

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

AUGUST 27, 2023 | THE TWENTY-FIRST 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



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

**Vigil of 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm | +Mary Ann Peltier (2nd Anniversary), from her husband John Peltier and Family.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am | +Joe Zavattaro, from Mike Casey and Family  
10:00am | +Jay Herlihy (11th Anniversary), from Family

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28**

**St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

9:00am | +James Woodruff, from Candace Jaegle and the Worcester Chesterton Society

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

**The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

9:00am | +Jeff Hamilton, from Candace Jaegle and the Worcester Chesterton Society

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

9:00am |

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

9:00am |

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**Vigil of 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm |

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am |

10:00am | +Michael and Kathleen Barna, from Family

*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake  
the work of your hands.*

(Psalm 138)

## 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 STEAL"

## "YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS"

The Seventh Commandment commands us to respect what belongs to others, to live up to our business agreements, and to pay our just debts. The Tenth Commandment commands us to detach ourselves from earthly riches.

*Danger of riches:* Anyone who desires to be rich in having more material possessions that he needs, will find it difficult to respect the property of others. The more we love the things of this earth, the harder we shall find it to love God. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Mt 6:21).

*Man's dominion over creation:* God has given man dominion over the mineral, vegetable and animal resources of the Universe. Thus, treating animals with kindness and caring for the resources of the Universe for future generations are required by the Seventh Commandment.

*Human beings can never be considered property:* The moral law forbids the enslavement or the buying and selling of human beings as if they were property.

*Restitution:* In justice, one must return stolen goods.

*Reparation:* In justice, one must repair the damage caused to the property of another.

Not only is it forbidden to steal, but even to buy a stolen article, or to accept it as a gift. If we have a stolen article in our possession, we must give it back to the owner. However, if we bought it, we have a right to the money back from the one who sold it to us.

The Seventh Commandment forbids:

- Stealing. Shoplifting.
- Unjust keeping of what belongs to others.
- Keeping of goods known to be stolen.
- Keeping something that was originally borrowed.
- Keeping something that was found without making a reasonable effort to return it or find the owner.
- Unjust, careless or malicious [with evil intent] damage to the property of others.
- Delay in paying lawful debts or in making restitution when able to make it. Neglect to make reasonable efforts and sacrifices to pay back debts or make restitution.
- Cheating in business or at play [or sports].
- Charging exorbitant [unreasonably high] prices.
- False weights and measures.
- Adulteration of wares [Examples: knowingly selling products that contain ingredients that are not listed on the label, knowingly selling "fresh food" that is not fresh.]
- Accepting of bribes by public officials.
- Concealment of fraud [deceiving someone into giving up property or money], theft or damage when one is duty bound to give information.

The Tenth Commandment forbids:

- All desire to take or to keep unjustly what belongs to others, and also forbids envy at their success.
- Greed [desire to amass earthly goods] and avarice [passion for riches and the accompanying power].
- Envy [sadness at the sight of another's goods and the wrongful desire to have them for oneself].

(References: *Catechism of the Catholic Church* & *Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism*)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Opening Class and Family Kick-Off for Religious Education classes take place on **Sunday, September 10th, 8:45AM-9:45AM** for children in K through 10th grade. Parents, please plan on staying for the opening prayer, to meet your child's teacher and for a short presentation. Registration forms and the RE class calendar are on the Immaculate Conception website. 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-10th grade, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact **Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119**.

Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Sunday, September 10th. Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, September 10th at 11:15AM.

## 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 our 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.

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY SECOND COLLECTION

For those Parishioners WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONATED, we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2023 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal...which you can make online. Just go to [partners-charity.net/donate](https://partners-charity.net/donate).

This weekend, you will be able to place your donation (cash or check) in baskets you will find at each door. If using an envelope, you can also return it to the rectory through the mail or by dropping it off at the rectory's office door.

Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. It takes many gifts to reach our diocesan goal of \$5 million. All checks should be made payable to "Partners in Charity". We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

## Hymnal Readings: 988

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36/  
Mt 16:13-20

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/  
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the month of August, the Rectory Office will be open Monday - Wednesday from 9:30am-2:30pm.

## HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please join us for a holy hour to pray for our priests on **Friday, September 8th at 7:00pm** in the church.

## WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The next gathering of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Saturday, September 9th 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)

## WORCESTER CHESTERTON SOCIETY

The Worcester Chesterton Society (est. 2009) will now be meeting here at Immaculate Conception. The next meeting will be **Saturday, September 9th starting at 6:30pm** in the church basement. Come and join in some great friendship and conversation! New Members Welcome! Contact Candace Jaegle at 508-713-5378, or [cjaegle787@gmail.com](mailto:cjaegle787@gmail.com) for more information.

## HELPING HANDS GROUP

Come join us **Saturday, September 16th after the 4pm Mass** in the church basement. We will be making hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves that can help homeless individuals. These will be donated at the end of the year. For more information contact Alejandro and Ana at 909-519-7663

## 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**. 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!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(Amounts Include Electronic Giving)

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Patricia Quintiliani

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