

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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MARCH 12, 2023 | THIRD 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

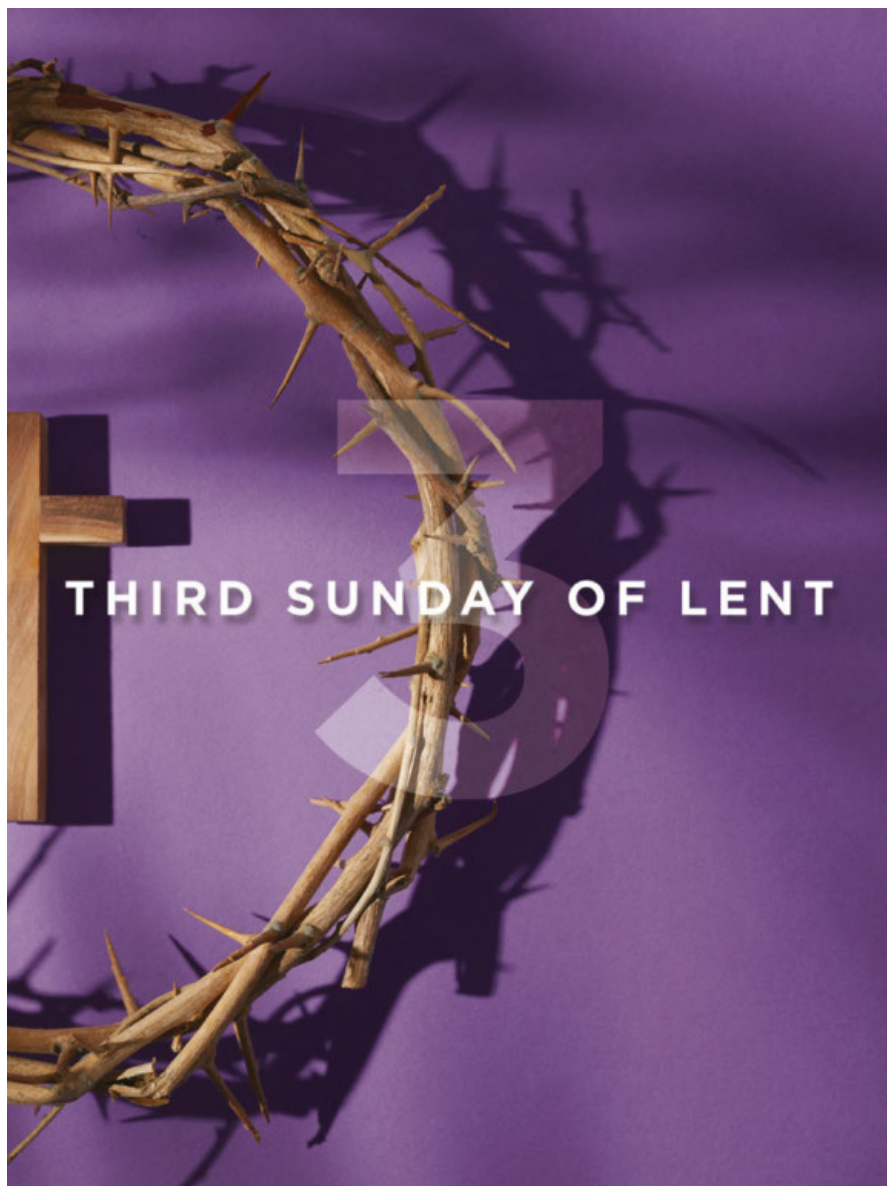
Saturday | 2:45pm - 3:30pm

Other | By Appointment

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Priests

Second Friday | 7:00pm



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SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm | +Shirley Parlsow, from Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

3rd Sunday of Lent

7:30am | +Albert Corte, from the Freeman Family

10:00am | +Thomas P. Daly, from the Freeman Family

MONDAY, MARCH 13

9:00am | +Ann Avakian, from Rose and John Hanson

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:00am | +Shelley Jaegle (Month Mind), from Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00am | +Robert Cronin, from Rose and John Hanson

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

9:00am | +Martin Geheran, from Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Vigil of 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00pm | +Elmer Carlson (23rd Anniversary), from Paul & Denise Carlson

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

4th Sunday of Lent

7:30am | +Jeannette Burns, +Brian B. Colonies, and +Chuck Burns, from Family

10:00am | +Craig Halloran, from Rose and John Hanson

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

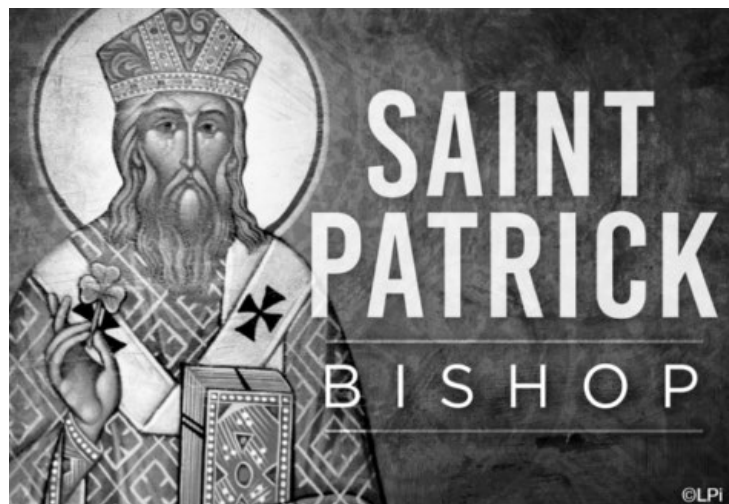
To learn more about the Permanent Diaconate, contact Deacon William Bilow at 508-929-4335. To learn more about entering the Priesthood, contact Rev. Donato Infante at 508-630-4473.

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.



PRAYER FROM THE BREASTPLATE OF ST. PATRICK

"As I arise today,
may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me,
the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me,
the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Amen."

BAPTISM

Our Parish welcomes **Hallie Marie Croal** 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place on **Sunday, March 12th** at 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in grades K-10. Confirmation Class takes place at 11:00am.

Inclement weather policy ~ For cancellations of Religious Education classes due to weather conditions please check the Immaculate Conception website or Facebook Page. You can also call the Office of Religious Education at 508-868-8119.

Star Student of the Week

Our Student of the Week is **Chloe Latham**! Chloe is a seventh-grade student in our Religious Education Program. She was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Tassone. Chloe is an active participant in classroom discussions of the Gospels and has gained a deeper understanding of our faith through the year. She is a wonderful big sister to her brothers and helps her parents around the house. Chloe is a kind and caring girl who displays her faith with acts of kindness and love to everyone she meets. Lent is a time we work towards an inner renewal of our Baptism in Christ. It is a season when we delve a little deeper into our faith and understanding of our salvation through grace. Teach your children to carve out time in your day for your own special prayer time. Congratulations Chloe!

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to **Amelia Belanger, Michael O'Neil and Inara Paquette** for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 4th. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. It is a peace that flows from a certainty, rather than from an unsure hope, that our sins have been forgiven and that we are right with God. Thank you, **Joanna Jalbert and Nicole Hermance**, for sharing their time and knowledge of our faith to teach and form the children to be disciples of Jesus.

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 23rd 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.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference – Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption University on **Saturday, March 25, 2023**. Come meet and hear: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Bear Woznick, Jeff Joaquin, Msgr. James Moroney, & The Catholic Man Show hosts David Niles and Adam Minihan. Our Parish Fellowship Committee has donated 10 tickets to this conference; tickets are on first come, first served basis. Each ticket includes a lunch. If you have any interest in attending, please speak with or contact Deacon Kevin before **March 13**. Visit the conference website at catholicmenworc.com for more information.

Hymnal Readings: 889

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

LENT 2023

Fridays of Lent

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions: 5 – 6 PM
Stations of the Cross: 6 PM

Fast and Abstinence

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

- Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty- nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

The Liturgical Commemoration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, March 17, is observed this year, 2023 on a Friday of Lent that the Church prescribes as a Day of Abstinence from meat. In light of the importance of this feast day for many in the Diocese of Worcester, I am granting a dispensation from the rule of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023. I ask that those who take advantage of this dispensation perform another act of penance in its place on that day.

Most Rev. Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Cartons for Operation Rice Bowl can be found at each entrance to the Church. For those who participate in this Lenten program, we invite you to place coins in the carton and we will collect them at the end of Lent and forward the total to Catholic Relief Services. The money collected is used to serve the needs of the poor in America and throughout the world, and those who struggle through natural disasters.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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