

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER , MA 01605

OCTOBER 29, 2023 | 30TH 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

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

Or By Appointment

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Priests

Second Friday: 7:00pm

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Vigil of 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Edward Groden and † Dorothy Groden, from Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am

10:00am † Frederick and Norena Remillard, † Robert Senior,
† John Daly, † Paul Barnes, and † John Earley, from
Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00am

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00am

Vigil of All Saints' Day

5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints' Day

9:00am

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Souls' Day

9:00am

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Vigil of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Evelyn Carlson (33rd Anniversary), from Paul and
Denise Carlson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † Chuck Burns, † Jeanette Burns, and † Brian B.
Colonies, from Family

10:00am † Elizabeth "Bette" Shimkus (2nd Anniversary), from
Family

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 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.

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?

What Jesus is really saying, if you follow the original words, is something that we should remember. He's saying, "Love your neighbor because your neighbor is yourself, and if you hate your neighbor, you're hating yourself, and if you misuse your neighbor, you're misusing yourself, and if you're going to war, you're warring against your neighbor."

Because there's only one kind of love, for the Jews as for us, and that love is the love of God. There are no limitations, choices, in the use of the word love for one who says, "God loves me and I love." And we forget that there's no such thing as me just loving. Loving is a verb. It has an object: "I love this. I love that. I love you. I love him. I love God."

Now, the first thing we have to know about love, then, is the nature of God's love. Because the love with which we love each other is God's love. God is the creator of love. And God's love is always going out. It's not hoarding and bringing in. "Do you love me? If you really love me, you'll do this, that and the other thing," God didn't say that.

It's His love. But we must receive it and say, "Yes, the love I love my mother, my father, my sisters, my brothers, friends, people, that love is God's love. The other stuff is what I might like, you know, or get along with or..."

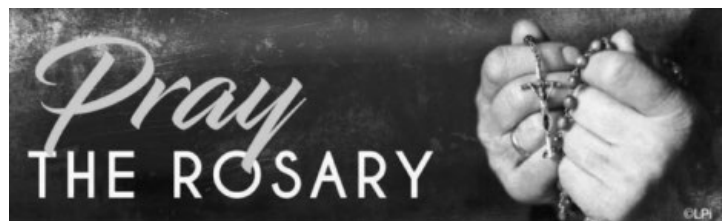
But to love means to give your whole self, holding nothing back. If you're holding things back, you really don't know what love is yet. Love is a totality of surrender. How do we know this?

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." And what did His Son do?

He died on a cross, a failure. And why did he do that? So that we might understand the great mystery is not that God loves us, but the kind of love that he loves us with. He would die and suffer and give his whole being as a human being, as a life. He would do that just for one of us.

That love is all around us. Every day, you're using it the way you treat each other, the kindness you show, the concern you show. Out of your own desire to help others, you reach forth. This is what it is.

This is why it's so important to remember that we don't have a set of nice things to do so everybody will be happy. It's the very nature of God. And His love is to show compassion, to show forgiveness, to show mercy, to walk two miles, as Jesus says. The whole Gospel is teaching us how to love. And the only way we learn is letting Jesus come into our hearts and carrying him with us in the ordinariness of our lives.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, **October 22nd 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 the gift of forgiveness. Join them by reflecting on how you have given and received the gift of forgiveness in your life.

The Liturgy of the Word with Children

We are very excited to bring back the Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 10:00AM Mass. All children 4-12 years old are welcome to join us for this special ministry. The Liturgy of the Word with Children is a ritual of the proclamation of God's Word with Children appropriate to their understanding. It is time to hear God's Word at an appropriate level and an opportunity to hear the Gospel message and consider how to practice it in life. If you have any questions about the Children's Liturgy, please contact Mary Sycks.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

On November 1st, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation** this year. Masses will be celebrated on 10/31 at 5:30 PM (vigil) and on 11/1 at 9:00 AM.

On November 2nd, we celebrate the Commemoration of **All the Faithful Departed**. In addition to the 9:00 AM Mass on that day, we will have a special remembrance of our deceased loved ones at all Masses the weekend of November 4-5. The names of those who have died since last November will be read at these weekend Masses.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of Immaculate Conception is asking for help in providing Thanksgiving dinner ingredients for 30 families. If you would like to contribute, please contact Lisa O'Connor at: hayden_oc@yahoo.com or Jennefer at 508-754-8419, ext 2 for the link to the Sign-Up Genius list of non-perishable food items in need. All items will be collected **in the church basement now through Saturday Nov 11th**. We do not want to leave anyone out, but we need to give the volunteers enough time to prepare the baskets.

Any contribution, large or small, means we are able to help the needy in this community. Please make a tax-deductible contribution, and help us help people. Scan To *Donate*. Thank you for your support!

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(amounts include Electronic Giving)

10/22/2023

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 2,706.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 596.00

WEEKLY READINGS**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023**

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/ Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/ Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday:	Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Plan now to attend the **51st annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024!** Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 18 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the [Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC](#) in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Cost is \$125 per seat. Registration deadline is December 15. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or mail aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please join us for a holy hour to pray for our priests on Friday, November 10th at 7:00pm in the church.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The next gathering of the Women's Prayer Group will be Saturday, November 11th at 9am in the Coffee Shop. We will pray, reflect, share, and have coffee. For more info, please email Bridget Kloffft, at bridgetbakes@yahoo.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The next St. Vincent de Paul Society group meeting will be Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00pm via Zoom. New Members are always welcome! For more information please contact Jennefer at jen.noberini@gmail.com

WORCESTER CHESTERTON SOCIETY

The Worcester Chesterton Society (est. 2009) will now be meeting here at Immaculate Conception. The next meeting will be Saturday, November 11th 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.

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