

# 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 29, 2019 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



#### 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  
Ms. Georgianna Askoff.....Music Coordinator  
Ms. Terri Lee Craib.....Parish Secretary  
Mrs. Karen Turner.....Parish Operations Manager

#### PARISH OFFICE:

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PRE-SCHOOL TELEPHONE: (650) 593-2344

#### 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.

#### ANOIDTING 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!*



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**Sunday, December 29, 2019**  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.**

*Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Christmastide is not only a time to reflect on the holy mysteries of our salvation, but a time of renewed relationships with family and friends. Shortly before confessions in our school during Advent many of our children brought up that this holy season is a special “family time.” It is truly a bonding moment. There are many ways families enjoy each other’s company, showing by simple gestures of kindness that their love remains strong and vibrant. To treasure family life is one of the many graces of Christmastide.

Therefore, it makes sense that on the Sunday after Christmas and before the New Year that we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Here is another reason to place a manger scene beneath the Christmas tree each year. In the traditional depictions all are kneeling, bending in adoration of the Christ child, lying in the manger. Closest to Jesus is Mary, His Mother, and Joseph, His foster Father. As you know the true Father of Jesus is God Himself. Thus Jesus is the God Man, fully human and fully divine. He

did all this, for us, to draw near to us. He saves us as one like us in all things but sin. The traditional manger scene reminds families to consecrate themselves to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and beg that the Holy Family bless their own family.

The entire Bible speaks to family life. The first two chapters of the Gospel of St. Luke record for all time how Jesus came into the world and makes clear in the connection with the human and divine, the dignity and sanctity of the family, and life itself. These teachings cannot be changed by any civil law. They are rooted in our human nature by God’s natural law, and confirmed by the Revelation of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. No one on earth has the authority to change what God has revealed. To obey God’s laws on the family is to become truly human; to disobey them is bring about our dehumanization to the detriment of all. This is the current crisis that calls out to heaven for intervention.

The Catholic Family and all families must struggle to keep Christ at the center of their lives day by day. Daily prayers in the home, including the rosary, assistance at Mass on all Sundays and holydays, study of the Faith (Creed, Sacraments, Ten Commandments, Prayer), lived in an atmosphere of love and respect, is to make Christ truly and really incarnate through husband and wife and their children. To enter a Christian home is to enter into the presence of Christ Himself. In the love of faithful couples with their children we meet Jesus Himself. This is the holy vocation of the family made holy and elevated by the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. May God abundantly bless all our families and loved ones in the coming year!

I also remind you that January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God is a holyday of obligation. We have scheduled Masses on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 5pm and on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:15am and 10am. At the beginning of a New Year it has always been the custom to give thanks for the past year and humbly ask for God’s blessing in the New Year. The greatest title of Mary is “Mother of God.” This was confirmed in the Councils of the Church held in the first centuries of Christianity. This truth remains the same and cannot change. The Greek term is Theotokos, which means the “God Bearer,” always translated as “Mother of God.” Mary has no other privilege greater than this and all her other privileges flow from it. Mary, our dear and Blessed Mother is the model of the Christian Life. In her we witness the power of God’s grace. She enters most perfectly into the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries of our redemption. With her powerful intercession, we will be able to do the same and one day join her in the glory of heaven. “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.”

Yours in the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
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, John McEvoy, Jesse Montalvo, Victoria Renard, Ron Rosso, and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 28 Sat.-	<i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> 8:15am – Kaj Harders 5:00pm – Millie Kwan (Living)
Dec 29 Sun.-	<i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</i> 7:30am – Raniero Roselli 9:30am – People of the Parish 11:30am – Mary Walsh
Dec 30 Mon.-	<i>Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i> 8:15am – James Krueger
Dec 31 Tue.-	<i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i> 8:15am – Lucrecia & Ismael Milla <i>VIGIL for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> 5:00pm – Vigil for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Jan 1 Wed.-	<i>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</i> 8:15am – Kathy Smith 10:00 am – People of the Parish 12:30pm – Latin Mass
Jan 2 Thu.-	<i>Sts. Basil the Great, and Gregory Nazzien, Bps.</i> 8:15am – Bernadette Bhagat
Jan 3 Fri.-	<i>First Friday. Holy Name of Jesus</i> 8:15am – Ana & Ferdinan Horn
Jan 4 Sat.-	<i>First Saturday. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> 8:15am – Geraldine Morrissey 5:00pm – Enrico Svevo
Jan 5 Sun.-	7:30am – Raniero Roselli 9:30am – People of the Parish 11:30am – Ernest Bautista 5:00pm – Latin Mass

### CELEBRANTS for Jan 4 & 5, 2020

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

### READINGS for Jan 4 & 5, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collection for weekend of 12-15-19: \$6,163  
Second Collection for weekend of 12-15-19: \$1,504

### 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>

**January 1, 2020 is the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass timings are as follows:**

**Tue, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 5pm**

**Wed, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 8:15am and 10am**

### IHM UPCOMING LATIN MASSES

**Wed, Jan 1 2020 -- 12:30 pm**

**Sun, Jan 5, 2020 -- 5:00 pm**

**Mon, Jan 6, 2020 -- 6:30 pm**

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR – Jan 3, 2020, 7 – 8 pm**

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**Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?**

Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary, or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe. Our RCIA team (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) is ready to help! We would like to hear your questions and explore the answers. If you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at 650-593-6157 or email [rlang@ihmschoolbelmont.org](mailto:rlang@ihmschoolbelmont.org). We look forward to hearing from you!



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.

## **JANUARY 25, 2020 PARISH EVENT**

Due to popular demand, **The 80's and 90's Party** returns. Prepare to join in a Lip Sync Battle and dance the night away to your favorite tunes. Event includes homemade corn bread, Winter Chili and salad!

The event will be held in St. Michael's Hall. Reservations can be made online at [ihmbelmont.org/auction](http://ihmbelmont.org/auction)

## **IHM'S ANNUAL AUCTION DINNER & DANCE *The New Roaring 20s* MAY 9, 2020**

**GIFT OPPORTUNITIES** such as Live Auction and Silent Auction Gifts, Event Underwriting, and donations are vital to our success. Gifts received through December 31, 2019 are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

Gift forms are available in the Church vestibule and Parish office. For further information contact the IHM office at 650-593-6157.

Your generosity and participation benefit the entire IHM community and are deeply appreciated.

***ITS SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU!***



## **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