

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

AUGUST 17, 2025 | 20TH 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

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

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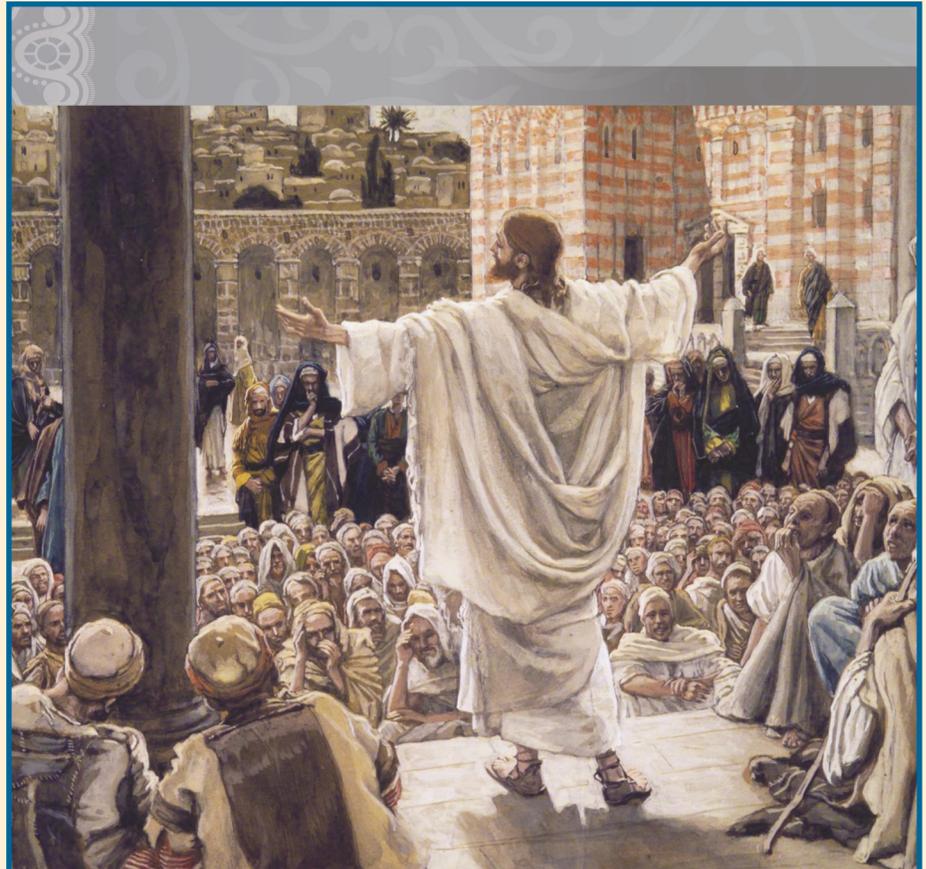
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### BOOKKEEPER

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Robert G. Carson

### CANTOR

Bridget Klofft

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Mark Cutler



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

**Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Simone Twombly (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary), by family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † Deceased of The Gallagher Family, by family

10:00am † Anthony Carenzo, by family

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18**

9:00am † Deceased of The Gallagher Family, by family

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**

9:00am The Parishioners of IC

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**

**St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**

9:00am Special intentions of Owen Freeman, by the family

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**

**St. Pius X, Pope**

9:00 am

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

**Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † Richard & Beverly Cochran, by family

10:00am † Jay Herlihy (13<sup>th</sup> anniversary), by 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. Donate 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.

*Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)*

**WORD OF LIFE**

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

**TABERNACLE RESORATION**

Our silver tabernacle and sanctuary lamp have been sent for a much-needed re-plating. This tabernacle has been a part of our sanctuary since the foundation of the church in 1956 and it was notoriously worn out. The cost of this restoration will be around \$14,000. If you would like to assist us in paying for this, feel free to put your donation in an envelope with the memo: “tabernacle restoration” and place it in the collection basket. To date we have received \$3,920 in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2025 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our Parish’s goal is \$88,500. To date \$75,860 has been raised. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please consider making one and visit 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!



*Save THE Date*

- September 7: Back-To-School Sundae Social
- September 20 : Friends of the Poor Walk (10am)
- September 20: Pasta Night (5-7pm)
- October 25: Trunk or Treat
- November 1: End-of-Life Presentation
- November 22 : Church Fair
- More information to come
- If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Alejandro 909-519-7663

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAE SOCIAL**

What’s the perfect post-mass activity? An ice cream sundae social! Please join us on **Sunday 9/7 after the 10am Mass** for this parish ice cream event, held in the coffee shop (basement of the church) sponsored by the Women’s Prayer Group. Enjoy the complimentary ice cream, chat with other families, and relish all the sundae smiles!

**FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK**

The Society of St Vincent de Paul of Immaculate Conception will be hosting the fourth annual **Friends of the Poor Walk** on **Saturday, September 20th**. Join us for a family friendly fundraising event. Help support our Society of St. Vincent de Paul raise funds -and awareness- for those struggling with homelessness, hunger, and financial hardship in our local community. Together, we can make a difference- one step at a time. Bring the family. Bring a friend. Walk with heart. The walk starts at 10:00am in front of the Fr. Connor’s Center. To register email: [svdp.icworc@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.icworc@gmail.com) This event is sponsored by Quincy Mutual Insurance.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The Opening Class and Family Kick-Off for Religious Education classes take place on **Sunday, September 7th**, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 10th grade. Parents, please plan on staying for the opening prayer, to meet your child's teacher and for a short presentation. Registration forms and the RE class calendar are on the Immaculate Conception website. 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-10th grade, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Sunday, September 7th. Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, September 14th** at 11:00AM.

**Altar Servers Needed**

Altar Servers perform a very important and much needed role in liturgical services. This role includes assisting the presider so that the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. It enables the presider to focus on leading all present through word, prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Immaculate Conception is recruiting boys and girls for its Altar Server Ministry. The Altar Server Ministry is a special opportunity for children to participate in the life of the parish as they serve our Lord at the Altar. Altar Servers must be Baptized, have received their First Holy Communion, and be in the third grade or higher. Training is required. If you and your child(ren) are interested in pursuing this ministry, please contact Mary Sycks.

**PASTA NIGHT**

**Saturday, September 20, 5 to 7 pm** at the Coffee Shop/basement. Come and enjoy different types of pasta and your choice of sauce (red, pesto or alfredo), meatballs, salad, drinks and tiramisu for \$10; Children under 12 are Free. Take Out will be available. Also, try your luck at the 50/50 raffle.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

In honor of the patron saint of animals, Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is October 4, you are invited to bring your pets for a special blessing on **Sunday, October 5 at 12 noon** in the parking lot. All animals large and small are welcome!

**HEALING WEEKEND**

Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all weekend Masses on **October 18-19**.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025, 5 to 7 p.m.** Come in your favorite costume and stop by the picture corner! Pizza, nachos, drinks and chips will be available for sale. Bring a bag of candy to share.

**CHURCH FAIR**

**Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Fr. Connors' Center. The Activities Committee is looking for donations of gift cards/certificates and baskets to be raffled (themes: sports, children, health, beauty, cosmetics, kitchen, etc.). No used items, clothes or furniture. Everything needs to be donated by November 15.

**VENDORS:** Rectangular tables available at \$25/table + one item donation to IC table.

Questions call/message Alejandro at 909-519-7663 or email at [el1ercoach@yahoo.com](mailto:el1ercoach@yahoo.com)

**HYMNAL READINGS: 987**

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18/  
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,  
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/  
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab,  
6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3,  
4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7,  
11-13/Lk 13:22-30

**DINNER-SHOW IN SEPT. IN WORCESTER**

St. John's Social Committee is Sponsoring a Dinner and Show on **Saturday, Sept. 13 after the 4:15 pm Mass** at the St. Francis Xavier Center, 44 Temple Street. Worcester. The Dinner includes a Buffet of Fresh Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Pot Roast, Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Stuffed Chicken Breast & Vegetable Lasagna, Coffee, Tea and Ice Cream for Dessert. The Show is a Neil Diamond Tribute featuring Charlie Lask. Charlie doesn't consider himself an impersonator, but a tribute artist who adds a twist of Charlie Lask to every song. Great Dinner and Show all for \$35.00 per person. Also, there will be Raffle Baskets and a 50/50 Raffle. All proceeds will benefit St. John's Food for The Poor. Tickets will be sold at some Masses or by calling Judy Burke (508) 478-9813. Get your tickets early; there is limited seating.

**FALL MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women with Kitty Cleveland on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury. Kitty is a singer/songwriter, inspirational speaker, and artist from New Orleans. Kitty leads hundreds of people in praying the rosary each weekday morning at 5:45 a.m. Visit [www.kittycleveland.com](http://www.kittycleveland.com). For more information, please email: [worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com).

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Pancake mix, Jelly, Syrup, Pasta Sauce, Apple Sauce, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Baby Carrots (fresh), Canned fruits, Cake mix

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

(AMOUNTS INCLUDE ELECTRONIC GIVING)

**Weekend of August 9 & 10, 2025**

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| Sunday Ordinary      | \$ 2,944.00 |
| Diocesan Collections | \$ 188.00   |
| Assumption           | \$ 27.00    |