

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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OCTOBER 23, 2022 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22****Vigil of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm | +Doris J. Herrman (2nd Anniversary), from Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Mission Sunday**

7:30am | +Edward Groden, from Family

10:00am | +Patrick Herlihy (7th Anniversary), from Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00am | +John Gillio, from Dorothy Smith

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00am | +Ann Cochran, from Kathleen Freeman

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00am | +Cathleen Conners, from Kathleen Freeman

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00am | +Mary O'Grady, from Kathleen Freeman

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**Vigil of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm | +Therese Cronican, from her daughter Martha Greene

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am | +Ralph Cochran, from Kathleen Freeman

10:00am | +Melissa Desrosiers, from Kathleen Freeman

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.

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).

THE MASS: STRUCTURE AND MEANING II**(Source: USCCB)**

There are two main parts of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: the liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist. There are four main subdivisions of the Roman Rite Mass: the Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites. Today, let's get explore the Communion Rite within the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rites.

The Communion Rite follows the Eucharistic Prayer, leading the faithful to the Eucharistic table. The rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. Jesus taught this prayer to his disciples when they asked how to pray (cf. Mt 6:9-13, Lk 11:2-4). In this prayer, the people join their voices to pray for the coming of God's kingdom and to ask God to provide for our needs, forgive our sins, and bring us to the joy of heaven.

The Rite of Peace follows. The celebrant prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world. As a sign of hope, the people extend to those around them a sign of peace, typically by shaking hands.

In the **Fraction Rite**, the celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as the people sing the *Agnus Dei* "Lamb of God." John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). The action of breaking the bread recalls the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, when he broke the bread before giving it to his disciples. One of the earliest names for the Eucharistic celebration is the breaking of the bread. Before receiving Communion, the celebrant and assembly acknowledge that we are unworthy to receive so great a gift.

The celebrant receives **Communion** first and then the people come forward. Because sharing at the Eucharistic Table is a sign of unity in the Body of Christ, only Catholics may receive Communion. The people approach the altar and, bowing with reverence, receive Communion. People may receive the Body of Christ either on the tongue or in the hand. The priest or other minister offers the Eucharist to each person saying, "The Body of Christ. The person receiving responds by saying, "Amen," a Hebrew word meaning, "So be it" (CCC, 2856). As the people receive Communion, the communion song is sung. The unity of voices echoes the unity the Eucharist brings. All may spend some time in silent prayer of thanksgiving as well.

The Communion Rite ends with the **Prayer after Communion** which asks that the benefits of the Eucharist will remain active in our daily lives.

Concluding Rites

When it is necessary, announcements may be made. The celebrant then blesses the people assembled. Sometimes, the blessing is very simple. On special days, the blessing may be more extensive. In every case, the **blessing** always concludes "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It is in the triune God and in the sign of the cross that we find our blessing.

After the blessing, the deacon dismisses the people. In fact, the dismissal gives the liturgy its name. The word "Mass" comes

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from the Latin word, "Missa." At one time, the people were dismissed with the words "Ite, missa est," meaning "Go, you are sent." The word "Missa" comes from the word "missio," the root of the English word "mission." The liturgy does not simply come to an end. Those assembled are sent forth to bring the fruits of the Eucharist to the world.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place **Sunday, October 23rd** at 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in grades K-9 and 11:15AM-12:15PM for Confirmation Students. If you have not registered your child for classes, it is not too late! Please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119 for more information.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our Student of the Week is **Ben Dobson!** Ben is an eighth-grade student in our Religious Education program. He attends Mass weekly with his family and is an Altar Server. Ben has a very deep love of our faith that he shares with his classmates. He can be found volunteering his time at the St. Vincent de Paul events and is spearheading a Coat Drive in his school to benefit the community. We serve others in love because Jesus was the ultimate servant, laying down His life as a ransom so that we could experience freedom from sin and eternal life. Congratulations Ben!

NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Robert G. Carson arrives at Immaculate Conception via growing up in Maine; graduating from The University of Scranton in Pennsylvania with a Master's Degree; Director of Music in Parishes in CA, AR, FL, PA and MA; and choral engagements in Italy, Ireland, Austria, and Prague. He was invited to bring his choir and play the organ at a Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, Rome with Saint Pope John Paul II as celebrant.

Robert embraces St. Augustine's understanding that "Those who sing pray twice", and envisions a significant role for music in the Liturgy. To him, music is the "handmaid" to the liturgy. It is important to him to foster the call of the Second Vatican Council to a conscious and active participation of the assembly in the Liturgy.

Robert works full-time as Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Chief Human Resources Officer at Assumption University here in Worcester. His first weeks at Immaculate Conception will have him very much on the go with the Advent and Christmas season soon upon us. Please introduce yourself to Robert, he especially wants to hear from those interested in music. Please welcome Maestro Robert to Immaculate Conception!

REST IN PEACE

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

Hymnal Readings: 1037

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/
2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK - THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who supported our first **Friends of the Poor Walk**, as walkers, donators, and helped in any way, including prayers for our work with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Immaculate Conception.

FOOD PANTRY FOOD RAISER

St. Vincent de Paul and Religious Education Students have partnered for another **Food Raiser** for the I.C. Food Pantry. Bags are available at the end of pews. Non-perishable items in need are listed on the bags. Donated food will be collected at each entrance of the Parish the weekends of **October 22rd/23th and October 29th/30th**. Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

All are invited to be a part of a FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE. This important ministry will plan and organize events that will strengthen our sense of community, bring parishioners together, and raise funds for our Parish. If you'd like to be a part of this group, a meeting will take place on **Sunday October 23rd at 8:45am** in the church basement. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY IN OCTOBER

All are invited to participate in a presentation and discussion of Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy on **Tuesday evening, October 25th** in the church Sacristy from **6:30pm to 7:30pm**. A ramp to the sacristy will facilitate handicap access. Paul's message to Timothy two thousand years ago is still most valuable for followers of Jesus Christ today. Frank McGuire will serve as presenter and discussion moderator.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP MEETING

The Society Saint Vincent de Paul group will be meeting **Thursday November 3rd at 6:30pm** in the basement of the church. Anyone is welcome to join. Members are dedicated to helping individuals and families in need in our community.

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