

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

MAY 18, 2025 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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

Mon - Wed

9:00am - 2:00pm

## 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

## PARISH STAFF

### PASTOR

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### PERMANENT DEACONS

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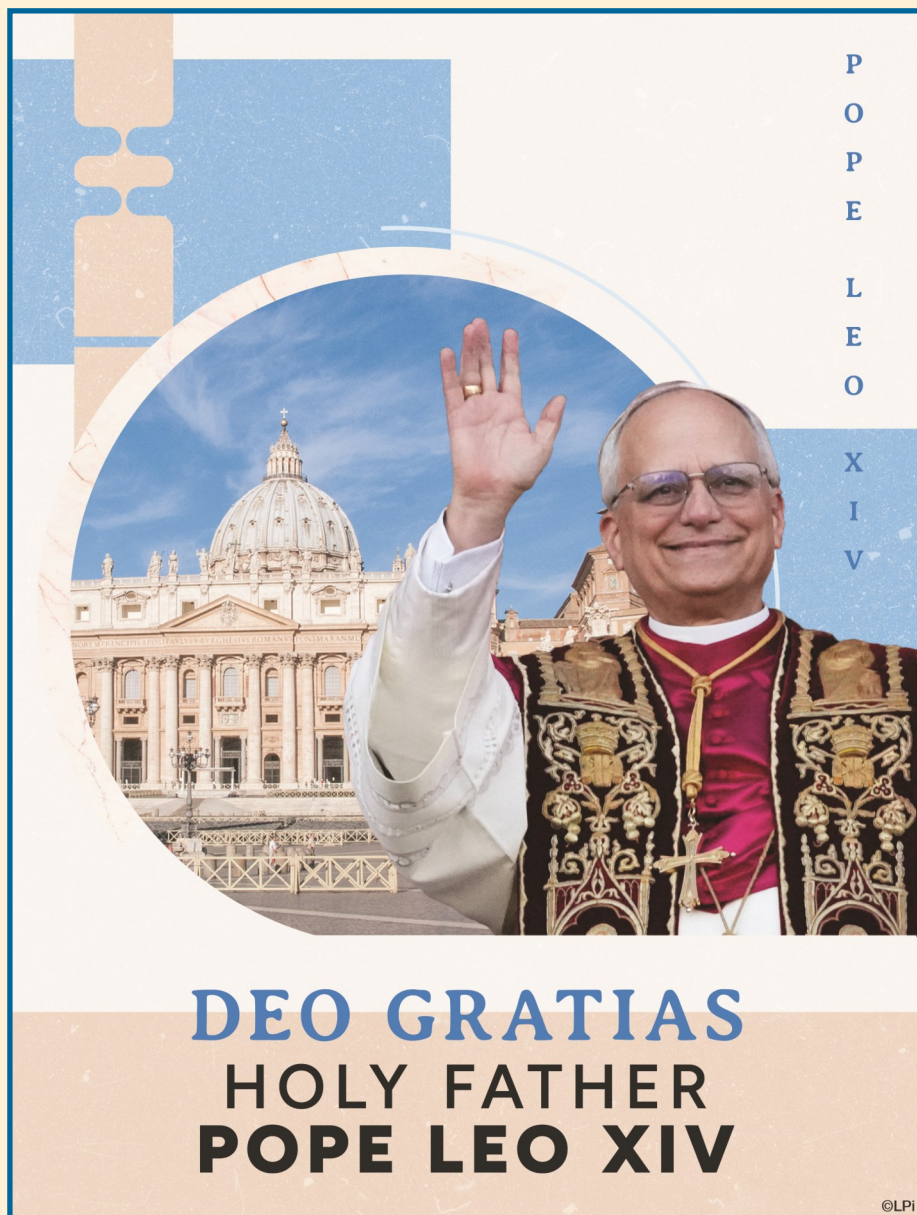
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Robert G. Carson

### CANTOR

Bridget Klofft

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Mark Cutler



**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

***Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter***

4:00pm Fr. Edwin (appreciation for his ministry), by a parishioner

**SUNDAY, May 18**

***5th Sunday of Easter***

7:30am The ministry of Pope Leo XIV, by a parishioner

10:00am

**MONDAY, MAY 19**

9:00am

**TUESDAY, MAY 20**

9:00am † Paul Durant, by Joe Duggan

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**

9:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, MAY 22**

9:00 am The parishioners of IC

**SATURDAY, MAY 24**

***Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Easter***

4:00pm

**SUNDAY, MAY 25**

***6th Sunday of Easter***

7:30am

10:00am Alex and Claire Boligan's wedding anniversary, by the 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.

### 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.

*I will praise your name for ever, my king and  
my God  
(Ps. 145)*

### OUR NEW HOLY FATHER

Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, is the first American and the first Augustinian to be elected pope. He was chosen on May 8, 2025, following a swift conclave that concluded after four rounds of voting. Prevost adopted the papal name Leo XIV, becoming the 267th successor of Saint Peter.

Born to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish heritage, Robert Francis Prevost was raised in a multicultural household. He entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in 1977 and professed solemn vows on August 29, 1981. He studied theology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and later earned a licentiate and doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome.

In 1985, Prevost began missionary work in Peru. He held various roles, including community prior, director of formation, and seminary professor. He also served as judicial vicar in the Archdiocese of Trujillo. His deep commitment to the Peruvian Church led to his naturalization as a Peruvian citizen in 2015.

In 1999, Prevost was elected provincial prior of the "Mother of Good Counsel" province in Chicago. He was subsequently elected Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine in 2001 and re-elected in 2007, serving until 2013. His tenure was marked by efforts to strengthen the Order's global presence and commitment to education and pastoral care.

Appointed by Pope Francis, Prevost became the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, in 2014 and was consecrated as a bishop on December 12 of that year. He served as Bishop of Chiclayo from 2015 to 2023, during which he also held the position of second vice president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference. In 2020, he was appointed apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Callao.

In January 2023, Prevost was appointed Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. He was created Cardinal by Pope Francis on September 30, 2023. His curial responsibilities included membership in several dicasteries, reflecting his broad expertise and commitment to the global Church.

Following the death of Pope Francis, the conclave convened in May 2025. Prevost was elected pope after four ballots, a testament to his widespread support among the College of Cardinals.

In his first address as Pope Leo XIV, he emphasized the importance of God's love for all, unity, peace, and dialogue.

Pope Leo XIV selected the name Leo to honor Pope Leo XIII, known for his work on social issues and workers' rights during the industrial revolution. The new pope also connects this to the current era of artificial intelligence, suggesting a continued focus on social justice and the challenges of technology.

### THANK YOU

The Activities Committee would like to thank Kristine Begins for making and contributing the pastries that were a part of the gifts given to our mothers last Sunday. We also thank the volunteers who handed out the gifts.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Jelly, Syrup, Pancake Mix, Chef Boyardee, Canned Carrots

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Registration is ongoing for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year. Classes for children in K through 10th grade take place at 8:45am-9:45am. Classes for students in 11th grade (Confirmation) take place at 11:00am-12:00pm. All Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in September. All Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in September. 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-11th grades, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

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 your faith, please contact Mary Sycks.



## PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our Parish's goal is **\$88,500**. To date **\$46,515** has been raised. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider making one and visit [partners-charity.net](http://partners-charity.net) to do it online, or you can "text to give" by texting DONATE to 84576, or call the office at 508-929-4366. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

## BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED

Due to scheduling difficulties, the May Bible Study sessions on the Gospel of Mark have been cancelled and moved to the Fall.

## END-OF-LIFE PRESENTATION IN SHREWSBURY

How does a Catholic approach issues at the end-of-life? "Facing the Reality of Death with the Confidence of Faith" will examine some of the basic moral principles that help to guide us in medical decision-making and assist us in helping our loved ones to live out their final days with the true dignity each human person deserves. Please join us at St. Mary's Parish, 640 Main St., Shrewsbury on **Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.** The presentation will include an opportunity for Q&A and materials will be available. The presenter will be Allison LeDoux, director of the Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Worcester. All are welcome!

## HYMNAL READINGS: #912

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## AVOID BEING SCAMMED!

You will never receive an email or text from our parish, our pastor, or anyone associated with us looking to "reach out to you personally" for gift cards or cash - other than the official programs we administer for our charitable giving programs. **DO NOT RESPOND TO EMAIL OR TEXT REQUESTS.** Either delete them or call the parish office to check. Hint: if you look at the actual email address it often looks "close" but it is not the actual parish email address!

## DIAPER DRIVE

Problem Pregnancy, which provides counseling to pregnant women, has a critical need for **sizes 3, 4, 5** diapers. To donate to the Diaper Drive: 1) put diapers in bin at the ramp entrance OR 2) write a check to Problem Pregnancy and put in the offertory basket during Mass. This drive will take place the weekends of **May 17 & 18**. Questions? Contact Michelle Deignan at (508) 596-4778 or [mmdeignan@charter.net](mailto:mmdeignan@charter.net). God bless your generosity.

## ASK HIM ANYTHING!

Please join us **Wednesday 5/21 at 6:30 PM** in the church basement for our second **Dessert and Discussion: Ask a Theologian!** Dr. Christopher Klofft, Associate Professor of Theology at Assumption University and of Pope St. John XXIII Seminary will field all your questions and curiosities about the Catholic faith, the scriptures, and theology. No question is too tough or too silly! This event is for Catholics, 18 and older, and sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Women's Prayer, Group. Baked goods and coffee will be served.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**Weekend of May 10 & 11, 2025**

Sunday Ordinary

\$ 3,382.00