

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | THE TWENTY-FIFTH 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, Tuesday, Thursday
8:30am - 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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Vigil of 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am |

10:00am |

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00am |

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00am |

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

9:00am | For the needs of the poor in our community, and the members of St. Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00am |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Vigil of 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm |

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am | +Regina M. Barnicle, from Frank Burns

10:00am |

*The Lord is near to all
who call upon him.*

(Ps 145)

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.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

(Continuation)

Shelter the Homeless

There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

- See if your parish or diocese is involved with a local homeless shelter and volunteer some time.
- Donate time or money to organizations that build homes for those who need shelter.
- Many homeless shelters need warm blankets for their beds. If you can knit or sew that would be an extra loving gift.
- There are millions of children and families who are on the move, fleeing from war, illness, hunger and impossible living conditions, and searching for peace and safety. Engage parish groups of children, youth, young adults, and families in doing some research on the causes and challenges that these families face to survive. Contact Catholic Social Services, or diocesan offices of peace and justice for help with your research. Seek ways to provide shelter for the homeless locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

Visit the Sick

Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

- Give blood
- Spend time volunteering at a nursing home – Get creative and make use of your talents (e.g. sing, read, paint, call Bingo, etc.)!
- Take time on a Saturday to stop and visit with an elderly neighbor.
- Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members on a one-time or periodic basis. Give caregivers time off from their caregiving responsibilities so they can rest, complete personal chores, or enjoy a relaxing break.
- Next time you make a meal that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and give it to a family in your parish who has a sick loved one.

Visit the Prisoners

People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

- See if your parish, or a nearby parish, has a prison ministry and if so, get involved.
- Volunteer to help out or donate to charities that give Christmas presents to children whose parents are in prison.

Bury the Dead

Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

- Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one. Make your own card.
- Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place on **Sunday, September 24th at 8:45AM-9:45AM** for children in grades K-10. If you have not registered your child for classes, it is not too late! Please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119 for more information.

Reconciliation Class

During the week, our young people who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will be reflecting on being called to live in friendship with God through participation in the sacraments. Join them by taking time to think about the ways participation in the sacraments has brought you into a closer relationship with God's love.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – OCIA (Formerly known as RCIA)

This is a process open to all those who want to be a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Those invited to participate in the OCIA process are:

- Children 7 years old and older who have not been baptized.
- Adults, 16 years of age and older, who have not been baptized, received their First Holy Communion, or Confirmation.
- Adults belonging to another Christian Faith who wish to become Catholic and be received into the Roman Catholic Church.

This program starts in October and culminates with the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. **Please contact Fr. Edwin for registration.**

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- Spend time planning your own funeral mass, read through the Order of Christian Funerals and find our hope in the Resurrection.

Give Alms to the Poor

Donate money to organizations that have the ability to provide support and services for those in need. Do research and find organizations that put people in need first, rather than profit.

- Skip the morning latte and put that money in the collection basket at church.
- Find a charity that is meaningful to you and volunteer your time or donate.
- This Lent, give up eating out at restaurants. Pack your meals and donate the extra money to charities.
- Participate in CRS Rice Bowl during Lent.

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PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER

Immaculate Conception parishioners and friends are invited to help "Problem Pregnancy," a Worcester Pro-Life non-profit which provides support to pregnant moms before and after the birth of their child. You may donate from the list below, **bring the unwrapped items to the Church side door, near the ramp on 9/30 & 10/1**. Thank you!

- Diapers: size newborn, sizes 4 and 5.
- Baby towels, Crib sheets, Pacifiers, Baby toiletries
- Winter baby clothes size 0 to 12 months
- Any else (new) baby-related.
- Monetary donations welcome also.

Hymnal Readings: 1000

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32

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. 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.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please join us for a holy hour to pray for our priests on **Friday, October 13th at 7:00pm** in the church.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The next gathering of the Women's Prayer Group will be **Saturday, October 14th 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

FOOD PANTRY

At this time, the food pantry is in need of boxed rice (no bags), canned soups, canned Chef Boyardee, and oatmeal. No expired food, please. Quality = dignity. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(Amounts Include Electronic Giving)

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 4,546.00
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