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

PASTORAL STAFF:
Rev. Mark Mazza…………………………………..Pastor
Rev. Rufino Gepiga……………………………Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mr. Henry Jacquemet……………………Permanant Deacon
Rev. Mr. Steven G. Hackett……………………Permanant Deacon
Rev. Mr. Leon P. Kortenkamp …………………Permanant 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 vestible 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!

First Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2020

Matthew 4: 3- 4 (Luke 4:3-4)  Et accedens tentator, dixit ei: Si Filius Dei es, dic ut lapides isti panes fiant. Qui respondens, dixit: Scriptum est: Non in solo pane vivit homo: sed in omni verbo, quod procedit de ore Dei. And the tempter coming said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written: Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

During these first days of Lent we have had a chance to put into effect our spiritual battle plan. The gospels since Ash Wednesday have reminded us of the need to pray, to do penance, and to love our neighbor, which reveal to us the loving face of our heavenly Father. However, in this short time it is possible to begin to think that this Lent business is not really that hard after all. It just requires a little will power, nothing more. What is the big deal?

In fact, the more we are presumptuous and over-confident the more we have set ourselves up for a fall, just like our first parents Adam and Eve. Spiritual conquest is actually not that easy. The best plans of discipline can soon turn out to be pie in the sky. How quickly they come to nothing! We are right back to where we started from if even that much. We can even slip back into the same old bad habits that leave us empty. What happened? Certainly, we greatly underestimated the enemy. He is not a pushover, but determined and methodical. Satan knows well what buttons to push to seduce each of us. So what should we do when we are confronted with our weaknesses and failings?

The answer: turn to the Lord for strength. We cannot save our own souls. We cannot go on alone. We need Jesus. On the first Sunday of Lent it is traditional to hear of the great combat between Jesus and Satan. Satan brings out his full arsenal of the world and the flesh. Satan plots to abort the mission of Jesus for us poor sinners. He fails miserably. Jesus in face to face combat with the devil and his allies defeats him for our sake. Jesus is victorious so that we may be victorious. In Jesus alone can we conquer temptation, sin, and the devil. Jesus gives us this certain hope. To forget this truth is always disastrous.

In the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans 5: 20-21 (RSV) we hear: “...where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Clearly we are dependent on the Lord as our first, last, best, and only hope.

“I love Thee Jesus my love; I repent of having offended Thee; grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt (St. Alphonsus).”

Yours in Christ crucified,

Fr. Mark G. Mazza, Pastor

P.S. 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.
CELEBRANTS for March 7 & 8, 2020

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

READINGS for March 7 & 8, 2020

First Reading: – Genesis 12:1-4A
Second Reading: – 2 Timothy 1:8B-10
Gospel: – Matthew 17:1-9

PRAY FOR

Those who have died, Edward Doheny, 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.

Congratulations to our newly baptized!

In the month of February 2020, we welcomed
Matteo Bolanos
Karan Mateo Deo
Estella Rivas
So glad you are part of our family of faith!

Indulgenced Prayer Before a Crucifix during Lent

On each of the Fridays of Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, after Holy Communion, recite the “Prayer Before a Crucifix” before an image of Christ crucified:

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Thy face I humbly kneel and with burning soul, pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins; and a firm purpose of amendment; while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me while I call to mind the words which David Thy prophet said of Thee, my Jesus: “They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones.” Amen.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS TIME CHANGE

[Beginning last weekend on Sunday, February 23, and going forward] there will be a Traditional Latin Mass in IHM Church every Sunday at 4:00 pm.
FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR
There will be a Holy Hour on Friday, March 6th from 7 pm – 8 pm consisting of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, silent adoration and Benediction, at IHM Church. All are encouraged to attend.

The Sacrament of Penance
Mondays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th – 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturdays – 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
at IHM CHURCH

LENTEN PRACTICES
PRAYER
PENCE
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ALMSGIVING

ADULT CLASS ON THE CREED
Fr. Rufino José O. Gepiga will continue with the second half of the Adult Class on the Creed. The required text is the second edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Copies are available at the class or in the Parish Office at $15 each. Sessions will be held on March 5th, March 12th and March 19th at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's Hall. No pre-registration required.

MARRIED COUPLES – WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING? Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: May 15-17, 2020 in San Jose, CA and Aug 1-2, 2020 in SAN FRANCISCO, CA. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at sanjosewwme.org or contact Claranne & Ken at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.
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

SAVE THE DATE!!!
IHM PARISH AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAINT PATRICK’S DAY DINNER
Saturday March 21st
More info to follow next week

SOUP SUPPER
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.