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……………......….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
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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!

The Third Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2020

Romans 5:8: But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
John 4:13-14: Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again; the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman in the Gospel of St. John is one that is touching and yet profound. In our journey of faith much is revealed to us: Jesus is the living water; Jesus forgives our sins; Jesus heals us from the wounds of sin; Jesus quenches the thirst of souls; Jesus gives us the hope of life eternal; He fulfills our deepest longings and desires; God loves us and brings us salvation.

What particularly appeals to us is that the Lord’s encounter with the Samaritan woman is personal. Jesus saves souls one by one. We are not just faceless members of a group. Jesus as God-man can befriend each man and woman, each boy and girl, down through the long march of time. He knows me by name and brings me His life. He died for me as if I were the only one in need of salvation. That is why I place my whole life in His hands, humbly repenting of my sins, knowing that they are washed away, that I am clean and refreshed, and full of His amazing and saving grace, His life. It is this life that gives me the hope of eternal life in the kingdom of heaven. The Lord’s kingdom is here already, but not yet fully come to its completion. Soul by soul the kingdom of heaven is built up.

In John 4 the image of water is clear. We see in it a prefiguration of the waters of Baptism. From the pierced side of the Lord, as He was nailed to the Cross, came forth blood and water, which point to the waters of Baptism that are efficacious by the power of His blood shed for us on the Cross. The blood also clearly manifests the perpetual renewal of the Lord’s Sacrifice on the Cross in each Holy Sacrifice of the Mass – the power of the Holy Eucharist. The Lenten and Easter seasons give us the opportunity to reclaim what was given us at Baptism. We are also drawn closer to the Eucharistic Lord. In Christ we wish to enter more fully into His death so as to enter more fully into His resurrection. We are called to die to sin and rise up to new life. This is the rhythm of the Christian life. Authentic Christianity has both going on at the same time. We all need to convert by turning away from sin and living more fully in Christ. It is our daily struggle. And it is only possible through the Lord Jesus who died on the cross and rose from the dead for me and loves me.

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

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH

The litany of Saint Joseph will be prayed every weekday during March, following the 8:15 am Mass.

“I have never known anyone who was truly devoted to Saint Joseph and honored him by particular services who did not advance greatly in virtue, for he helps in a special way those souls who recommend themselves to him.”

-- Saint Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church, mystic (1515 – 1582)
**CELEBRANTS for March 21 & 22, 2020**

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

**READINGS for March 21 & 22, 2020**

- **First Reading:** -- 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A
- **Second Reading:** -- Ephesians 5:8-14
- **Gospel:** -- John 9:1-41

**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, 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.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

- **Mar 14 Sat.-** Lenten Weekday
  - 8:15am – The Holy Souls in Purgatory
  - 5:00pm – Oliver David Gutierrez
- **Mar 15 Sun.-** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
  - 7:30am - Those who do not believe in God
  - 9:30am – The People of the Parish
  - 11:30am – Marjorie Sanders
  - 4:00pm – Latin Mass
- **Mar 16 Mon.-** Lenten Weekday
  - 8:15am – Delores Orten
- **Mar 17 Tue.-** Lenten Weekday. St. Patrick, Bishop
  - 8:15am – Maura Thielen
- **Mar 18 Wed.-** Lenten Weekday
  - 8:15am – Patrick Moran
- **Mar 19 Thu.-** St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM. Solemnity.
  - 8:15am – In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
  - 4:00 pm – Latin Mass
- **Mar 20 Fri.-** Lenten Weekday
  - 8:15am – Special Intention
- **Mar 21 Sat.-** Lenten Weekday
  - 8:15am – In Reparation for Ingratitude
  - 5:00pm – Anna Ng
- **Mar 22 Sun.-** FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
  - 7:30am – Ramesh & Judith Pamnani (L)
  - 9:30am – Denis Lobo (L)
  - 11:30am – People of the Parish
  - 4:00 pm – Latin Mass

**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.*

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on every Friday of Lent, after the 8:15 am Mass.

**LENTEN HOLY HOUR**

There will be a Holy Hour on Friday, March 20th 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 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th – 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
Saturdays – 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm at IHM CHURCH
UPCOMING TRADITIONAL LATIN MASSES
Traditional Latin Mass Society
Celebrant: Father Alvin Yu
1. The Feast of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Thursday, March 19th, 4:00 p.m.
2. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Wednesday, March 25th, 4:00 p.m.
3. Passion Sunday: Sunday, April 5th, 3:00 p.m.

The New Roaring 20's
IHM's Annual Auction-Dinner Dance-Grand Drawing
May 9, 2020
Twin Pines Community Center - Belmont, CA

Silent and Live Auction Gifts
Silent Auction gifts for our May 9th Annual Auction Dinner Dance event are being accepted in the Parish office. Bring your gifts to the Parish office with its green gift form (available on the vestibule table).
Live Auction gifts for the event include a one week stay at the Lake Tahoe Marriott Hotel and a seven night stay at the Worldmark Resort in Victoria, BC Canada.
To date we have received 80 gifts. The variety ranges from restaurant to household gifts plus auto service certificates.
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Due to concerns regarding the current flu and COVID-19, we have made the decision to cancel or postpone some of our Parish events.

Annual Lenten Soup Suppers

IHM Parish & Knights of Columbus
Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

Homebound Ministry & Care Homes Ministry

We deeply regret having to take these actions but it is for the health and safety of our Parishioners and our neighbors. God’s blessings to all.

Saint Joseph, Guardian and Protector of Jesus and Mary, protect us!