, and in Him we find the answer to our deepest longings. We find perfect Love.

Jesus comes. Advent presents that reality to us. Let us let Him come into our hearts, minds, and souls so as to be happy in this world and forever in the next. A good and faithful Advent will take us in that direction. At Christmas may we be able to say that we are living in Christ the light; in fact, we are the light of Christ to others in a real and true way.

May all of us have a holy and grace-filled Advent!

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

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: 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 Ahrens, Tom Anderson, Joe Andreano, Fernando Arguello, Manny Galvez, Gary Harder, Henry Jacquemet, Patrick Lobo, Carol Mateus, John McEvoy, Jesse Montalvo, Victoria Renard, Ron Rosso, and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

Mass Schedule

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Nov 30 Sat.-	<i>Saint Andrew, Apostle</i> 8:15am – Tom Smith 5:00pm – John A. Barulich
Dec 1 Sun.-	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:30am – Luigi Benedetti 9:30am – People of the Parish 11:30am – Amalu Family 5:00 pm – Latin Mass
Dec 2 Mon.-	<i>Advent Weekday</i> 8:15am – Lindolfo Diaz
Dec 3 Tue.-	<i>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</i> 8:15am – Bruce Hansen
Dec 4 Wed.-	<i>St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i> 8:15am – Agnes Lobo (living)
Dec 5 Thu.-	<i>Advent Weekday</i> 8:15am – Tony Lobo
Dec 6 Fri.-	FIRST FRIDAY. St. Nicholas, Bishop 8:15am – Paul E. Craib
Dec 7 Sat.-	FIRST SATURDAY. St. Ambrose, Bp. & Dr. of the Church 8:15am – Neville & Bernadette Bhagat 5:00pm – Ascunzion Bautista
Dec 8 Sun.-	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7:30am – Maria Benedetti 9:30am – People of the Parish 11:30am – Raymond Serrato

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2019

“I will show you my faith by my works.” *James 2:18*

As Catholics, we unite in using our gifts and talents to serve others. Together, we are able to demonstrate our faith through the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal by advancing important programs for youth and young adults, social ministries, retired priests, as well as faith formation, human resources, and communications. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this year’s Appeal.

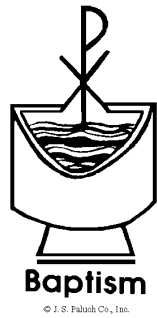
Our Goal for this year 2019 is \$83,531
As of this date, we have 141 donors, who contributed \$59,797 in cash / pledges toward this purpose.

Amount Due: \$23,734.

You can donate online at

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa#DonateForm>

CELEBRANTS for Dec 8, 9, 2019
Sat. 5:00 pm – Fr. Stump
Sun. 7:30 am – Fr. Mazza
9:30 am – Fr. Gepiga
11:30 am – Fr. MacDonald



FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR
7:00 pm – Friday, Dec 6th – IHM Church

ADVENT CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE
7 to 8 pm – Thursday, Dec 12th – IHM Church
7 to 8 pm – Thursday, Dec 19th – IHM Church

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED!

In the month of November we welcomed
Hayden Kanter
Levi Lopez
Mia Martinez
Jayce Blanco

So glad you are part of our family of faith!

THE GIVING TREE

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
(Matthew 25:40)

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and in anticipation of the joy of Christmas, we have an opportunity as a parish to give to others to help bless their holiday season. Starting last Sunday (11/24) and continuing through the following two Sundays, the Giving Tree has returned. In conjunction with Saint Francis Center in Redwood City, we will provide \$25 gift cards for five different vendors (Costco, Target, Safeway, ARCO & Chevron) that will most benefit and are most frequented by the various families that Saint Francis Center serves. Take an "ornament" card (or more) off the Giving Tree, purchase the respective gift card(s) and put them in an envelope and drop them into the mailbox on the right hand side of the front door to the rectory no later than Thursday, December 12th. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

THE ANNUAL SOS CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY PARTY

is scheduled for December 22 at Fair Oaks Community Center on 2600 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City. Please bring your gifts of toys, clothes, toiletries, blankets, etc. to the IHM Church vestibule on the weekend of December 14 and 15. For further information, call Rick Dachauer at 650-279-2967.

MEN'S GROUP

Attention men! What will you become by day 91? Exodus90 is a do-it-yourself spiritual exercise (with the help of a few fellow parishioners) that will cause spiritual growth! This 90-day journey starts Monday, January 13th and ends on Easter Sunday. It is founded on the three pillars of Prayer, Fraternity and Asceticism. Find out more at Exodus90.com or contact Dave Arms at (650) 333-7338.

Catholic+San Francisco Newspaper...

Help you stay informed on what's happening in the Archdiocese, as well as National and International Catholic News. Registered parishioners within the Archdiocese of San Francisco qualify for FREE home delivery. If you are not already receiving your free copy, please contact your parish office so they can add you to the list.

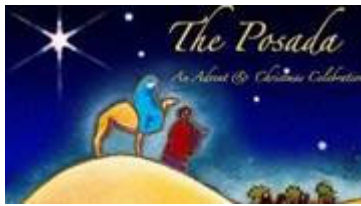
For questions or feedback for *Catholic San Francisco*, please call 415-614-5639 or email circulation.csf@sfarchdiocese.org.

Create Holiday Beauty



Thursday December 5th,
6-8pm, St. Michael's Hall

This fun Holiday Floral Design class taught by Marnie Lyman includes all flowers and floral materials. Please bring your own scissors and cutters. Reservation is \$65 per person - **Reservations close Monday Dec 2nd at 5:00 pm.** Reserve in parish office or online at ihmbelmont.org/auction.



HELP US CELEBRATE POSADA ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Calling Singers of all ages, Angels and Shepherds. Please contact Jeff Voss for sign ups and rehearsal details. Jmv99id@gmail.com.



Masterworks Chorale of San Mateo in its 56th season, is presenting a beautiful holiday choral program on Sunday, December 15th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church in San Mateo (225 Tilton Avenue). Featured will be the Gloria from Bach's B Minor Mass, the Ave Maria by Mendelssohn (8-part choral work), the Huron Carol, and lots of familiar carols. After the concert there will be a cookie buffet and a holiday market. *IHM's own Terri Cook sings with this group.*

To order tickets, visit www.masterworks.org, or see Terri Cook at 9:30 Mass. If you order in advance, there's a \$5 discount.