

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

AUGUST 6, 2023 | THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

## 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



## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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## PARISH STAFF

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Mark Cutler



**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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

9:00am |

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

**St. Dominic, Priest**

9:00am |

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

9:00am |

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

**St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

9:00am |

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

**Vigil of 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm | +Francis L. Walsh Jr. (1st Anniversary), from the Walsh Family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am |

10:00am |

*The Lord is king, the Most High  
over all the earth.  
(Psalm 97)*

## 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.

## “YOU SHALL NOT KILL”

*God controls human life:* “Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.”

*The unborn are persons:* “Because it should be treated as a person from conception, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed like every other human being.”

*Self-defense is legitimate:* It is legitimate to insist on respect for one’s own right to life. Someone who defends his life is not guilty of murder even if he is forced to deal his aggressor a lethal blow. Legitimate defense cannot only be a right but a grave duty for someone responsible for another’s life, the common good of the family or of the state.

*Death penalty should be avoided:* “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”.

The Fifth Commandment commands us to take proper care of our own spiritual and bodily well-being and that of our neighbor. It obliges us to show love for our neighbor by respecting his person and not injuring him in any way.

The Fifth Commandment forbids:

- Unjust taking of human life – murder, suicide, abortion, euthanasia.
- Kidnapping, hostage taking, terrorism and torture.
- Violence in thought word or act which may lead to unjust taking of human life.
- Exposing life or limb to danger without reasonable cause
- Reckless driving.
- Carelessness in leaving about poisons, dangerous drugs, weapons, etc.
- Desires of revenge, anger.
- Fighting, quarrels, hatred.
- Showing aversion or contempt for others.
- Refusal to speak to someone when addressed due to anger or hatred.
- Ignoring offers of reconciliation, especially between relatives
- Insults – irritating words and actions.
- Tyrannical behavior (harsh, cruel, unjust, oppressive behavior).
- Bad example.
- Gluttony and drunkenness.
- Misuse of drugs.
- Injury to health by over-indulgence.
- Giving drink to others, knowing they are underage or will abuse it.
- Refusing assistance to someone in danger.

*(Sources: Catechism of the Catholic Church and Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism)*

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

At this time, the food pantry of in need of jelly, peanut butter, boxed rice (no bags), Vienna sausage, pork & beans. Thank you.

## 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:

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

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

## THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY, A HOLY DAY

On August 15, the Church celebrates the fact that "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body, the Church" (CCC 974)

Masses will be celebrated on **Monday, August 14th at 5:30 PM** and on **Tuesday, August 15th at 9:00 AM**.

## Hymnal Readings: 1038

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/  
Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/  
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

## 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](mailto:bridgetbakes@yahoo.com)

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

The next St. Vincent de Paul group meeting will be **Thursday, August 17th at 6:00pm** in the Coffee Shop. Please contact Jennefer at [icworc@live.com](mailto:icworc@live.com) or 508-754-8419, ext. 2 for more information.

## FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

St Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception will be hosting the second annual **Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023**. Together, we will help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul raise funds—and awareness—to help our local Friends in Need who are struggling with homelessness, hunger, overdue bills, rents, and more during difficult times. Please join us for a family friendly fundraising event that helps people in our community. This event is being sponsored by Quincy Mutual Insurance. **Register for the walk or donate at: [www.fopwalk.org/event/2846](http://www.fopwalk.org/event/2846)**, and share the link with friends and family! Contact Jennefer at the Rectory office at 508-754-8419, ext 2 if you would like to volunteer for this event.

## 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 **\$60,255** has been raised. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider making one and visit [partners-charity.net](http://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!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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Sunday Ordinary

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**7/30/2023**

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