

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

JULY 23, 2023 | THE SIXTEENTH 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



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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

MONDAY, JULY 24

9:00am | +Gail Brodin, from Colleen McCallum

TUESDAY, JULY 25

St. James, Apostle

9:00am | +Matthew Donoghue, from Colleen McCallum

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am | +William Jaegle and +Shelley Jaegle, from Family

THURSDAY, JULY 27

9:00am | +Joseph Noberini and +Leo Bertonazzi, from Family

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Vigil of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

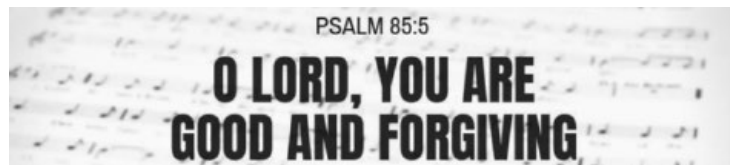
4:00pm |

SUNDAY, JULY 30

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am | +Frances Berry (50th Anniversary), from Family

10:00am |



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.

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

The introduction to this parable should wake us up to the reality of the evil one in our midst. The specific action of the "enemy" in this parable is disturbing. Imagine if this story were true and you were the farmer who worked very hard at sowing the seed throughout your field. Then, if you awoke to hear the news that weeds had been sown also, you would be quite saddened, angered and disappointed.

But this parable is especially about the Son of God. Jesus is the one who has sown the good seed of His Word and watered that seed with His Precious Blood. But the evil one, the devil, has also been at work trying to undermine the work of our Lord.

Again, if this were a true story about you as a farmer, it would be hard to refrain from much anger and a desire for revenge. But the truth is that Jesus, as the Divine Sower, does not allow the evil one to steal His peace. Instead, He has allowed this action of the evil one to remain for now. But in the end, the works of evil will be destroyed and burned in the unquenchable fire.

What's also interesting to note is that Jesus does not root out all evil in our world here and now. According to the parable, He refrains so that the good fruit of the Kingdom will not be negatively affected. In other words, this parable reveals to us the interesting truth that the "weeds" all around us, that is, the evil alive within our world, cannot affect our growth in virtue and entrance into the Kingdom of God. We may have to endure evil on a daily basis and find ourselves surrounded by it at times, but our Lord's willingness to allow evil for now is a clear sign that He knows it cannot affect our growth in virtue if we do not let it.

Reflect, today, upon the reality of evil in our world. It's essential that you name evil activity for what it is. But evil cannot ultimately affect you. And the evil one, despite his malicious attacks, will ultimately be defeated. Reflect upon the hope that this truth brings and renew your trust in the power of God this day.

(@OurSundayVisitor)

"REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY"

Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. Because it is the "first day," the day of Christ's Resurrection recalls the first creation. For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day – Sunday.

The Old Testament Sabbath (Saturday) has been replaced by the Lord's Day of the New Testament (Sunday). Sunday is a day of grace and rest from work. The institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives. It is also a day traditionally consecrated by Christian piety to good works and humble service of the sick, the infirm, and the elderly.

The Third Commandment commands:

- Worship of God by assisting at Mass on Sundays, the Lord's Day, and on Holy Days.

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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.

FR. EDWIN AWAY

Father Edwin will be visiting his family in Colombia from **July 24 to August 11**. Please welcome the following priests who will be covering for our Pastor during his absence:

July 29-30: Rev. Richard Lewandowski, a retired priest from our Diocese.

August 5-6: Rev. Richard Lamoreaux, a retired Assumptionist priest.

Weekdays: Rev. Carlos Ruiz, pastor of St. Anne's Parish in Leominster and Rev. Andres Araque, a hospital chaplain.

HATS, SCARVES, MITTENS, GLOVES

We are looking for men and women who knit, crochet, loom, or those who would like to learn. We will be making hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and any other items that can help homeless individuals. These will be donated at the end of the year. Come join us **Saturday, July 29th starting after the 4pm Mass** in the church basement.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(Amounts Include Electronic Giving)

Sunday Ordinary

7/16/2023

\$ 2,640.00

Hymnal Readings: 973

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please join us for a holy hour to pray for our priests on **Friday, August 11th at 7:00pm** in the church.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The next gathering of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Saturday, August 12th at 9am** in the Coffee Shop. We will pray, reflect, share, and have coffee. For more info, please email Bridget Klofft, at bridgetbakes@yahoo.com

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.

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 Third Commandment forbids:

- Missing Mass through one's own fault on Sundays or Holy Days. The Catechism explains that a person may be excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for "serious reasons" such as illness or the care of infantes or loved one who are ill and cannot be left alone.
- Doing unnecessary servile (physical) work on Sunday. Servile work is allowed when the honor of God, our own need, or that of our neighbor requires it. Examples of servile work are cutting the grass, painting the house, changing the oil in the car, building a house and raking leaves.
- Making others do unnecessary servile work on Sunday.
- Conducting unnecessary business -or shopping- on Sunday.

(Sources: Catechism of the Catholic Church, Baltimore Catechism)

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