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# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



## Liturgical Schedule

### **Weekend Masses**

*Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM*

*Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM*

### **Daily Mass**

*Monday: 9:00 AM*

*Tuesday 6:30 PM*

*Wednesday: 6:30 PM*

*Thursday: 9:00 AM*

**Holy Day Masses:** *As Announced in the Bulletin*

## Welcome!

If you are new to the area, we hope that you would consider making us your spiritual home. If you would like to register, please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass.

## PARISH & CALVARY CEMETERY OFFICES

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## **Parish Office Hours**

Mon, Tues, Wed - 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Offices are closed on Thursday & Friday

## PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

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## Protection of Children Policies & Procedures

Copies can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office or visiting [worcesterdiocese.org](http://worcesterdiocese.org).

## Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the Parish Office in advance to schedule.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Those who are preparing for surgery, homebound, diagnosed with an illness, or advancing in years, are asked to contact the Parish Office for this Sacrament of God's healing, mercy, and grace.

## Sacrament of Matrimony:

As part of Diocesan requirement, preparations should be made at least six (6) months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday at 3:00 PM, & by appointment.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Dec. 12** *Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM **+Barbara Antonellis**  
Requested by: Don & Jackie Patria

**Sunday, December 13** *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM **+For Our Loved Ones**  
10:00 AM **+Kevin Desmarais**  
Requested by: Alan & Laurie Hallquist

**Monday, December 14:** *St. John of the Cross*

9:00 AM **+Special Intention**  
Requested by: a Parishioner

**Tuesday, December 15:** *Advent Weekday*

6:30PM **+ All Our Beloved**

**Wednesday, December 16:** *Advent Weekday*

6:30 PM **+All Our Beloved**

**Thursday, December 17:** *Advent Weekday*

9:00 AM **+All Our Beloved**

**Friday, December 18:** *Advent Weekday*

**No Mass on Friday**

**Saturday, Dec. 19** *Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent*

4:00 PM **+Antoinette Williams**  
Requested by: Her Family

**Sunday, December 20** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:00 AM **+For Our Loved Ones**  
10:00 AM **+Kenny Rollins (63rd)**  
Requested by: Sister, Judy Philbrook

*Special Thanks to all who have mailed in,  
dropped off or donated online,  
weekly stewardship offerings.*

**Weekend of 12/5 & 12/6**

<i>Sunday Offering &amp; Mailed In</i>	<b>\$1947</b>
<i>Online Donations</i>	<b>\$230</b>
<i>Monthly &amp; Fuel</i>	<b>\$130</b>
<i>Christmas Flowers</i>	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2477</b>

Winter Weather Policies

Winter weather will soon be upon us, and it's important to know if the parish is open or closed.

**Morning Mass:** If Winchendon schools are CLOSED, all parish activities are cancelled. This means that Holy Mass, religious education classes, adult faith formation sessions, meetings etc., are also cancelled and the parish office is closed. **If there is a DELAY** in the opening of school, Holy Mass will still be celebrated and offices open at 10AM. but please use your best judgement in traveling to the parish. This policy applies to snow storms that happen during the week.

**Evening Mass:** If there is an EARLY RELEASE of Winchendon Schools, evening mass and all parish activities will be cancelled.



**Giving Tree Information** This year, our Giving Tree is going to look a little different due to Covid-19. Instead of donating gifts, we are requesting that you donate Gift Cards (of any amount), for the children and families in Winchendon in need of our support. Gift Cards from Kohl's, Target, Walmart & Market Basket, Hannaford, would be greatly appreciated. The Giving Tree is up and there is a basket under the tree for your gift cards. Please place your gift cards in an envelope with the store name and amount on the front of the envelope. Gift cards may be placed in the basket labeled "Gift Cards", dropped at the rectory or placed in the mail to the Parish.



**Michael Kors Purse Christmas Raffle:** Our next fundraiser will be kicking off this weekend. We have been given a brand new Michael Kors purse with a price of \$289, to be raffled off. We are selling tickets for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The winner will be pulled after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, December 20. This is a beautiful bag and will make a great gift for someone or perhaps yourself!! Tickets can be purchased after Masses, at To Each His Own Design or in the rectory.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS**

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice."

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." We mark this Sunday on the Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

As we get closer to Christmas we continue praying for the healing of the world and our personal healing, we also pray for the ones who are facing health issues and for all the ones who have lost a beloved relative or friend during this difficult year.

The hope, peace and rejoice for the coming of little Jesus to be born should bring us courage, trust and faith that we are not alone, we have the presence and the company of our heavenly father who walks with all of us his children during difficult and good times.

Have a blessed week. Fr. Henry Ramirez



*Plan ahead and attend Mass as a family...*

**Thursday, December 24**

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM

**Friday, December 25**

Christmas Day 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, January 1,**

New Year's Day 10:00 AM

**Christmas Masses sign up:** With Christmas Masses right around the corner, and with the restrictions due to Covid, we are going to have to do sign ups for Christmas eve 5 PM Mass, 7 PM Mass and Christmas Day 10 AM Mass. Please either sign up after Mass or call the rectory to let us know which Mass you will be attending and how many people. Thank you!

**Thank you!** We would like to thank the family of **Ida Mae George** for their very generous donation in her name to our Oil Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**2021 PARISH CALENDARS 2021** Calendars are now available at Church entrances. Thanks to Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home who donate the calendars each year.

**THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH:**

**Monday, December 14**

**Finance Meeting, 7 PM (Hall)**

**Tuesday, December 15**

**HEAL Winchendon, 2 PM (Hall)**

**Wednesday, December 16**

**Adoration, 4-6:30PM (Church)**

**Thursday, December 17**

**Our Neighbor's Kitchen, 5:30 (Hall)**