

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 15, 2019 – Third 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
Ms. Johanna McCormack.....School Principal
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.

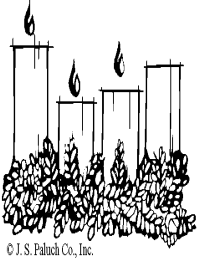
R.C.I.A.

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!*



Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday – December 15, 2019

Introit for this Sunday

Philippians 4:4-6; Ps. 85:1 Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis; sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam, avertisti captivitatem Jacob. Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Lord, Thou has blessed Thy land; Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In Advent this Sunday has been traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. “Gaudete” comes from the Latin verb “gaudere”, which means “to rejoice.” The verb in Latin is in the case for commands or exhortations (the vocative) and thus signifies “Rejoice!” in an emphatic way. In the Latin it is clear that all of us are urged to rejoice. I have printed above the official Introit in Latin and English, which is used not only in the Traditional Latin Mass, but also in the Ordinary Form of the Mass when the official music of the Church is used in Latin or English. Our seminarians at St. Patrick Seminary (and many others in the archdiocese) have become familiar with this chant, published by Fr. Samuel Weber, O.S.B., one of their professors, in his book The Propers of the Mass for Sundays and Solemnities (Ignatius Press, 2015). He has come out with several similar books in recent years in connection with our Benedict XVI Institute.

Today, we are reminded that it is Jesus who alone brings lasting joy. His joy enters our hearts when we live in union with Him. If we are alive in Him, living in the state of grace, we possess a peace, joy, love that nurtures us now and will lead to eternal happiness in heaven. Our spiritual rebirth in Jesus is our greatest treasure. It is this certainty that gives us “forbearance” since we know that “The Lord is at hand.”

It is from this position of Godly joy that we have the confidence to call out to God in prayer, even when sad experiences come our way. Though there are difficulties in life, they need not steal from us our identity as beloved sons and daughters of the Father. We are comforted and encouraged to persevere come what may: “Do not be anxious over anything!” We have this confidence because God always hears and answers our prayers. He invites us to cry out to Him: “...in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God.”

At this mid-point of Advent we pause to assess our spiritual progress thus far. God is very good. He always loves us more than we can imagine and His mercy is without limits. We fervently pray for the grace to make further growth in the Christian life. Renewing our faith in the Lord Jesus gives us a hope that revives us and brings hope to others. Jesus will not let us down; Jesus lives.

There is a special time for confessions on Thursday, December 19th from 7:00-8:00 P.M., preceded by the IHM School Christmas Pageant at 6:00 P.M.

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

But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”

– Luke 1:34-35

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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- Dec 14 Sat.-** *St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of the Church*
8:15am – Gil Inquito
5:00pm – Lenny Sanfilippo
- Dec 15 Sun.-** **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
7:30am – Augustino Benedetti
9:30am – People of the Parish
11:30am – Madonna, Thomas & Don Oswald
- Dec 16 Mon.-** *Advent Weekday*
8:15am – Holy Souls in Purgatory
- Dec 17 Tue.-** *Late Advent Weekday*
8:15am – Conversion of Sinners
- Dec 18 Wed.-** *Late Advent Weekday*
8:15am – Jeff Milestone (living) birthday
- Dec 19 Thu.-** *Late Advent Weekday*
8:15am – Fr. Xavier Harris
- Dec 20 Fri.-** *Late Advent Weekday*
8:15am – Special Intention
- Dec 21 Sat.-** *Late Advent Weekday*
8:15am – The Dying & the Destitute
5:00pm – Alfredo Vasquez
- Dec 22 Sun.-** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
7:30am – Billy Paalua
9:30am – People of the Parish
11:30am – Joe Sarti
5:00 pm – Latin Mass



CELEBRANTS for Dec 21 & 22, 2019

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

READINGS for Dec 21 & 22, 2019

- First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collection for weekend of 12-8-19: \$7,105
Second Collection for weekend of 12-8-19: \$2,937
Second Collection for Retired Religious

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.



Discovery Room News December 15, 2019

Rejoice! It's Gaudete Sunday and the Discovery Room is all dressed up for Christmas. Drop by after Mass today and rejoice with some special homemade Spritz cookies and Christmas breads. This will be the last hospitality in the Discovery Room until after the New Year, but remember that there is plenty of good Christmas reading for both adults and children in the library. Come by any time and check out a book for Advent inspiration!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

7 to 8 pm – Thursday, Dec 19th – IHM Church



IHM School - Come and Visit us

We invite all interested parents to tour our school class rooms and meet our teachers. Admissions tours are every Thursday at 9:00 am. We look forward to sharing our IHM spirit with you! For appointments call the school office at (650) 593-4265.

IHM School Admission Policy

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. Immaculate Heart of Mary School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

IHM Preschool

Now Accepting Applications for 2020-2021. Please contact the IHM School office at (650) 593-4265 to make an appointment for a short observation of the preschool classroom and a tour of the school.

Preschool Schedule Options

FULL DAY: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm

5 days per week - Monday through Friday

3 days per week - Monday, Wednesday, Friday

2 days per week - Tuesday and Thursday

HALF DAY: 8:00am – 12:30pm

5 days per week - Monday through Friday

EXTENDED CARE AVAILABLE:

3:00pm – 5:30pm



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.



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Novena of Advent Masses

Simbang Gabi (meaning evening Mass), is a Christmas Novena to the Blessed Mother in preparation and welcoming of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The first of the nine Masses will be held at St. Luke's Church in Foster City on December 15th with a dinner reception following

the Mass. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board, for more information.

Dec. 15, Sun., 5:00pm	– St. Luke, Foster City
Dec. 16, Mon., 7:00pm	– St. Mark, Belmont
Dec. 17, Tue., 7:00pm	– St. Gregory, San Mateo
Dec. 18, Wed., 7:00pm	– St. Catherine, Burlingame
Dec. 19, Thu., 7:00pm	– St. Matthew, San Mateo
Dec. 20, Fri., 7:00pm	– St. Bartholomew, San Mateo
Dec. 21, Sat., 5:00pm	– Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont
Dec. 22, Sun. 7:30pm	– Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame
Dec. 23, Mon., 7:00pm	– St. Luke, Foster City

MEN'S GROUP

Exodus90 is a do-it-yourself spiritual exercise (with the help of a few fellow parishioners) that will cause spiritual growth! Find out more at Exodus90.com or contact Dave Arms at (650) 333-7338.

2020 CALENDARS

2020 Calendars donated by Crippen and Flynn are available in the vestibule of the Church.



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