

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

AUGUST 13, 2023 | THE NINETEENTH 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



## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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**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 | +Thomas MacIver, from his granddaughter Nancy Sweeney

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**

**St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

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

**Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

5:30pm |

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00am | +John Collins Lord, from Bill & Betty O'Neil

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**

9:00am | Health and Healing of Andrea Chiasson Lachance, from Family

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**

9:00am | +Martin Geheran (1st Anniversary), from Family

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

**Vigil of 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm |

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am |

10:00am |

*Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
(Psalm 85)*

## 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 COMMIT ADULTERY.

## YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.

The Sixth and Ninth Commandments work together. What the Sixth Commandment forbids in action, the Ninth Commandment forbids in thought or desire.

*Chastity:* This virtue specifically speaks to practicing sexual self-control for the sake of using our sexual powers according to God's will and design. When we practice self-control, we choose to become more fully human, rather than acting as animals and giving in to every desire. We also embrace the fullness of God's goodness (love, family life, God's mission of holiness), rather than settling for only part of the goodness God has to offer us (momentary physical pleasure). Chastity and temperance don't mean giving up God's goodness. They mean giving up our immediate desires in order to get more of God's goodness.

*Dangers to the virtue of chastity:* Idleness, sinful curiosity, bad companions, drinking, immodest dress, indecent books, plays, movies, video games, Internet sites, TV shows and even some types of music.

*Means of preserving the virtue of chastity:* Avoid carefully all unnecessary dangers and temptations; seek God's help through prayer, frequent confession, Holy Communion, assistance at Holy Mass and have a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Many fall because they do not avoid dangers. Human nature is very weak where purity is concerned, and we must keep far from all danger, or sooner or later we shall fall.

*Impure thoughts:* Impure thoughts are not always sinful, but always dangerous. They become sinful when we do not try to get rid of them. Such thoughts are temptations from the devil. The best way to do get rid of such thoughts is by prayer or thinking about something else. Above all, avoid idleness. The devil has trouble tempting busy people.

*Purity:* Purity of heart requires modesty. Modesty is patience, decency (exercising proper conduct, speech and good taste) and discretion (being careful about what one says and does). Modesty protects the intimate center of the person.

The Sixth Commandment commands us to be pure and modest in our behavior.

The Ninth Commandment commands us be pure in thought and desire.

The Sixth Commandment forbids:

- All impurity and immodesty in words, looks and actions, whether alone or with others.
- Offenses against marriage: Adultery (sexual relations between married people who are not married to each other), divorce, polygamy (having more than one wife) and free union (living together without being married).
- Offenses against chastity: Lust (sexual desire outside of marriage), pornography, homosexuality
- Any other form of unmarried sexual action.

The Ninth Commandment forbids:

- All thoughts and desires contrary to chastity.

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

## 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.

## 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**.

## 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](https://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!

## Hymnal Readings: 982

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/  
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/  
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/  
Mt 15:21-28

## 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](https://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.

## FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. At this time, the food pantry of in need of jelly, peanut butter, boxed rice (no bags), Vienna sausage, pork & beans. Thank you.

## VENERINI ACADEMY OPENINGS

Venerini Academy a PreK through Grade 8 school located at 27 Edwards Street in Worcester, MA has spacing available for a limited number of students. Venerini Academy focuses on Academic Excellence with a Faith-Focused Education. Class sizes are small to help us provide a high quality education. If you are interested in scheduling a tour of Venerini Academy this summer please contact Albert G. Ganem, Jr. at (508) 753-3210.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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