

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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JULY 03, 2022 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OFFICE HOURS - JULY & AUGUST

Monday - Wednesday | 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

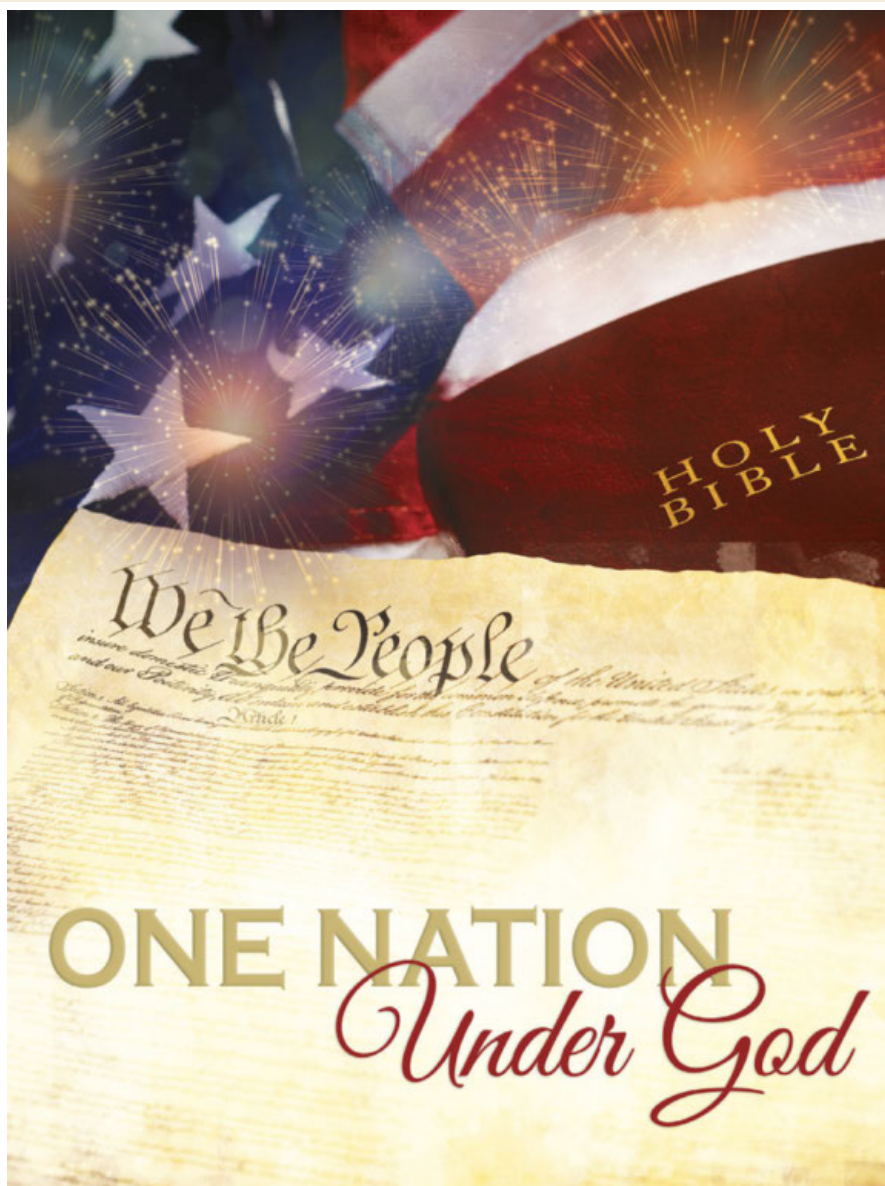
Saturday | 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Other | By Appointment

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Priests

Second Friday | 7:00pm



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Vigil of 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm | +William C. Herrmann and +Arthur S. Lindsay,
from Family

SUNDAY, JULY 3

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am | +Rochelle Charlton, 1st Anniversary, from Family
10:00am | For All Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 4

9:00am |

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

9:00am |

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

9:00am |

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9:00am |

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Vigil of 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm | For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, JULY 10

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am |
10:00am | +James Queenan, Jr., 4th 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.

GOD Bless AMERICA

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

In today's Gospel, God's kingdom is compared to a "harvest". We can substitute the word "church" for "harvest" and we can hear the Lord reminding us that it is by God's favor that we belong to this chosen community.

Luke tells us that the seventy-two are being sent "to every town and place he intended to visit." They are the Lord's ambassadors. The first words they are to speak are words of peace: "Peace to this household." Their presence and their words immediately reflect the One who sent them, the One who brings us peace with God and all men and women.

A harvest just doesn't happen - it requires work. "Church" doesn't just happen... it doesn't just pop up out of ground. All of the different components which make up our Church require work, support, planning, tender care, patience - and yes, honest dialog.

There is a reason that Jesus sent the seventy-two out in pairs. No one of us has all of the answers; no one of us is the "model disciple." No one of us can proclaim the Good News alone.

This being so, why not look into the eyes of others, not so much as to see the reflection of ourselves in their eyes — but to understand that behind these eyes there is someone to be understood, someone to be valued, and a higher purpose to be achieved by doing so.

The church of Jesus Christ must be a community of responsible leadership and commitments. We need to cooperate and to respond - and we must not be afraid to speak out whenever anyone gives evidence of attitudes that do not reflect the spirit of Jesus. That doesn't mean grumbling and complaining in private, but rather to speak sincerely and constructively. It means taking ownership of the Gospel. It means remembering that as baptized and sacramental people we are empowered to be alive in the Holy Spirit and to transform the world.

Traveling light means speaking the word of peace - not of violence; it means leaving behind all the excess baggage of our own petty prejudices and preferences; it means living out the words we speak with sincerity and brutal honesty. It is not enough for us, as human beings, just to live. We also must give words to what we are living. But just speaking words of peace is not enough... talking about "love" or "praying for peace" is not enough. We must transform those words into action. And when we do that, we become healthy laborers in the harvest, that is to say, the Church.

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the months of July and August, the Rectory Office will be open Monday - Wednesday from 9:30am-2:30pm (CLOSED on Thursdays and Fridays).

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Debra L. Russell**, and keep her family in your prayers during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please join us for a holy hour to pray for our priests on Friday, July 8th at 7:00pm in the church.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Women of our parish aged 21 and older are invited to join our monthly prayer group! Our next gathering is Saturday, July 16th at 9am in the Coffee Shop. For more info, please email Bridget Klofft, at bridgetbakes@yahoo.com

THERE'S PLENTY OF ICE CREAM TO GO AROUND AT OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

Please join us on Tuesday, July 26 at 6pm-7pm in the church coffee shop for an Ice Cream Social, sponsored by our parish Women's Prayer Group. Come enjoy a bowl of yummy ice cream, add some toppings, and meet your fellow parishioners at this family-friendly event! Also, we will make available sign-up sheets for various ministries in our parish that you may want to consider. We look forward to seeing you!

COMMERCE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 REUNION

Commerce High School Class of 1961 is holding their reunion this year and would like to invite classmates from any other year to join us. Sign up and more information can be found at www.commercehigh.com

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(Amounts Include Electronic Giving)

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 3,081.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 550.00

HYMNAL READINGS: 989

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

St Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception will be hosting a Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, October 15th, 2022. Contact Jennefer at the Rectory office at 508-754-8419 if you would like to volunteer for this event.

REPAIRS FRONT OF THE CHURCH

Over the next couple of weeks -even months-, you will notice that masonry repairs will be done in the front patio of the Church. This is due to water that has been leaking into the Church basement restrooms and causing significant damage to the ceiling. If not contained or stopped, this water damage leak can lead to more extensive problems beyond cosmetic ceiling stains, including compromising the basement's structure and causing mold to develop. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause and thank you for your continued support towards our Church building maintenance.

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 **\$61,452.50** has been raised from 107 donors representing 69% of our Parish goal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider making one and visit partners-charity.net to do it online, or you can "text to give" by texting DONATE to 84576, or call the office at 508-929-4366. Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

DONATE A HYMNAL

Please consider making a donation towards the purchase of the updated and revised edition of the hymnals for our 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 "Donate a Hymnal" envelope that you can find at the end of every pew, and mail it or put in the collection baskets along with your donation. We need **302** hymnals. So far, **125** have been donated. This hymnal campaign will run through August 31, 2022. Thank you for your generosity!



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