

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

JULY 16, 2023 | THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday | 9:30am - 2:30pm
(July & August)

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



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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SATURDAY, JULY 15

Vigil of 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm | +Ana Isabel Gonzalez, from Alejandro and Ana Castro

SUNDAY, JULY 16

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am |

10:00am | +Daniel Barna (2nd Anniversary), from Family

MONDAY, JULY 17

9:00am | +Martin Geheran, from Family

TUESDAY, JULY 18

9:00am |

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

9:00am |

THURSDAY, JULY 20

9:00am |

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Vigil of 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm | Rodolfo Marin (birthday), from Alejandro and Ana Castro

SUNDAY, JULY 23

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am |

10:00am | +Jeanne Duggan (Month Mind), from her husband Joe Duggan

*The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.*

(Psalm 65)

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

It is often said that a picture paints a thousand words. But words can never say it all, because if words can say it all, then there is no need to paint anything at all. But as much as a picture paints a thousand words, yet a few words can also change the story of the picture. And as much as words can tell a story, words can also change the story. Words can make something happen, and cause a reaction, a good reaction!

God speaks and we seem to have some difficulty hearing Him. By and large, we are practicing Catholics. If practice makes perfect, then are we anywhere near perfect? We come for Mass every week, we hear three scripture readings and a homily, but is there anything happening in us? God also speaks to us through to what the other members of my family are saying. Do we take the time listen to the children, the elderly, and the sick? Are so used to what they say that we no longer care about paying attention?

We may resonate with this story of a man who said to his wife: I am going to stop going for Mass! I listen to the readings, I hear the priests preach, but I can't remember anything. It is doing me no good. So, I am going to stop going for Mass. The wife thought for a while and replied: Then I am going to stop cooking for you! Because you can't remember what you ate yesterday, you are getting fat and it's not doing you any good. So, I am going to stop cooking for you.... Wives, this this is just a story, don't take seriously!

Maybe that is also the story of our lives. We don't think that anything is happening to us, even as we try to listen. But it is happening.... God will not stop speaking.

A picture may paint a thousand words, but a few words will change the story of the picture. More so when it is God's Word. It will never return to Him empty without carrying out His will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

All we need is to keep listening and opening our hearts, and God will change the story of our lives. It may sound incredible, but that is the truth of the power of God's Word. We have the ears, so may we listen to God's Word and produce a harvest. "Whoever has ears ought to hear"

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"YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN"

The Second Commandment prescribes respect for the Lord's name. Among all the words of Revelation there is one which is unique: the revealed name of God. God confides his name to those who believe in him. The gift of a name belongs to the order of trust and intimacy. "The Lord's name is holy." For this reason, man must not abuse it. He must keep it in mind in silent, loving adoration. He will not introduce it into his own speech except to bless, praise and glorify it.

The Second Commandment commands: us to always speak with reverence of God, of the saints, and of holy things, and to be truthful in taking oaths and faithful to them and to our vows.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2022-2023

Registration is ongoing for the 2023-2024 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.

Altar Servers Needed

Altar Servers perform a very important and much needed role in liturgical services. This role includes assisting the presider so that the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. It enables the presider to focus on leading all present through word, prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Immaculate Conception is recruiting boys and girls for its Altar Server Ministry. The Altar Server Ministry is a special opportunity for children to participate in the life of the parish as they serve our Lord at the Altar. Altar Servers must be Baptized, have received their First Holy Communion, and be in the third grade or higher. Training is required. If you and your child(ren) are interested in pursuing this ministry, 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Family Movie Night event was a success! We had several families who came to enjoy watching **Up!** and **Cars** before the fireworks. Thank you to all who participated in the snack fundraiser and took part in the 50-50 raffle. The person who won the 50-50 raffle generously donated their winnings back to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Immaculate Conception. Through your generosity a total of \$280 was raised! These funds will allow our volunteers to help our local Friends in Need who are struggling with homelessness, hunger, overdue bills, rents, and give support in immediate crisis situations.

The next St. Vincent de Paul group meeting will be **Thursday, July 20th at 6:00pm** in the Coffee Shop. Please contact Jennefer at icworc@live.com or 508-754-8419, ext. 2 for more information.

REPAIRS FRONT OF THE CHURCH

The masonry repairs to the front patio of the Church are finally complete. Now, we can use the front doors the front doors of our Church. Thank you for patience and understanding during this construction.

Hymnal Readings: 970

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our Parish's goal is **\$88,500**. To date **\$59,555** 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, 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!

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The Second Commandment forbids: all irreverence towards God's most holy name, such as:

- Cursing
- Profane swearing
- Blasphemy (words of hatred, reproach or defiance against God; speaking ill of God, the Church, the Saints and sacred things; use of God's name to cover up criminal practices, reduce peoples to servitude, to torture persons or put them to death).
- False, unlawful and unnecessary oaths (calling on God to witness the truth of what we say).
- Membership in societies condemned by the Church (Satanic cults, Freemasonry, etc.)
- Breaking or deferring lawful vows (promises, marriage vows, vows taken by priests and those in the religious life, vows taken by public servants, etc.)
- Irreverence at Mass, and in churches and holy places even when service is not going on.

References:

Catechism of the Catholic Church - Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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Sunday Ordinary	\$ 4,054.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 320.00

7/02/2023

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Sunday Ordinary	\$ 4,011.00
Holy Days	\$ 60.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 60.00

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