

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 22, 2019 – Fourth 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.

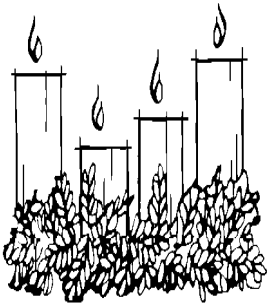
PENANCE:

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!

Sunday, December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Luke 2, 14: Gloria in altissimis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus voluntatis; Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.

John 1, 14: Et Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis; And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

Christmas 2019

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

To you and all your loved ones, I extend my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. If you are visiting us during this holy season I offer you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return soon. For those who are looking for a church home I assure you that our doors and hearts are always open. We are here to help you in your spiritual journey. Christmas is a good time to begin a year round participation in the sacred mysteries of our faith and to become active in the church.

Over the years I have heard many stories about the true meaning of Christmas. That makes sense since the Christmas Mystery is rich in meaning. It can never be fully told. God's tremendous love is like that. Yes, God loved us so much that He sent us His beloved Son Jesus Christ. With humble faith we turn again and again to Him who is made known as The Greatest Story Ever Told. Our Lord Jesus Christ is our first, last, best, and only hope.

Just like the shepherds at the first Christmas we are encouraged by the message of the angels: "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For, this day, is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David" (Luke 2:10-11). Our hearts cannot hold the joy we experience again this Christmas. With the angels we must sing out as they did: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will" (Luke 2:14). Let us all go to Bethlehem and worship Him. Come let us adore Him!

The Lord Jesus born in Bethlehem continues to draw near to us through His Church and in His Sacraments. I am grateful to all those who work hard to make our parish a more loving, kinder, more prayerful and more faithful part of the Church the Divine Savior gave to us almost two thousand years ago. These are difficult times. Please consider giving a special donation to the parish this Christmas in the name of the Christ Child, the little baby Jesus born in Bethlehem. Let us not wrap Him again in rags as He was on the night He was born. He came that the gates of heaven could once more be opened, that you and I might live forever. Let us open the door of our hearts to Him as we prepare for the New Year.

Mary love you! God bless you!

Yours in our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Fr. Mark G. Mazza, Pastor

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. -- Luke 1:38

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. -- John 1:14

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.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Dec 21 Sat.-	<i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Dr. of the Church</i> 8:15am- The Dying & the Destitute 5:00pm- Alfredo Vasquez
Dec 22 Sun.-	<i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> 7:30am – Billy Paalua 9:30am – People of the Parish 11:30am – Joe Sarti 5:00 pm – Latin Mass
Dec 23 Mon.-	<i>Late Advent Weekday. St. John of Kanty, Priest</i> 8:15am – A. P. Joseph
Dec 24 Tue.-	<i>Late Advent Weekday</i> 8:15am – Bernadette Bhagat (living) 5:00pm – Celebrant’s intention 9:00pm – People of the Parish Midnight – Celebrant’s intention
Dec 25 Wed.-	<i>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)</i> 7:30am – Celebrant’s intention 9:30am – Celebrant’s intention 11:30 am – Celebrant’s intention
Dec 26 Thu.-	<i>Saint Stephen, the First Martyr</i> 8:15am –
Dec 27 Fri.-	<i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 8:15am – Ana and Ferdinan Horn
Dec 28 Sat.-	<i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> 8:15am – Kaj Harders 5:00pm – Millie Kwan (living)
Dec 29 Sun	<i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</i> 7:30am – Raniero Roselli 9:30am – People of the Parish 11:30am – Mary Walsh

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.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2019

Our Goal for this year 2019 is \$83,531

As of this date, we have 144 donors, who contributed \$61,097 in cash and pledges toward this purpose. Amount Due: \$22,434.

You can donate online at

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



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

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.

CELEBRANTS for Dec 28 & 29, 2019

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

READINGS for Dec 28 & 29, 2019

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

“TAKE THE TIME TO PRAY. YOU WILL GROW IN HOLINESS.”



DISCOVERY ROOM NEWS

Starting this weekend, Hospitality in the Discovery Room will be on hiatus, but you can still visit to browse, borrow or return materials. Hospitality resumes Jan 12, 2020 and will continue weekly through Feb 9, 2020.

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

In the days leading up to Christmas, people are busy shopping for the perfect gift to give to those whom they love; a special gift that the intended recipient needs most, is capable of receiving, and appreciating. So we buy different gifts tailored specifically to each of the many different people on our Christmas list, and we package them in beautiful giftwrap. We display these gifts prominently under a beautiful Christmas tree to open on Christmas Day.

But there is ONE Christmas gift more precious than all others, that everyone is capable of receiving and loving...and needs most. It is the only gift that is tailored perfectly to everyone, and it did not come in good wrapping paper. It is the Gift that God gave us at Christmas. It was placed in a humble stable, in a lowly manger, because there was no beautiful living room with a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree under which to place it. **Jesus is God's gift to us at Christmas.** He was born in a manger. A manger is a feeding trough for animals, in which hay is placed for sheep to eat. As we look at Baby Jesus lying on the straw in the manger, we cannot help considering the following thought: Just as the sheep eat the hay from the manger for their bodily nourishment and earthly life, so also, we humans – the sheep of God's flock – are invited to eat the Bread of Life – **Jesus**, who lay in that lowly manger – for our spiritual nourishment and Eternal Life. We do this in Holy Communion. We are called to receive Jesus into the manger of our hearts. But to receive such a precious gift into our hearts, we must first prepare our hearts for It. We do this during Advent through silence; prayer; examination of conscience and a good Confession; sacrifices; Scripture reading and reflection. We still have some Advent Reflection books on the tables at the entrances to the Church. Help yourselves!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



IHM SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

January 26, 2020

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. 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