

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

JULY 30, 2023 | THE SEVENTEENTH 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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and
sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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SATURDAY, JULY 29

Vigil of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm | +Msgr. Thomas Needham

SUNDAY, JULY 30

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:00am | +Our Deceased Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:00am |

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00am |

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00am |

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00am | +Cecelia Provost, from Sr. Janet Provost and Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Vigil of The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00pm | +Joanne Deignan (1st Anniversary), from Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30am | +Anthony Carenzo (1st Anniversary), from Family

10:00am | +Francis X. Mahoney Sr. (24th Anniversary), from Family

Family

Lord, I love your commands.
(Psalm 119)

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.

“HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER”

The Fourth Commandment is the first of the “love of neighbor commandments”, immediately following the three “love of God commandments.” God has willed that after Him, we should honor our parents to whom we owe life and who have handed on to us the knowledge of God. The Fourth Commandment commands us to respect and love our parents, to obey them in all that is not sinful, and to help them when they are in need. We are also obliged to respect and obey all lawful authority.

The Fourth Commandment is addressed expressly to children. However, it likewise concerns the ties of kinship between members of the extended family. It requires honor, affection and gratitude toward elders and ancestors. Observing the Fourth Commandment brings its reward: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

The Fourth Commandment forbids...

For children:

- All manner of anger and hatred against parents and other lawful authority.
- Provoking them to anger, grieving them or insulting them
- Neglecting them in their necessity.
- Contempt or disobedience to their lawful commands.

For students:

- Disrespect, disobedience, stubbornness, idleness.
- Wasting of time.

For parents:

- Hating and cursing their children.
- Giving bad example to their children.
- Allowing children to grow up in ignorance, idleness or sin.
- Showing habitual favoritism without cause.
- Deferring their children's Baptism.
- Neglecting to watch over their bodily health, their religious instruction, the company they keep, the books they read, the movies and TV that they see, the electronic games that they play, the Internet sites that they visit, etc.
- Failing to correct them when needed.
- Being harsh or cruel in correction.
- Failing to educate children in the faith, prayer and Christian virtues.
- Failing to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the children.

For husbands and wives:

- Putting obstacles to the fulfillment of religious duties.
- Lack of gentleness and consideration in regard to each other's faults.
- Unreasonable jealousy.
- Neglect of household duties
- Sulkeness (showing resentment and ill-humor by sullen, withdrawn behavior)
- Injurious words.

For employers:

- Not allowing one's employees reasonable time for religious duties and instruction.
- Giving bad example to them or allowing others to do so.

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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.

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

Hymnal Readings: 976

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

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 **\$60,055** 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. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

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- Withholding their lawful wages.
- Not caring for them in sickness
- Firing them arbitrarily or without cause.

For the employed:

- Disrespect for employers.
- Lack of obedience in matters where one has bound oneself to obey.
- Waste of time. Neglect of work.
- Waste of employer's property by dishonesty, carelessness or neglect.
- For professional men and public officials:
- Culpable (blameworthy) lack of knowledge relating to duties of office or profession.
- Neglect in carrying out one's duties.
- Injustice or partiality.
- Exorbitant (beyond what is reasonable and just) fees.

For teachers:

- Neglecting the progress of those confided to their care.
- Unjust, indiscreet or excessive punishment.
- Partiality.
- Bad example, loose and false rules

For all:

- Contempt for the laws of our state and country.
- Contempt for the laws of the Church.
- Disobedience to lawful authority.

Sources:

- 1) *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- 2) *Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism*

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Sunday Ordinary

7/23/2023

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