

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

OCTOBER 8, 2023 | THE TWENTY-SEVENTH 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



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Vigil of 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm | +Anne Callan, from Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am | +Mike Glavickas (27th Anniversary), from Family

10:00am | +Malcolm Andrews, from the Freeman family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:00am | +Frank DesRosiers, from the Freeman family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00am | +Maryann Libby, from John Hanson

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00am | +Maryann Libby, from Rose Hanson

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00am | +Walter Lalone (5th Anniversary), from Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Vigil of 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm | +Walter Evanowski, Sr. (47th Anniversary), from Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am |

10:00am | Members of the 9th Infantry Division



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 Diaconate Director Deacon Donald Pegg (617) 794-7702. To learn more about 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANointing OF THE SICK

A sacrament is an outward sign established by Jesus Christ to confer inward grace. In more basic terms, it is a rite that is performed to convey God's grace to the recipient, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness and not only near the time of death.

"The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects:

- the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church;
- the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age;
- the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of Penance;
- the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul;
- the preparation for passing over to eternal life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1532)

The Sacrament's Institution

Like all the sacraments, holy anointing was instituted by Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry. The Catechism explains, "This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord" (CCC 1511)

The anointing of the sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude (CCC 1520). These graces flow from the atoning death of Jesus Christ, for "this was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases'" (Matt. 8:17).

Mark refers to the sacrament when he recounts how Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to preach, and "they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them" (Mark 6:13). In his epistle, James says, "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (Jas. 5:14-15).



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no Religious Education classes on Sunday, October 8th. Classes will resume on Sunday, October 15th.

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.**

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 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.

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

WORCESTER CHESTERTON SOCIETY

The Worcester Chesterton Society (est. 2009) will now be meeting here at Immaculate Conception. The next meeting will be **Saturday, October 14th 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 for more information.

COFFEE, CIDER & DONUTS!

Please join us for coffee, warm cider, and donuts in the courtyard on **Sunday, October 15th after both masses.** Stop by and reconnect or get to know your fellow parishioners. Rain or Shine! If you have any questions or would like to help for this or any future activities, please contact Fellowship Committee chair Jon Jalbert at jonjalbert@charter.net

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(Amounts Include Electronic Giving)

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 3,554.00
Holy Days	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 75.00

10/01/2023

Hymnal Readings: 1006

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for the 2nd Annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Friends of the Poor Walk** that took place on Saturday September 23rd. Your efforts in raising awareness and your generous donations are deeply appreciated. The Walk raised a total of **\$4377** for the poor in our community.

The next **St. Vincent de Paul Society group meeting** will be **Thursday, October 19th at 6:30pm via Zoom.** New Members are always welcome! Please contact Jennefer in the rectory at 508-754-8419, ext 2 for more information.

CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD

We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. For the past nine years the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called **"Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese"** as a benefit for retired priests' care. This year's event will take place on **Thursday, October 26, 2023**, at the Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School, 144 Granite St., Worcester. If you are interested in participating in this event, you can call 508-929-4366, or mail in your gift to Celebrate Priesthood, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

ASSUMPTION STUDENT SEEKING HOUSING

Catholic parents of the Camden Diocese in southern New Jersey are hoping to connect with a loving Catholic family in our area who may have a room to rent, an efficiency apartment, a garage apartment, or a cottage on their property for their daughter. She graduated from the University of Rhode Island and is attending Assumption University physicians assistant program this January and will most likely be returning home to Rhode Island on the weekends. Please, contact Paul and Colleen McCully 609-703-7880 if you can help find a place for their daughter.

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.

PROJECT RACHEL

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