

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

OCTOBER 5, 2025 | 27TH 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: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Or By Appointment

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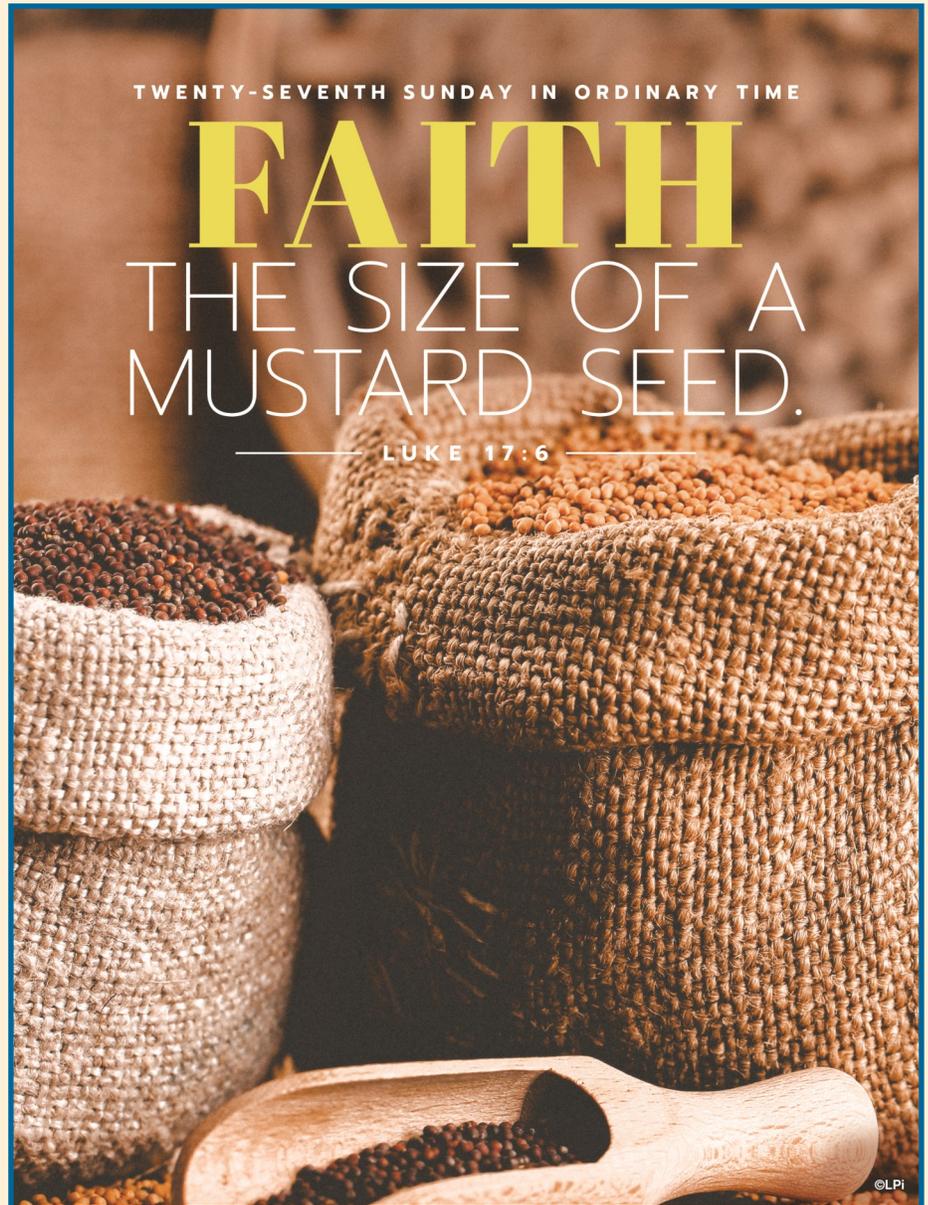
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Mark Cutler



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

**Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Anne D. Wall, by the Freeman family

**SUNDAY, October 5**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † Regina Barnicle, by Frank Burns

10:00am † Walter Evanowski Sr., by Walter Evanowski Jr.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

9:00am † Megan R. Fitzgerald, by the Freeman family

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

9:00am † Fr. Joseph A. Coonan

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

9:00am † Christine MacDuff Robillard, by the Freeman family

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9**

9:00 am

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Vigil of The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † Mike Glavikas, by family

10:00am DM 9th Infantry Division and its chaplain, Fr. Edward Connors, by Clare Irwin

**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.

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts*

(Ps 95)

**TABERNACLE RESTORATION**

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 \$6,305 in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

**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. **It is the sacrament of the sick and not only of the dying.**

“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.” (CCC 1511)

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.” 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) (CCC1532)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

One of the greatest works of charity is to pray for the living and the dead. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. For that reason, all are encouraged to have Mass offered for a deceased loved one; for health and healing of a person who is sick or suffering; for a living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special moment in their life; in thanksgiving to God, our Blessed Mother or a saint; or simply for a special intention. A \$10 stipend, as determined by diocesan policy, is to accompany each Mass request. Persons/families who have a Mass intention on weekends are invited to bring up the gifts of bread and wine during the offertory.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, October 5th at 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in grades K-10. Confirmation Class begins at 11:15 am for students in 11th grade. 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.

**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.

**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 being called to live in friendship with God through participation in the sacraments. Join them by taking time to think about the ways participation in the sacraments has brought you into a closer relationship with God's love.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – OCIA (Formerly known as RCIA)**

This is a process intended for:

1. Adults who have never been baptized and wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
2. Adults who were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
3. Baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation; by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This program starts in mid-October and culminates with the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Please contact Fr. Edwin for questions/registration.

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Cereal boxes, Spaghetti sauce, syrup, a variety of Chef Boyardee, boxed rice pilaf, canned mixed vegetables, canned fruit cocktail, jam, and peanuty butter

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the eternal repose of **John Gray**, as well as for the consolation of his family during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

**HYMNAL READINGS: 1008**

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

**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: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

**PRESENTATION ON ANNIVERSARY OF EVANGELIUM VITAE**

All are invited to attend a special lecture presented by the **Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester**, titled "Evangelium Vitae: Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Gospel of Life and Its Enduring Legacy in Roman Catholic Moral Theology." The event will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 11 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. For more information or to RSVP contact the Respect Life Office at [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org) or 508-929-4311. Please join us for this very special and unique presentation!

**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)

**WORD OF LIFE**

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. "

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

(AMOUNTS INCLUDE ELECTRONIC GIVING)

**Weekend of September 20 & 21, 2025**

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 2,087.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	\$ 276.00