

Immaculate Conception Parish



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SUNDAY MASSES
SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM
SUNDAY: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Parents and godparents of infants to be baptized are expected to participate in a preparation session. Call the Rectory to register for this process and set a date for the actual Baptism. For Baptism of adults please contact the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Please contact the rectory one year prior to your desired wedding date

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK
The priest can be called whenever someone can benefit from this sacrament of healing.

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN
If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Cathaleen Peloquin, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).

RECTORY ADDRESS

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Rectory Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9:30am-2:30pm

REV. EDWIN MONTAÑA, **PASTOR**
KEVIN DEIGNAN, **PERMANENT DEACON**
FRANK MYSKA, **PERMANENT DEACON**
MARY SYCKS, **ADMINISTRATOR OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTER**
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MATTHEW FOSTER, **PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**
LYNDA MONAHAN, **SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 AM

NEW PARISHIONERS
Anyone is welcome to join the Parish Community.
Please contact the Rectory and introduce yourself.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	July 24	4:00 PM	(<i>St. Sharbel Makhlūf</i>)
Sun.	July 25	7:30 AM	
		10:00 AM	Gracie Bulger, 1st Anniversary, from Parish Family
Mon.	July 26	9:00 AM	Parishioners of Immaculate Conception (<i>Ss. Joachim and Anne</i>)
Tues.	July 27	9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving to God
Wed.	July 28	9:00 AM	For Health and Healing
Thurs.	July 29	9:00 AM	(<i>St. Martha</i>)
Sat.	July 31	4:00 PM	(<i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>)
Sun.	Aug 1	7:30 AM	Joan M. Kennedy, 1st Anniversary
		10:00 AM	Rochelle Charlton, Month Mind, from Family

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please be aware of the following changes that have taken place:

- 1) The Thursday morning Mass will be at 9:00am, (Thursday Rosary will be at 8:30am)
- 2) The Rectory Office Hours will be Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 2:30pm
- 3) Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Saturday 2:45 - 3:30pm (or by appointment)

MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest works of charity is to pray for the living and the dead. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. For that reason, all are encouraged to have Mass offered for a deceased loved one; for health and healing of a person who is sick or suffering; for a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God, our Blessed Mother or a saint; or simply for a special intention. A \$10 stipend, as determined by diocesan policy, is to accompany each Mass request. Persons/families who have a Mass intention on weekends are invited to bring up the gifts of bread and wine during the offertory. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for your loved one.

OUTDOOR ROSARY ON THURSDAYS

Parishioner Mike Mitchell invites all to a weekly outdoor Rosary on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in Our Lady's Garden on the Church grounds on the rectory side. Weather permitting.

HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS

Please consider supporting through our Parish the purchase of food cards for Hope for Housing, whose primary mission is to assist families from becoming homeless in our community. Available are cards for Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Big Y, CVS, Panera Bread, and Dunkin Donuts. This past week card sales amounted to \$200.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

The Partners in Charity Campaign continues in our Parish. The many works of this campaign include treating and serving the basic needs of the poor in our communities; seminarians studying for priesthood; retired priests who have dedicated their life's work to our Diocese, and many more ministries. Our Parish goal remains the same as in past years; **\$88,500. Thus far our Parish has raised \$77,785 dollars from 141 donors representing 88% of our Parish goal.** With last year's campaign affected by the pandemic and our numbers being way down, I pray that each parishioner/family will consider donating to the Partners in Charity this year on behalf of our Parish. Thank you.

FEAST OF FAITH**The Preface Dialogue**

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 7/18/2021

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online) \$ 3,230.50

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021-2022

Registration is ongoing for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year. Classes for children in K through 6th grade take place at 8:45am-9:45am. Classes for students in 7th-10th grade take place at 11:15am-12:15pm. All Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in September. All Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in September. All children are welcome to attend Religious Education Classes and will not be denied participation due to financial hardship. If you are new to the parish, and have a child entering Pre K-11th grade, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

BE A PART OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

Volunteers are essential to our Religious Education Program. Help spread the word of God with the children of Immaculate Conception. We have training and a wonderful support group to help you with this mission. If you are interested in sharing your faith please contact Mary Sycks.

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

"I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace"

How do we live a life worthy of the Christian calling? This verse from our second reading tells us how – by being completely humble, gentle, patient and bearing with one another in love. These are powerful words; just think how many of those around us would want to change to become more Christ-like if we chose to react in a completely humble and gentle way?

"With all humility" Biblical humility is grounded in the character of God, therefore the Christian ought to emulate Christ's example of meekness and humility: *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls"* (Matthew 11:29).

"And gentleness" A gentle person has a sensitive disposition and a kind behavior prompted by love. Being

gentle focuses on the way that we respond to people that we differ with or that are having a bad day.

"With patience" Patience is a virtue and talked about throughout the Bible in the Old and New Testaments. When we are patient, we will not so easily blow up or react against others. Instead, it allows us to exude a kind spirit in a difficult situation.

"Bearing with one another through love." We need to show forbearance to all through the power of Christ's love. We are to be forgiving as He has forgiven us. It means that we can be happy and content when we are not in control or steering things our way. We need this so that the inevitable wrongs that occur between people will not work against God's purpose of bringing all things together in Christ.

"Striving to preserve unity through peace" To maintain unity is a commitment to strive earnestly and prayerfully to pursue peace, resolve conflict, and preserve relationships despite personal differences. We must always be patient, especially with people who are not there yet, those who need an extra pair of hands.



Prayer to Saint Martha

Feast Day - July 29

O blessed St. Martha, friend and servant of our Savior, as you were anxious and troubled about many things, I too am troubled by...

<MENTION YOUR CONCERNS>

Dearest Saint, intercede for me with your Heavenly Host. Help me to overcome my distractions and worries, to listen to His Words, and to be present to Him this day. Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus who sat at your table will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Prayer of St. Ignatius (Suscipe)

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all I have and call my own.

You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.

Give me only your love and grace, that is enough for me.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food
in due season.

— *Psalm 145:15*

HYMNAL READINGS: 997

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18;
Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23;
Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9;
Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a,
11;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;
Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred people with twenty barley loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

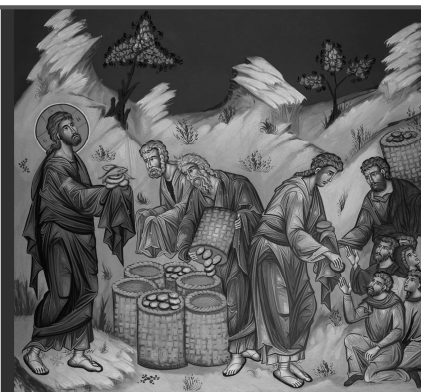
Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they received (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish (John 6:1-15).

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JESUS TOOK
THE LOAVES,
GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED
THEM TO THOSE WHO
WERE RECLINING,
AND ALSO AS MUCH
OF THE FISH
AS THEY WANTED.

JOHN 6:11



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**YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER
AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!!**

Name _____

Address: _____

City & Zip _____

Phone _____

Envelopes yes ____ No ____

Number of People in Household _____

**PLEASE, TEAR THIS OFF AND PLACE IN THE
COLLECTION BASKET! THANK YOU!**