

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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LORD'S DAY MASSES

4:00 PM (Sat. Vigil),
7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday -Thursday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM
(Or by appointment)

ADORATION:

Holy Hour for Priests on Second Friday 7:00 PM

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.

Humbly welcome the word that
has been planted in you and
is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Aug 28: Vigil 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM +William Rourke, 3rd Anniversary,
from Dory, Emily, Justin, and Family

Sun, Aug 29: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM
10:00 AM +Jay Herlihy, from Family

Mon, Aug 30:
9:00 AM

Tues, Aug 31:
9:00 AM

Wed, Sept 1:
9:00 AM

Thur, Sept 2:
9:00 AM Helen Dymek, from Friend

Sat, Sept 4: Vigil 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM

Sun, Sept 5: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM
10:00 AM

THIS SUNDAY’S WORD

In the Gospel, the Pharisees and some of the Scribes were caught up in the same kind of practice and accused Jesus’ disciples of not washing their hands before eating and of not sprinkling themselves with water on returning from the market place. According to the Pharisees and the Scribes these things belonged to the essence of religion. Here we see what is perhaps the major difference about what true religion is according to them and the vision of religion that Jesus came to reveal to us. He was saying that all washings and purifications are useless unless they lead to an inner purification, a conversion of our hearts.

We can understand then why so many sinners, prostitutes, public sinners flocked to Jesus to hear his liberating message. He told them clearly that what mattered before God were not all these external practices. Most were unnecessary and in fact, kept people away from God. The essential was to love God with all one’s heart and one’s neighbor as oneself. Anything not leading to these was not God’s way.

In the gospel Jesus is challenging the religious hypocrisy of some of the religious leaders of his time who robbed religion of its meaning by focusing on laws and appearances. Jesus is angry with them because their idea of religion is false. Their teaching does not take people deeper into their faith and causes others to turn away making them cynical about religion. In many ways Jesus is reminding us that our religion has to be better than mere externals. It’s really about an inner conversion, calling us to a change of heart where necessary. It’s about deepening our personal relationship with Jesus, with God. This means placing our trust in him as completely as we can. This a great gift to ask God for.

Do our religious practices or lifestyle lead to a greater loving service of our families and neighbors?

Do they lead to forgiving our enemies, help us to be non-judgmental etc.?

Do they, above all, help you to come to an ever-deeper awareness that God is our loving Father and will give us all the gifts we need to make us happy, free and at peace?

INFANT BAPTISM

Celebrated on Saturdays at 2:00 pm or Sundays at 11:30 am. Contact the church office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

From grades Pre-K to 11. Contact our Religious Ed. Administrator Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

RCIA

For adults seeking full admission into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Please call the Church Office for registration which takes place during the month of September.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

For Catholics who received first communion but have not yet been confirmed a diocesan-wide adult (18 or older) 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

If interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate please contact the director of this program Deacon William Bilow at 508-929-4335. For information about entering the Priesthood, contact our Vocation Director Rev. Donat Infante at 508-630-4473.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home. If there is an urgent need for this sacrament, dial the emergency extension.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021-2022

Registration is ongoing for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year. Classes for children in K through 6th grade take place at 8:45am-9:45am. Classes for students in 7th-10th grade take place at 11:15am-12:15pm. All Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in September. All Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in September. 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 Pre K -11th grade, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

BECOME A CCD TEACHER!

Volunteers are essential to our Religious Education Program. Help spread the word of God with the children of Immaculate Conception. We have training and a wonderful support group to help you with this mission. If you are interested in sharing your faith please contact Mary Sycks.



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Our Parish welcomes **James Edward Vargas, Jr.** into the Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray that by the example of his parents and godparents, the gift of faith may grow in him day by day. Congratulations!

SECOND COLLECTION FOR HAITI

A second collection will be taken up this weekend at all Masses to support the Diocese of Les Cayes in Haiti.

OUTDOOR ROSARY ON THURSDAYS

Weekly outdoor Rosary will be held on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in Our Lady's Garden on the Church grounds on the rectory side. Weather permit-

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 8/22/2021

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 3,125.00
Assumption	\$ 12.00
Aid for the Church in Europe	\$ 22.00
Candles	\$ 20.00

HYMNAL READINGS: 1012

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Thank you to all parishioners who donate to our food pantry throughout the year. Such donations greatly assist in feeding the hungry who come to our door each Monday. At this time, the food pantry is in urgent need of boxes of cereal, jelly, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, boxed mac & cheese, beans (dry or canned), instant mashed potatoes, canned tuna fish, canned vegetables. Thank you.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN

Tell your friends and neighbors about your business while simultaneously supporting our church and larger faith community. Right here in our neighborhood. Local and loyal. Always in budget and always targeted to the community. A wonderful increase in exposure that will positively yield an increase in business. Your sponsorship allows us to help defray the cost of our bulletin. **Please call our bulletin printing company, JS Paluch, at 800-524-0263 to get started.**

HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS

Please consider supporting through our Parish the purchase of food cards for Hope for Housing, whose primary mission is to assist families from becoming homeless in our community. This past week card sales amounted to \$225.00

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Cathaleen Pelouquin, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).