

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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DECEMBER 28, 2025 | THE HOLY FAMILY

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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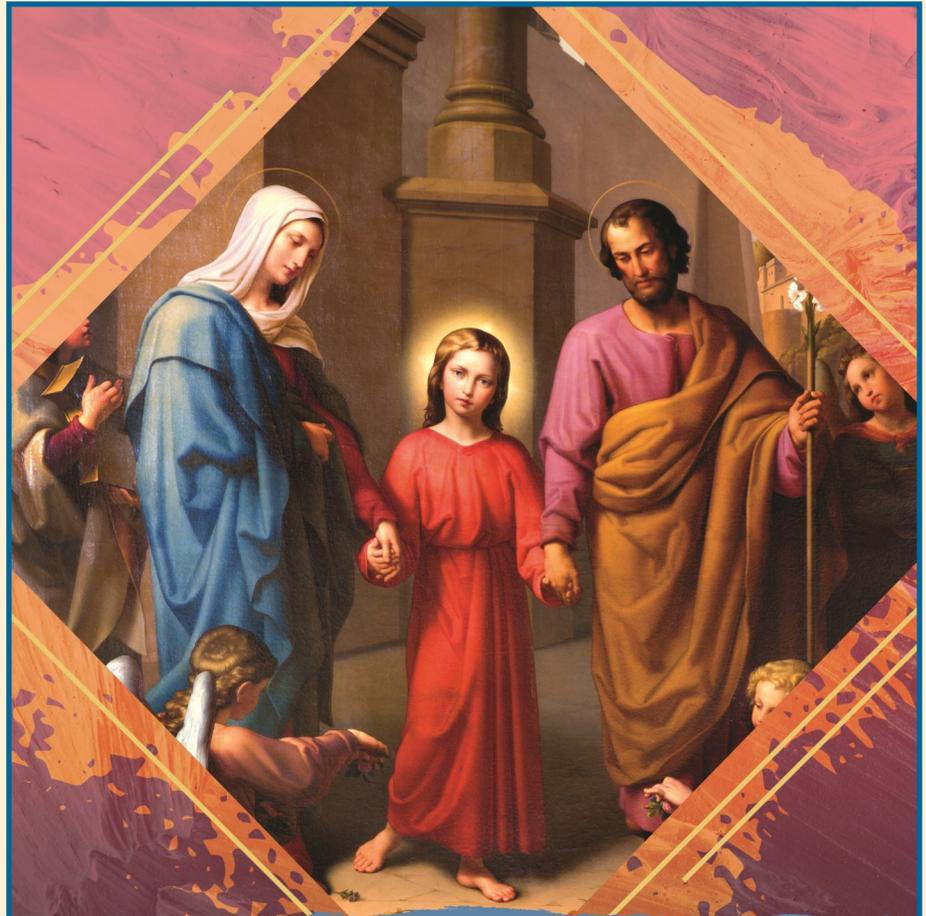
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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Vigil of The Holy Family

4:00pm † Gertrude and Joseph Deignan, by family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Family

7:30am † Archbishop John O'Connor, by a parishioner

10:00am † Florence Goulet, by family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00am Departed Chestertonians

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00am † Mother Angelica, by a parishioner

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am † Bishop John Foley, by a parishioner

Vigil of Mary Mother of God

4:00pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Mary Mother of God

9:00 am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

Vigil of The Holy Family

4:00pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

The Holy Family

7:30am

10:00am



*May the miracle of
His birth bring you
hope and joy.
Merry Christmas!*

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
we place our family in your loving care.
Jesus, be the center of our home—
teach us to love, forgive, and serve one another
with patience and humility.*

*Mary, Mother of God and our Mother,
wrap our family in your gentle protection.
Intercede for us in our needs,
and help us grow in faith, hope, and charity.*

*Saint Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family,
watch over our home and our work.
Guide us with your strength, silence, and trust in God,
and protect us from all harm.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
make our home a place of peace, prayer, and love.
Help us walk together toward holiness
and remain united now and always. Amen*

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.

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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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Eve: 4:00 p.m. (Dec. 31)

Day: 9:00 a.m. (Jan. 1)

Let us celebrate together this **Holy Day of Obligation**, Mary Mother of God.

FR. EDWIN AWAY

Fr. Edwin will be on vacation visiting his family in Colombia from December 30 to January 16. Please, welcome the following priests who will celebrate Mass while Father is away:

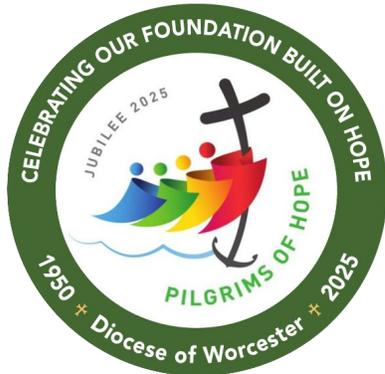
Jan.3-4: Rev. Peter Igwilo, who will tell us about the work of Cross Catholic Outreach. This institution was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, South East Asia, and Central and South America.

Jan. 10-11: Msgr. Francis Scollen and Rev. Stephen Gemme.

Weekdays: Rev. Juan Parra, associate Pastor at St. Paul's Cathedral.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no Religious Education Classes on Sunday, December 28th. Merry Christmas! Classes will resume on Sunday, January 11th.



JUBILEE YEAR CLOSING

You are invited to join in the Closing Liturgy for the Jubilee Year to be held at St. Paul Cathedral on **Sunday, December 28 at 4:00pm**. At this busy time of year, may this be an opportunity for us to pause and to reflect on the many blessings this Jubilee Year of Hope has offered us and to offer prayers of thanksgiving to God as our 75th anniversary as the Diocese of Worcester draws to a close. A light reception will follow in the Cenacle.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP—REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Plan now to attend the 52nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC on **Friday, Jan. 23, 2026!** Buses will leave from St. Paul Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 22 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. 24. Cost is \$150 per seat. Registration deadline is December 12. 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. 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!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

This is an opportunity for any adult catholic (18+), who was baptized and received First Communion, to be confirmed. The 2025 Adult Confirmation celebration will be held on **Sunday, February 15 at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 3pm**. Candidates are invited to attend a retreat that will serve as preparation for this sacrament on Sunday, January 18 from 2 pm to 8 pm at Christ the King Parish in Worcester. Please email Fr. Edwin if you are interested: fateredwin31@gmail.com. Registration deadline is January 9.

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 **\$7,330** in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

HYMNAL READINGS: 874

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-2

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-3

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

(PS 128)

WOMEN'S GROUP

The next gathering of the Women's Prayer Group will be Saturday, January 10 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

(AMOUNTS INCLUDE ELECTRONIC GIVING)

Weekend of December 13 & 14, 2025

Sunday Ordinary	\$ 3,133.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 510.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 612.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 125.00
Fuel	\$ 60.00
Christmas Donation	\$ 25.00

Scan the QR code to make a secure online contribution. Thank you for supporting our parish!



WINTER MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

If Worcester Public Schools are CLOSED because of a winter storm, daily Mass WILL NOT be celebrated and the Parish Office will be closed that day. If school opening is DELAYED because of the same reason, daily Mass WILL BE celebrated and the office will open as usual. If real inclement weather takes place during a weekend, please check our website or Facebook page for updates. Please take care of yourself and those around you during the winter months, especially by using common sense.

For Religious Education

For cancellations of Religious Education classes due to weather conditions please check the Immaculate Conception website or Facebook Page. You can also call the Office of Religious Education at 508-868-8119.