

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

353 GROVE STREET, WORCESTER, MA 01605

OCTOBER 12, 2025 | 28TH 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

## PARISH STAFF

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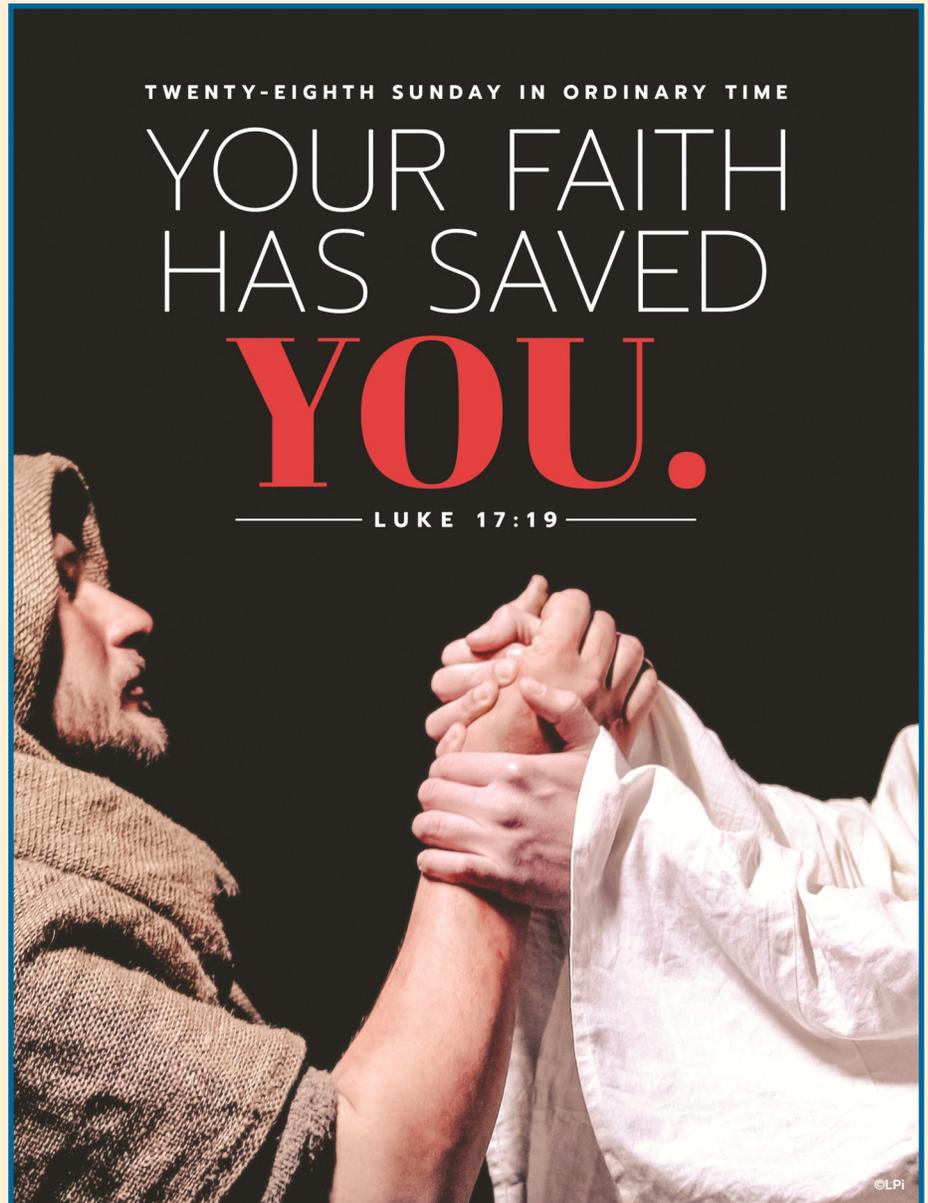
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Mark Cutler



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**

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

4:00pm † Bishop Daniel Reilly

**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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13**

9:00am † President John F. Kennedy

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

9:00am † Archbishop John O'Connor

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

9:00am The Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16**

9:00 am † Bishop John Foley

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**Vigil of The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am † Pope Benedict XVI

10:00am † Bishop Daniel Reilly

*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power*  
(Ps 98)

## 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.

### THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Often times, many people are confused when asked the question "What is the difference between Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites?" Many believe that it is the same thing, just a different way of naming it. Well, there is a difference and it is important for us to know these differences so that we can better understand and take full advantage of this Sacrament and this Apostolic Blessing (Last Rites).

#### Anointing of the Sick

Most people usually think of asking for this anointing only when we are nearing death through sickness or old age. However, if this is the case, we would be missing out on the opportunity for God to heal and help us at times when we might need Him the most - when we are having surgery, dealing with a physical, mental, emotional, or even spiritual affliction. It is during these difficult times that we need the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace and courage. It is during these times, as well, that we should seek to receive this God given Sacrament.

How can we decide if we should ask to be anointed? A good or reasonably sure judgment, without an uneasy feeling about the rightness of what one is doing or going to do, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness. For example: A sick person may be anointed before surgery, whether or not a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this Sacrament. And if you are still unsure, when in doubt, ask the Priest!

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered, by a bishop or priest, to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness. This sacrament, unlike some of our other sacraments, can be administered more than once, especially if a person has a chronic illness. It is important to remember that God does not always heal the physical infirmities that afflict us when we receive this Sacrament. Sometimes this might happen, but it is not guaranteed that once we receive this sacrament we will be healed from our ailments. It is more of a God given Grace to help us deal with what is in store for us and to help us prepare for that journey.

#### Last Rites

When the Anointing of the Sick is administered to a person who is likely dying, the Apostolic Blessing is given along with the anointing and that is considered last rites, since it is, most likely, the last time the person will receive it. The Apostolic Blessing (pardon or blessing) is an indulgence given in situations of danger of death, usually after the absolution of the Sacrament of Penance. The focus is on the remission of temporal punishment due to sin. So, does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? Once again, NO. All you "need to be" is sick.

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

### 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no Religious Education classes on Sunday, October 12th. Classes will resume on Sunday, October 19th.

## 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.

## 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.

## HELPING HANDS ON OCTOBER 18

### 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

## BAKERS NEEDED

We need bakers for the upcoming Church Fair! If you are interested in helping, please contact Alejandro Castro at 909-519-7663

## 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: 1011

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

## WORD OF LIFE

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://usccb.org/end-of-life-care).”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

## 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).

## End-of-Life Presentation

at Immaculate Conception Parish, Worcester

*“Facing the Reality of Death with the Confidence of Faith”*



Saturday, November 1, 2025

10:00 to 11:30 a.m., in the Coffee Shop, under the Church

- ❖ How does a Catholic approach issues at the end-of-life?
- ❖ We 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.
- ❖ The presentation will include an opportunity for Q&A.
- ❖ Materials will be available.

The presenter will be **Allison LeDoux**, Director of the Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Worcester. Questions? Call/Text Michelle Deignan 508-596-4778.