

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

MAY 15, 2022 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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

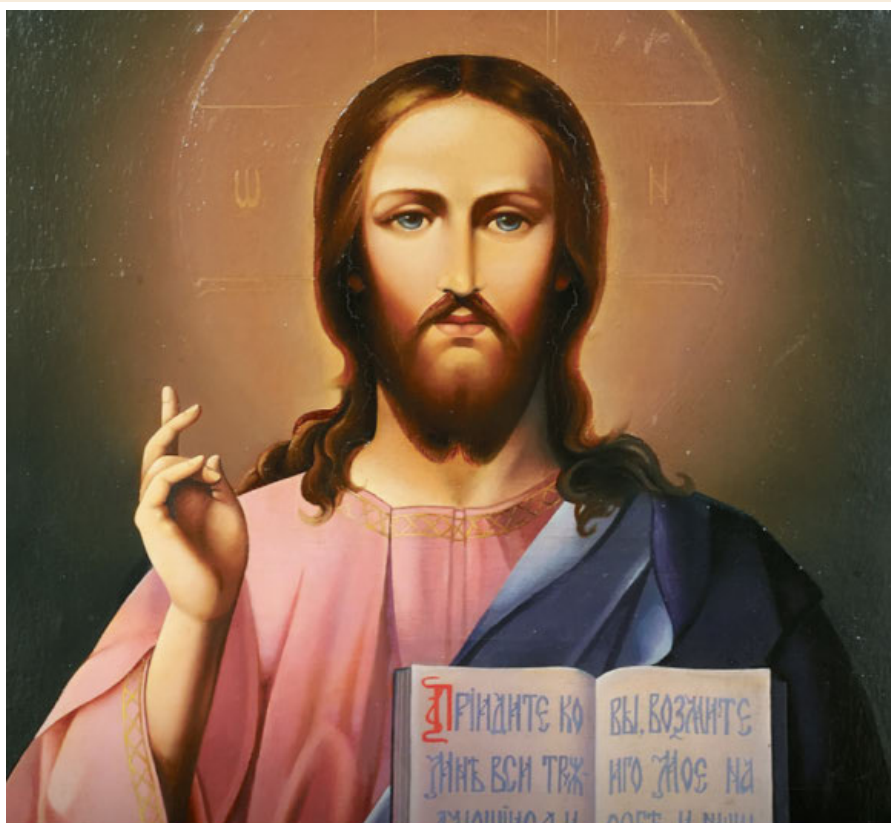
Saturday | 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Other | By Appointment

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Priests

Second Friday | 7:00pm



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."
- Jn 13:33a, 34a

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter

4:00pm | +Margaret and Daniel O'Brien, from their daughters Joanne Kennedy and Kathleen Kingston

SUNDAY, MAY 15

5th Sunday of Easter

7:30am | For the Souls in Purgatory

10:00am | +Richard Kennedy, 1st Anniversary, from Family and Friends

MONDAY, MAY 16

9:00am | +Robert "Butch" and Shirley Burdick, from Delores LeClair

TUESDAY, MAY 17

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MAY 19

9:00am | For the Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter

4:00pm | +Robert and Barbara Gingras, from Barbara Karpowicz

SUNDAY, MAY 22

6th Sunday of Easter

7:30am | For the Souls in Purgatory

10:00am | +The Deceased Members of the Deignan and Michalak Families, 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. Donate 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

We live in a fallen world and not one of us is exempt from the difficulties and tragedies. But in our second reading we are promised that the day is coming when the Lord Himself "He will wipe every tear from our eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The Lord knows the deepest pain that sears the heart of His people. He treasures the tears that His people shed in this world. But the tears of His people are precious to the Lord, for they are sharing in Christ's suffering and pain. Jesus was despised and rejected when He came to earth as the sacrifice for sin. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with the same grief and agony that we often have to undergo. But He also faced the agony of the cross on our account, to gain the victory over sin and death. What a blessed truth... that a day is coming where every tear will be dried by our Savior, because of His sacrifice... Because of Christ's offering of Himself, we are able to rise up into newness of life: "Behold, I make all things new"

A day is already set, when God will wipe away all tears. And that is a day that we will all witness. But never forget that in this world of sickness and sin, hardship and pain we have a Savior, who understands the grief behind of our tears.

Never forget that we have God's who knows, who loves, and who cares for each one of us, so draw closer to His arms of comfort, and trust in His love today, for a day is coming where there will no longer be any mourning, crying, or pain.

We may not understand why we have to endure some of the things in life that cause such pain, but let us never forget that His eternal perspective is broader than our restricted view. He is our present help in trouble today, and tomorrow He will wipe away the tears from all of our eyes, and He will make all things new.

Because of all this... let our Easter celebration continue!

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 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 9:30am - 12:30pm 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Sunday, May 8th, we celebrated the Baptism and First Holy Communion of **Amya Marie Chamberlain**. May you find joy and happiness as you continue to grow in our faith. Welcome home!

BIBLE STUDY IN MAY

All are invited to participate in a presentation and discussion of "Jesus' Last Discourse" (John: 14-17); just hours before His Passion, Death and Resurrection. We will meet on Tuesday evenings, May 17 and 24 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. This is a marvelous opportunity to hear and take to heart Jesus' final message of love and compassion for all of us. Frank McGuire will serve as presenter and moderator.

OUTDOOR ROSARY ON THURSDAYS

Parishioner Mike Mitchell invites all to a weekly outdoor Rosary on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. beginning on May 19th in Our Lady's Garden on the Church grounds on the rectory side. Weather permitting.

JULY BUS TRIP TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

Immaculate Conception Church is hosting a Fox Tours bus trip on Thursday, July 21, to NH's Hart Turkey Farm Restaurant & Lakes Region Summer Music Theatre's musical "The King and I". Cost is \$121 pp, includes all tips. All passengers must be Covid-vaccinated & masked on the bus. Contact Michelle Deignan at (508) 596-4778 or mmdeignan@charter.net. Deadline to register: 6/21/22.

HYMNAL READINGS: 932

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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 **\$53,745** has been raised. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider making one and visit partners-charity.net to do it online. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

In order for us to renew our expired food permit for the parish hall, we are seeking someone to be certified in "Choke Safe", or "First Aid with Heimlich Maneuver" for our food permit as the City of Worcester has now made this a requirement for the license. Please contact Fr. Edwin or the Parish Secretary.

DONATE A HYMNAL

Our current hymnals "Journey Songs" are almost 15+ years old, many are showing deterioration, and the Mass prayers and acclamations are still from the old translation of the Roman Missal. Please consider making a donation towards the purchase of the updated and revised edition of the hymnals for the parish. You can help defray the cost by sponsoring one or more hymnals. The donation is \$25 per hymnal. If you would like to take this opportunity to honor a loved one (living or deceased) a dedication label will be placed inside the front cover. Donation of a hymnal without a dedication can also be made. Please use one or more "Hymnal Donation Forms" that you can find at the end of every pew, and mail it or put in the collection baskets along with your donation. This hymnal campaign will run through August 31, 2022. Thank you for your generosity!

ASSISTED SUICIDE IN MA

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find more information.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(Amounts Include Electronic Giving)

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