

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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

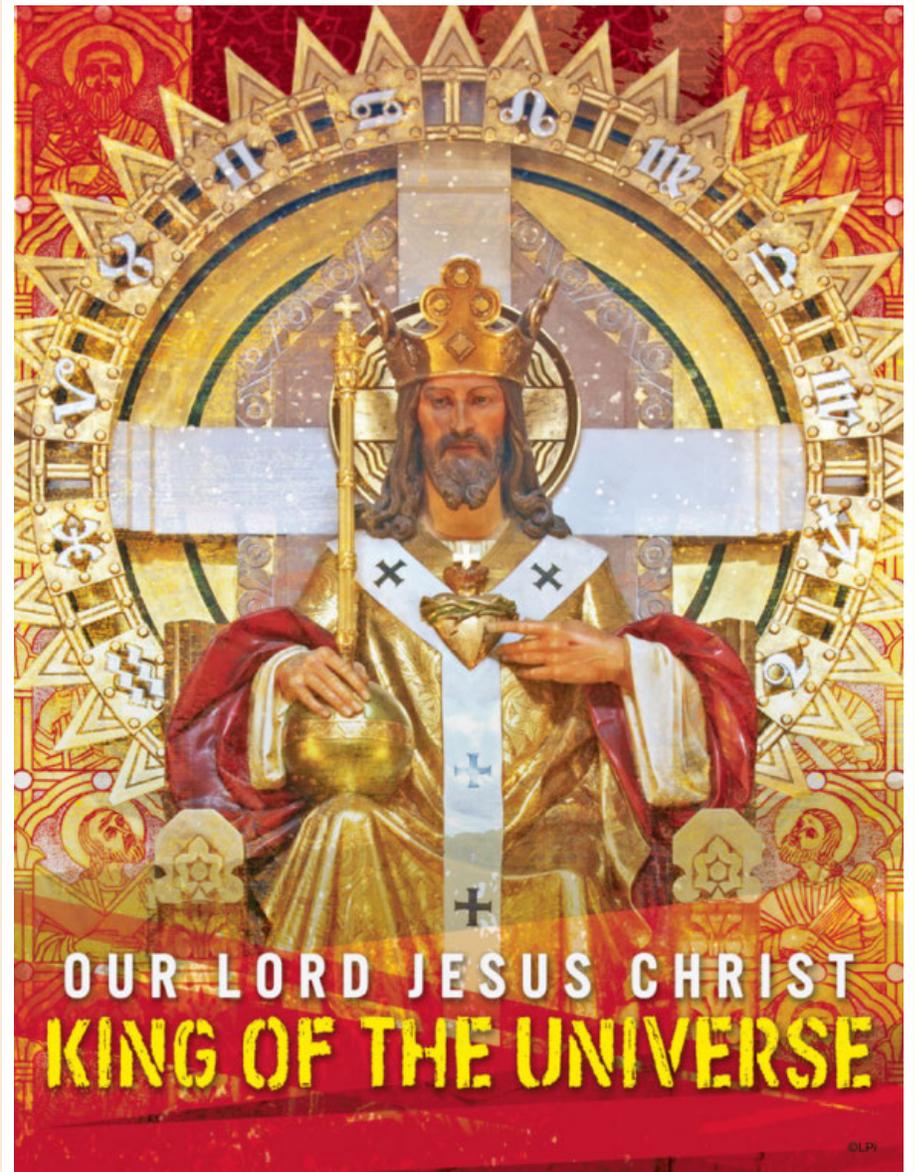
Monday - Thursday | 9:00am

### CONFESSION

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

### ADORATION

Holy Hour for Priests  
Second Friday | 7:00pm



## PARISH STAFF

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### MUSIC DIRECTOR

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### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Mark Cutler



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

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

4:00pm | +Vincenza Poltorak, from her husband John Poltorak

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

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

7:30am | +Hailey Shaylor, from Kathleen Freeman

10:00am | +Cassie Stewart, from Kathleen Freeman

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am | +Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

9:00am | +Julianne Lavallie, from Tom Boland

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

9:00am | +Chunling Wong, from Tom Boland

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

9:00am | +Dawn DiBudeo, from Kathleen Freeman

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**Vigil of 1st Sunday of Advent**

4:00pm | +Maureen Janulewicz, from Kathleen Freeman

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

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

10:00am | +For the intention of Jennifer, from Young Shin

## 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.

### ANOIDING 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.



Today's feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is a recent addition to the Catholic liturgical calendar. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to help the Church respond to rising secularism and atheism in the world.

In his papal encyclical, *Quas Primas* (In the First), in which Pope Pius XI inaugurates the feast of Christ the King, Pope Pius wrote, "Oh, what happiness would be ours if all people, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ!" Pope Pius XI cites the precedent for introducing new feast days into the liturgical calendar: the Church sees a pressing need for the culture around it to be reminded of some particular aspect of the Catholic faith. The feast of Corpus Christi was instituted when devotion to the Eucharist was waning. "So, too," Pius XI notes, "the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was instituted at a time when men were oppressed by the sad and gloomy severity of Jansenism, which had made their hearts grow cold, and shut them out from the love of God and the hope of salvation."

Pius XI cites his reasons for establishing the feast of Christ the King as the widespread prevalence of relativism and anti-clericalism. He desires to remind the world that Christ - and his Church - are truly Lord over all. As Catholics wrestle with the crisis of leadership in our church hierarchy and episcopacy today, this feast day can perhaps serve as a testament of our own faith in Christ as the leader of our church in whom we can place our trust completely. Christ, as the ruler of the universe, will guide his Church with his providence, and the human leaders of our church ought to model themselves after his example.

The feast of Christ the King always falls on the last Sunday of the church year - a new liturgical year begins next Sunday with the start of Advent. This feast is a fitting way to send us into Advent, the season of preparing our hearts to better recognize and receive God who comes to us in the person of Jesus. Today, we remember that Jesus will come to us at the end of time to usher in the fullness of God's kingdom, and it reminds us to recall that Jesus comes to us every day as well.

On this feast of Christ the King, let us allow Christ to reign in our minds, our wills, our hearts, and our bodies!

### 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 **Sunday, November 20th**, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 10th grade. The Confirmation Class and their sponsors will be meeting at the Fr. Connors Center at 11:00am.

### Star Student of the Week

Our Student of the Week is **Julia Creelman**! Julia is a fifth-grade student in our Religious Education Program. She was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Doucet. Julia is a very enthusiastic participant in class. She always volunteers to read and is one of the first to raise her hand to answer a question. Julia attends Mass weekly with her family and can be seen greeting parishioners and passing out bulletins at the 7:30am Mass. She shows great kindness to others in her daily life. Julia is helpful to her classmates and always has a big smile for everyone she sees. Julia works on the Theological Virtues by practicing them in her daily life. Faith, Hope, and Charity are gained by asking God for them and by practicing them in daily life. Congratulations Julia!

### 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 18th at 9:15am** in the church. All children at Immaculate Conception are invited to join us for Christmas Pageant rehearsals on the following dates: Sunday, December 4th & 11th 11:00am-11:45am in the church & Dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th 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.

### Youth Group Meeting

All students in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend the Youth Group Pot Luck meeting on **Sunday, December 4th at 12:00pm** in the Church Basement. Bring your favorite dish and a gift for the Yankee Swap! Faith and friends make a fun afternoon! We hope to see you there! Please contact Mary Sycks at [mks723@msn.com](mailto:mks723@msn.com) or 508-868-8119 with any questions.



## Hymnal Readings: 1049

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-  
2,3,4,5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/  
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

### A PRAYER BEFORE THE THANKSGIVING MEAL

*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*

### THANKSGIVING 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.



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