



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead and  
ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him be glory and power  
forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6

## *Immaculate Conception Parish*

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### **LORD'S DAY MASSES**

4:00 PM (Sat. Vigil),  
7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday -Thursday: 9:00 AM

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM  
(Or by appointment)

### **ADORATION:**

Holy Hour for Priests on Second Friday 7:00 PM

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### **WELCOME!**

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

**November 21, 2021**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sat, Nov 20:</b>	<b>Vigil Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</b>
4:00 PM	Fr. Antonio Antonucci, OSB, from Friends
<b>Sun, Nov 21:</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</b>
7:30 AM	All Souls
10:00 AM	All Souls
<b>Mon, Nov 22:</b>	<b>St. Cecilia</b>
9:00 AM	All Souls
<b>Tues, Nov 23:</b>	
9:00 AM	All Souls
<b>Wed, Nov 24:</b>	<b>St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions</b>
9:00 AM	All Souls
<b>Thur, Nov 25:</b>	
9:00 AM	All Souls
<b>Sat, Nov 27:</b>	<b>Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent</b>
4:00 PM	All Souls
<b>Sun, Nov 28:</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
7:30 AM	All Souls
10:00 AM	

**SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH****INFANT BAPTISM**

Celebrated on Saturdays at 2:00 pm or Sundays at 11:30 am.  
Contact the church office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN**

From grades Pre-K to 11. Contact our Religious Ed.  
Administrator Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

**RCIA**

For adults seeking full admission into the Church through  
Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Please call the Church  
Office for registration which takes place during the month  
of September.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

For Catholics who received first communion but have not yet  
been confirmed a diocesan-wide adult (18 or older)  
Confirmation celebration is offered every year in February at  
the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester.  
If interested, please contact the Church office.

**HOLY ORDERS**

If interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate  
please contact the director of this program Deacon William  
Bilow at 508-929-4335. For information about entering the  
Priesthood, contact our Vocation Director  
Rev. Donato Infante at 508-630-4473.

**HOLY MATRIMONY**

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION CALLS**

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home,  
is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home. If there is an  
urgent need for this sacrament, dial the emergency extension.

**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 Pelo-  
quin, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Pre-  
vention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).

**THIS SUNDAY'S WORD**

The words kingdom, dominion, king, ruler and such  
types of words help us understand that others can  
dominate or guide our lives. We humans are social  
beings and belong to social groupings. We may live  
in a town or a city; we might participate in various  
groups; we may have smaller or larger families. All  
of these groupings indicate some kind of tie to people  
outside of ourselves. None of us is alone in the world  
except by our own choosing. And even then, if we  
choose to be alone, we are still related in various  
ways.

The challenge of the Solemnity of Christ the King is  
to belong to Jesus. Belonging to Jesus does not cut us  
off from belonging to others but gives direction to  
that belonging. Perhaps too often today we make our  
social belonging more important than belonging to  
Jesus and thus our faith is weak. The invitation today  
is to make our belong to Jesus, our being part of the  
dominion of Jesus, the Kingdom of Jesus, the most  
important aspect of our life and all the other belong-  
ings that we may have only in terms of belonging to  
Jesus.

The Gospel of Saint John today makes clear to us that  
the Kingdom of Jesus is not a Kingdom of this world  
but a Kingdom in the world to come, life after death,  
life with Jesus forever—or life rejecting Jesus forev-  
er. We must choose to be in His Kingdom or we shall  
live forever in the Kingdom of Satan.

The great Solemnity wants us all to be aware that we  
must choose in this life to live with the Lord Jesus.  
We may perhaps not choose always consistently, but  
the Lord who knows our hearts and our beings will  
know whether we truly seek Him in our own small  
and broken fashion or whether we have chosen the  
Satan as our king. Strong words for the last Sunday  
of our liturgical year! Let us choose the Lord Jesus.  
Come, O Lord, and draw us to yourself.

**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**

**WINTER MASS CANCELLATION POLICY**

If Worcester Public Schools are CLOSED because of  
inclement weather, daily Mass WILL NOT be cele-  
brated and the Parish Office will be closed on that  
day. If school opening is DELAYED, daily Mass  
WILL BE celebrated and the office will open as usu-  
al. Weekend Masses will always be celebrated, unless  
there is a travel ban issued. Please take care of your-  
self and those around you during the winter months,  
especially by using common sense.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, November 21st, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 10th grade. The Confirmation Class will be meeting at the Fr. Connors Center at 11:00am.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

We are very excited to announce the date of the Children's Christmas Pageant. The Christmas Pageant will be held Sunday, December 19th at 9:00am in the church. All children at Immaculate Conception are invited to join us for Christmas Pageant rehearsals on the following dates: Sunday, December 5th & 12th 11:00am-11:45am in the church & Dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 18th at 10:00am. We have many roles for all the children. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Mary Sycks 508-868-8119. Any adults who would like to volunteer as costume coordinators or "herders" to guide our littlest angels and sheep the morning of the performance please contact Mary Sycks.

**THANSGIVING MASS COLLECTION**

Our annual **Thanksgiving Thursday** Day Mass collection is donated to our parish's **St. Vincent de Paul Society** for the works of mercy and charity they perform during the year. The dedicated group of volunteers use the funds to support local community members in need of rent, utilities, gas, repairs, medicine, and food, in addition to Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets of food for numerous families in need, and Easter flowers for families who have lost loved ones in the past year. This Parish group appreciates your ongoing support to assist them in helping people in need.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

A new format will be in place this year for the annual Christmas Giving Tree so we as a Parish can continue to assist the **Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope** and the thousands of children who benefit from their giving program. Because of the pandemic, Christmas tags on a tree in our Church will not be used this year. For those who wish to purchase a gift on behalf of this wonderful ministry this can be done online and Urban Missionaries can purchase the gift for you. Go to the "**Go Fund Me**" tab on their website, [www.urbanmissionaries.com](http://www.urbanmissionaries.com) and make a cash donation. They will use your donation to purchase a gift. Thank you for your support in this most worthy program, and for your prayers, as they strive to meet the needs of "the least, the last, and the left out" this Christmas.

**HYMNAL READINGS: 1048**

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28  
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
 Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**IN MEMORIAM**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Louise Shimkus and keep her family in your prayers during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

**A PRAYER BEFORE THE THANKSGIVING MEAL**

(By Ethel Faye Grzanich)

*As we bow our heads to pray, we give thanks to you God, for this Thanksgiving Day.*

*We thank you, Lord, for our families, friends, and for all the blessings, both big and small, that you pour out on us each day.*

*We give thanks to you for this food and for the hands that have prepared it. We ask your blessings upon this meal: that it will nourish our bodies and refresh our souls.*

*We give thanks to you for this wonderful time together, and for each one present here today.*

*We ask you, dear Lord, let each one of us feel your love, comfort, and presence in our lives today and every day.*

*Let us not forget those who can't be here with us today. We give thanks to you for them, too. We miss our loved ones, Lord, but we are thankful for all the good times that we had with them.*

*We know, Lord, that this life is not all there is; that the best is yet to come if we live for you. So, help us each day to live our lives in ways that honor and please you. And we'll not forget to give you all the praise and glory.*

*Amen*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 11/14/2021**

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 2767.00
All Souls	\$ 35.00
Fall Fuel	\$ 974.00
World Mission Sunday (includes Online)	\$ 20.00