

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER , MA 01605

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## WELCOME!

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

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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Robert G. Carson

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Mark Cutler

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Vigil of 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**31<sup>st</sup> 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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

9:00am

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

9:00am

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

9:00am

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

9:00am

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**Vigil of 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Austin Kennedy (20th Anniversary), from Family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † Gerald R. Duclos, from Family

10:00am † Francis J. McGrath (30th Anniversary), from Charlie O'Connor

*In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

(Ps 131)

## 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.

### OCIA

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.

## ALL SOULS' MONTH

November is, and has traditionally been, the month where the Church calls upon us to remember those who have died and to do so through our prayers. As the year – both calendar and liturgical – winds down, it seems appropriate to ask for God's love and mercy upon those who have "gone before us marked with the sign of faith."

We began the month of November with two holy days that help us to focus our attention on our beloved dead: the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). The first recognizes and asks for the prayers of all who now wear, in the words that St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy, "the crown of righteousness." The second centers our prayer on those who have completed their earthly journey, yet are presently undergoing "the final purification of the elect" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1031).

The first group, the Church Triumphant, is both an example for us of the Christian life and a source of help in living that life. Yet, the month of November is not for them, but for those who we remember on All Souls Day. These are the congregants in the Church Suffering, those who in the words of the Catechism "are indeed assured of their eternal salvation" but must first be cleaned in the pre-heavenly state that we commonly call Purgatory.

The Catechism reminds us that: "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead."

This reminder is especially important in an age where funeral Masses can easily fall prey to our desire to assure the grieving family and friends that their loved one is "no longer suffering" and "in a better place." Our kindness toward those left behind can unwittingly mask an unintended lack of charity for the deceased who is most probably still in need of our prayers. And so, to pray on their behalf is the greatest gift that we can give them. Yet, since we all hope that our beloved dead have already been admitted to the beatific vision, we might wonder whether or not our prayers for them as a waste of time. The infinite love of God would never let a prayer go to waste, and that a prayer for a loved one, if unneeded by him, could easily be transferred to another soul still in Purgatory.

Considering the nature of the Communion of Saints as a family united with Jesus through the Holy Spirit under the Father, this approach makes total sense. If family members share with each other in this life, then why wouldn't they continue to do so in the next?

So, let's not waste this important last month of the liturgical year by forgetting our responsibility to our family members who need our prayers, and, while we're at it, let's also include in our intentions those who may be forgotten and un-prayed for, those who are the least of our sisters and brothers in Purgatory. They will not forget us when our time comes. They will go out of their way to return the favor.

(Source: Ignatius Press)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, November 5th, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 10th grade.

### Reconciliation Class

During the week, our young people who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will be reflecting with their families and catechists about how the sacrament empowers us to live out our mission of being forgivers and reconcilers. Join them by reflecting on your experience of being a forgiver and reconciler.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are very excited to offer Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00AM Mass. All children 4-12 years old are welcome to join us for this special ministry. The Children's Liturgy of the Word 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.



## ALL SOULS

This weekend (Nov. 4-5), we will celebrate All Souls in a special way by offering the Mass for the Dead at all Masses and will especially pray for those who have died since last November and had a Funeral Mass or Service from our Parish.

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dr. Mario Augusto Muñoz Llerena**, and keep his family in your prayers during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

## 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](mailto: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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10/29/2023

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 3,020.00
All Saints	\$ 108.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 35.00

## HYMNAL READINGS: 1043

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

## 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](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or mail [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto:jen.noberini@gmail.com)

## 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 Klofft, at [bridgetbakes@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetbakes@yahoo.com)

## G.K. CHESTERTON SOCIETY

The G. K. Chesterton Society of Worcester invites new members to join us on **Saturday, November 11th at 6:30pm** in the church basement. The group is currently discussing Chesterton's book on St. Thomas Aquinas. For further information, contact Candace at [cjaegle787@gmail.com](mailto:cjaegle787@gmail.com).

## FOOD PANTRY

At this time, the food pantry is in need of peanut butter, jelly, boxed rice (no bags), mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, garbanzo beans, and pancake mix. No expired food, please. Quality = dignity. Thank you.

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