

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | THE TWENTY-SECOND 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 - Thursday | 9:30am - 2:30pm

## 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



## PARISH STAFF

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Robert G. Carson

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Mark Cutler



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

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

4:00pm | Raphael Hine on his birthday, from Alejandro and Ana Castro

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am |

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

9:00am |

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

9:00am | +Leon and Susan Collette, from Family

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

9:00am |

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

9:00am | +Charles and Ruth Marzilli, from Family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**Vigil of 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm | Clemencia Marin on her birthday, from Alejandro and Ana Castro

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am |

10:00am | +Earl Finne (2nd Anniversary), from Family

*My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

(Psalm 63)

## 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. Donate 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.

## PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

The precepts of the Church are duties that the Catholic Church requires of all the faithful. Also called the commandments of the Church, they are binding under pain of mortal sin, but the point is not to punish. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, the binding nature “is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth of love of God and neighbor.” If we follow these commands, we’ll know that we’re headed in the right direction spiritually.

You may see different lists of precepts, but this is the current list from the Catechism.

### First Precept: The Sunday Duty

The first precept of the Church is “You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.” Often called the Sunday Duty or the Sunday Obligation, this is the way in which Christians fulfill the Third Commandment: “Remember, keep holy the Sabbath day.” We participate in the Mass, and we refrain from any work that distracts us from a proper celebration of Christ’s Resurrection.

### Second Precept: Confession

The second precept of the Church is “You shall confess your sins at least once a year.” Strictly speaking, we only need to take part in the Sacrament of Confession if we have committed a mortal sin, but the Church urges us to make frequent use of the sacrament and, at a minimum, to receive it once each year in preparation for fulfilling our Easter Duty.

### Third Precept: The Easter Duty

The third precept of the Church is “You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.” Today, most Catholics receive the Eucharist at every Mass they attend, but it wasn’t always so. Since the Sacrament of Holy Communion binds us to Christ and to our fellow Christians, the Church requires us to receive it at least once each year, sometime between Palm Sunday and Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday).

### Fourth Precept: Fasting and Abstinence

The fourth precept of the Church is “You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.” Fasting and abstinence, along with prayer and almsgiving, are powerful tools in developing our spiritual life. Today, the Church requires Catholics to fast only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on the Fridays during Lent. On all other Fridays of the year, we may perform some other penance in place of abstinence.

### Fifth Precept: Supporting the Church

The fifth precept of the Church is “You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.” The Catechism notes that this “means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.” In other words, we don’t necessarily have to tithe (give ten percent of our income), if we can’t afford it; but we should also be willing to give more if we can. Our support of the Church can also be through donations of our time, and the point of both is not simply to maintain the Church but to spread the Gospel and bring others into the Church, the Body of Christ.

(Source: Catechism of the Catholic Church)

## 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.

## 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. For more info, please email Bridget Klofft, at [bridgetbakes@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetbakes@yahoo.com)

## WORCESTER CHESTERTON SOCIETY

The G.K. Chesterton Society in Worcester is now meeting on the second Saturday of the month at Immaculate Conception in the church basement starting on **Saturday, September 9th at 6:30pm**, with discussions on reading of his vast writings. We are always welcoming new members! For further information, contact Candice at [cjaegle787@gmail.com](mailto:cjaegle787@gmail.com)

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## Hymnal Readings: 991

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/  
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:8-10/  
Mt 18:15-20

## 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 will be donated at the end of the year. For more information contact Alejandro and Ana at 909-519-7663

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETING

The next St. Vincent de Paul group meeting will be **Thursday, September 14th 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**. 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!

## OCTOBER 2023 BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to participate in a presentation and discussion of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (chapters 1-8) on **Tuesday evenings, October 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the church sacristy from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**. A ramp to the sacristy will facilitate handicap access. This Letter is universally acclaimed to be Paul's most complete and important work. Frank McGuire will serve as presenter and discussion moderator.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

This year's Women's Conference will be on **October 7**. All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at [www.wcwconference.com](http://www.wcwconference.com). Our Parish will donate 10 tickets to attend this conference; tickets are on first come, first served basis. Each ticket includes a lunch. If you have any interest in attending, please email Bridget Klofft at [bridgetbakes@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetbakes@yahoo.com), **no later than September 17**.



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