

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
4:00 PM Latin Mass

First Friday Holy Hour

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

Bulletin Deadline:

10:00 AM Tuesday

February 23, 2020 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTORAL STAFF:

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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!*

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Quinquagesima Sunday

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On Ash Wednesday, February 26th, this coming week, the Catholic Church throughout the world will begin the solemn season of prayer, fasting, penance, and almsgiving known as Lent. I like to recall that the word “Lent”, used only in the English speaking world, goes way back to ancient Anglo-Saxon days. You can still see in it the sense of “lengthening” referring to the time of longer days or what we call spring. Thus, Lent is springtime for our souls. It is that special time of year when the Church in the name of our Lord and Savior calls all of its members to conversion and new life in Christ. The Lord Himself invites us to enter more fully into the great mystery of His death and resurrection.

In conversation some speak about the traditional practices of Lent as if they live only in the past, in quaint memories of yesteryear. I have even heard some say that they observe a “modern” Lent, which leaves off penance and even prayer and focuses only on works of charity. What is the correct way to think about Lent? The tradition of the Church will always offer to men and women of good will the tried and true means and methods utilized by the saints who have gone before us and those who are striving to be saints today. It is the Way of Our Lord Jesus Christ set down for the ages. Therefore, an authentic, complete, Catholic Lent, must involve prayer, penance, and almsgiving, not just one or the other or nothing at all. Saint Pope John Paul II, who was beatified in May 2011 and canonized a saint in April 2014, mirrored all three in his heroic, holy life. We are called by name to do the same, using the identical certain means the Church places before us to open our lives to the desired result of union with God on earth in anticipation of eternal happiness with Him in heaven.

Please take a few moments now during these days before Lent to formulate your Lenten plan. Prayerfully, in your heart of hearts, look at your life in the light of the teachings and demands of Christ and His Church; and then formulate, even in writing, your personal Lenten program. Do this right now before you forget! Don’t delay! Time is fleeting! Then as you receive the blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday begin your holy Lenten journey to Easter. No Lent, no real Easter! No cross, no crown, no glory! May you have the best Lent of your life!

Please note our schedule for Ash Wednesday on February 26th. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 A.M. (School), Noon, 5:00 P.M. (Traditional Latin Mass) and at 7:00 P.M. (Combined Choirs). Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses. Please consult our bulletin for the Lenten regulations and other Lenten events in the parish. Also note that starting today there will be a Traditional Latin Mass each Sunday at 4:00 P.M.

Lent is a great time to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily. We should have an army of retired people and others storming heaven with their prayers at our daily Masses. What a small sacrifice to make? Don’t just lament the problems around us, but do something about it. Join our prayer army! And thank you for all you do to further the Kingdom of God.

Yours in the Lord’s Love,

Fr. Mark G. Mazza, Pastor

You know well that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them. – Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, age 24

MASS SCHEDULE

- Feb 22 Sat.-** *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*
8:15am – Lylah Gaskin
5:00pm – Youshen Ke
- Feb 23 Sun.-** *FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*
7:30am – Cleofe Pierantoni
9:30am – Ramesh & Judith Pamnani (L)
11:30am – People of the Parish
4:00 pm – Latin Mass
- Feb 24 Mon.-** *Weekday*
8:15am – Peter Howard
- Feb 25 Tue.-** *Weekday*
8:15am – Carol Heintz & Family (L)
- Feb 26 Wed.-** *Ash Wednesday*
8:15am – Claire McVay
12:00pm –
5:00pm – Latin Mass
7:00 pm – Combined Choirs
- Feb 27 Thu.-** *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*
8:15am – Ruth and William Paalua
- Feb 28 Fri.-** *Friday after Ash Wednesday*
8:15am – Stacy Hackett
- Feb 29 Sat.-** *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*
8:15am – Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00pm – Agnes Lobo (L)
- Mar 1 Sun.-** *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*
7:30am – Lilia Torre
9:30am – People of the Parish
11:30am – Mary Frances Carroll
4:00pm – Latin Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collection for weekend of 02-16-20: \$5,857.00
 Second Collection for weekend of 02-16-20: \$1,153.00

FEBRUARY 26th is ASH WEDNESDAY
Remember that thou art
dust
and to dust thou shall
return.



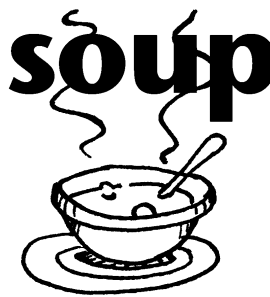
READINGS for February 29 & March 1, 2020

First Reading: – Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 Second Reading: – Romans 5:12-19
 Gospel: – Matthew 4:1-11

PRAY FOR

- Those who have died, Joe Andreano, Irene Bell, Edward Doheny, Amanda Roque, Darlene Ann Ryan, 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, Tom Anderson, Henry Jacquemet, Patrick Lobo, Thomas A. Nelson, Lisa Stasiak and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

March is the Month of St. Joseph, patron of Fathers, workers, contemplatives, the dying, and the Church. The Litany of St. Joseph will be prayed when possible after Masses in March.



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LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Please join us for Lenten Soup Suppers in Saint Michael's Hall at 5:30 pm on the five Wednesdays of Lent: **March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1.**

To assist, or bring your favorite soup, call Mary Podesta at 650-576-3597 or email her at podestam@sfarch.org.

The New Roaring 20's
IHM's Annual
Auction-Dinner Dance-Grand Drawing
May 9, 2020

Twin Pines Community Center - Belmont, CA

Join in the excitement and enthusiasm for
our outstanding event.

Your participation creates our Parish success
Event Committee sign up forms are on the
Church vestibule table

***Please place completed form in box on
vestibule table***

You will be contacted by a chairman



IHM SCHOOL NEWS

IHM Students Have HEART!

Healthy Character

Effective Communicators

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Thinkers and Life-Long Learners

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

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www.ihmschoolbelmont.org



IHM's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference invites caring men and women to assist God's people in our community in need of food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other emergency needs.

Want to get involved?

Come chat with some of our members next weekend!

We will be near the back vestibule after the:

5 pm Mass on Sat., February 29th and

7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses on Sun., March 1st

To answer any questions.

Please join us at our next meeting on

Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30 PM in the rectory!

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you...; for I was hungry and you **gave me food**, I was thirsty and you **gave me something to drink**, I was a stranger and you **welcomed me**, I was naked and you **gave me clothing**, I was sick and you **took care of me**, I was in prison and you **visited me**.'

Then the righteous will answer him,

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?'

And the king will answer them,

'Truly I tell you, just as you **did it to one of the least of these** who are **members of my family, you did it to me**.'

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-Mt 25:34-40