

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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APRIL 03, 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 9:30am - 2:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:30am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Thursday | 9:00am

CONFESSION

Saturday | 2:45pm - 3:30pm
Other | By Appointment

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Priests
Second Friday | 7:00pm



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent

4:00pm | +Patricia Gibbons, from Betty Regele

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

5th Sunday of Lent

7:30am | For All Parishioners

10:00am | +James F. Jennette, 5th Anniversary, from Family

MONDAY, APRIL 4

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Vigil of Palm Sunday

4:00pm | +Robert Bacon, 3rd Anniversary, from Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Palm Sunday

7:30am | +Robert Bacon, 3rd Anniversary, from Family

10:00am | +John Barna, 2nd Anniversary, from Family

CATHOLIC SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

From grades Pre-K to 11. Contact our Religious Education 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+) 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

To learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, contact Deacon William Bilow at 508-929-4335. To learn more about entering the Priesthood, contact 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, in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home. If there is an urgent need, dial the emergency extension.

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

The passage from the Gospel of John in today's readings is very familiar to us. A woman caught in adultery is brought to Jesus by the elders for judgement. We are told that they were trying to trap Jesus by hoping that he would make some pronouncement that would go against "the law of Moses." To the religious leaders of the day, Jesus, in speaking about love in the way that he did, seemed to be rejecting the law of Moses. What they saw when Jesus healed on the Sabbath, ate with Gentiles, spoke to Samaritans, associated with tax-collectors, touched lepers, was a man who seemed to flout the very thing that they felt made them a unique people – the law. The sad thing? If they would have really listened to what Jesus was saying, they would have understood that the very foundation of the law that made them a unique people was...love. The love that God has for all of his creation.

Then what are supposed to do? Ignore the sin? No. That is not what Jesus was trying to say to his contemporaries, nor is what he is trying to say to us today. What he is trying to say, then as now, is that we are to always recognize the sin in ourselves!

Keep in mind – Jesus did not ignore the sin in the adulterous woman. Recall his words: "Go and from now on do not sin anymore." However, the words preceding these are the key to this whole passage: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you." The only person in the history of humanity qualified to throw a stone.... did not throw a stone. He showed compassion. He threw love. And that is precisely what we are supposed to do – throw love. Rather than stand in judgment of others, love them. Do not preach at them or berate them for their faults, bring them to God by the way you live your life – a life of loving God and others as yourself. Perhaps St. Teresa of Calcutta said it best: "If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

"Our Participation"

In announcing the Gospel, the Church journeys together with all the people of God. We are seeking broad input into the question of how "journeying together" has been happening in our Diocese and Parish and what steps the Holy Spirit invites us to take to grow in our journeying together as we strive to carry out the mission entrusted to the Church to make disciples of all nations.

Each parish in a diocese is asked to ask some important questions of their parishioners. A summary of the responses is then given to the diocese. The diocese, in turn, offers a summary to the greater body of American bishops and they summarize the recommendations and send them to Rome in preparation for the larger Synod. All dioceses in the world will follow a similar process.

At the same time, the American bishops have developed a special initiative to encourage all Catholics to return to the Eucharist (Sunday Mass). Though there are many reasons why some people discontinued this practice long ago the pandemic has certainly been a recent factor.

After reviewing all of the suggested questions, we have decided to focus on just ten. We ask you to complete the questions and return them by May 25. We will collate the responses and send them to the diocese. You can also go online and answer a full version of this survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/X58BD65 Please, participate and thank you in advance for your input.

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).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place on April 3rd at 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in grades K-10 and 11:00AM-12:00PM for students in the Confirmation Class.

STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our Student of the Week is **Flynn Carpenter**! Flynn is a third-grade student in our Religious Education Program. He was nominated by his teacher Mr. Morin. Flynn is a great participant in class and is excellent at finding the Gospel Reading in the Bible. He is a strong athlete, competing in football, baseball and basketball. Flynn is an awesome teammate who encourages his teammates to do their best. He attends Mass with his family and participates in the Children's Liturgy. Raising children in the Catholic faith means sharing with them the Church's many tools and teachings which connect body and soul and draw us to God. Congratulations Flynn!

PRAYER CARDS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please visit our display of the Confirmation Candidates located near the entrance of the church. Please take a prayer card from the display and keep all of the candidates in your prayers as they begin at this time a more focused study and deeper meaning of their Catholic faith. As they prepare for their reception of the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 24th at St. Paul's Cathedral, may we rejoice in their dedication, devotion, and hard work as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2022-2023

Registration is ongoing for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year. Classes for children in K through 10th grade take place at 8:45am-9:45am. Classes for students in 11th grade (Confirmation) take place at 11:00am-12:00pm. 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 K-11th grades, 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.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

We are very excited to offer Vacation Bible Camp at Immaculate Conception! VBC will be the week of June 20th - 24th from 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. and is FREE! Children 5-10 years old are welcome to join us for a fun week of many activities including Bible Stories, Games, Music, Crafts, Snacks and more! Contact Mary Sycks at mks723@msn.com for registration forms and more information.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please join us for a holy hour to pray for our priests on Friday, April 8th from 7 - 8 pm in the church.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women of our parish aged 21 and older are invited to join our monthly prayer group on Saturday, April 9th at 9am in the Coffee Shop. For more info, please email Bridget Kloff, at bridgetbakes@yahoo.com

BAPTISM

Our Parish welcomes **Lola Elizabeth McHugh** into the Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray that by the example of her parents and godparents, the gift of faith may grow in her day by day. Congratulations!

HYMNAL READINGS: 917

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our Parish's goal is **\$88,500**. To date **\$41,270** has been raised. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider making one and fill out a commitment pledge envelope that you will find at the end of each pew. Or visit partners-charity.net to do it online. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

DIOCESAN UKRAINE RELIEF FUND

Our Diocese has joined with all the Dioceses throughout the United States to ask you to consider making a donation in response to the humanitarian crisis unfolding in the Ukraine and in the surrounding countries of Eastern Europe which are providing a haven to Ukrainian refugees. If you are willing to make a contribution in any amount, an online donation can be made at our diocesan website: <https://worcesterdioocese.org/ukraine-relief-collection>. You can also make a donation with a check by mail: please make your check out to "**Diocese of Worcester - Ukraine**" and mail to: **Diocese of Worcester 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609**. Thank you for your prayerful support.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Fridays During Lent

Adoration: 5-5:50 PM (Benediction)

Stations of the Cross: 6 PM

Confessions will be available during adoration time.

Palm Sunday - April 9th & 10th

Weekend Mass Schedule

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday of Holy Week

Weekday Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday - April 14th

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Sacristy following Mass. (There is no 9 AM Mass)

Good Friday - April 15th

Stations of the Cross: 12 Noon

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 7 PM

Holy Saturday - April 16th

Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM (There is no 4 PM Mass)

Easter Sunday - April 17th

Sunday Mass Schedule

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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