



THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

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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.

SEPTEMBER

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2021

Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Sept 4: 4:00 PM	Vigil 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun, Sept 5: 7:30 AM 10:00 AM	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time +Dorothy Groden, from Family
Mon, Sept 6: 9:00 AM	
Tues, Sept 7: 9:00 AM	
Wed, Sept 8: 9:00 AM	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thur, Sept 9: 9:00 AM	St. Peter Claver
Sat, Sept 11: 4:00 PM	Vigil 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun, Sept 12: 7:30 AM 10:00 AM	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Edward Groden, from Family +Edith Grady, 10th Anniversary, from Family

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**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) Confir-
mation 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. 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,
is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home. If there is an
urgent need for this sacrament, dial the emergency extension.

**THIS SUNDAY'S WORD**

*“Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more
he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it.”*

How would you react when people praise you for the things that you've done and achieved? Do you gloat over it? Does it increase your sense of self-worth? Do you feel proud and feel that you are head over shoulders above others? These reactions are for those people who have a very high regard of themselves.

Those who are humble when they are praised for the things that they've done and achieved would point to God by saying: Thanks be to God, or Praise God. They would always deflect the credit out of themselves and give the glory to God.

Let us look at the gospel and see the humble actions of Jesus when He was asked to heal the sick man. Instead of healing the sick man in front of the crowd. He took him away from the crowd then He cured him just the two of them. Afterwards, He told the healed man not to tell anyone.

We, when we've done something worthy we would want the whole world to know about it. This is the reason why many of us always post on facebook and other social media platforms pictures/videos that show that we're doing or we've achieve something so that we would have a positive image.

But not Jesus, He would always be non-assuming, self-effacing and low profile. How about you?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The first class and Open House for Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, September 12th, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 6th grade and 11:15AM-12:15PM for students in grades 7-10. Parents, please plan on staying for the opening prayer and to meet your child's teacher. Registrations and the calendar were mailed to all families that were registered in the Religious Education program last year. 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 K-10th grade, and would like to know more about our Religious Education Program please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119.

Children in second grade will begin preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on Sunday, September 12th. Students in 11th grade will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, September 26th

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 our faith please contact Mary Sycks.

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-

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

On Friday, September 10th at 7:00pm a holy hour to pray for priests will take place in the church. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests. Repeats every second Friday of the month.

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 Peloquin, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct, confidential line).

HYMNAL READINGS: 1015

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG) IN WORCESTER

Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto in Worcester will be hosting an informational meeting to learn more about AHG on **Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 5 - 6:30 pm** at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester. AHG is for families with daughters who are seeking a faith-based, scout-type experience. MA Troop 0716 has been active in Worcester County since 2013. contact Lynn Somers at lmmsomers@gmail.com with any questions.

HELP WANTED

Parishioners to assist with caring for Our Lady's Garden (weeding, fall cleanup). Time commitment would be 1-2 hours every 3 weeks until first frost. If interested, email/call/text Michelle Deignan at mmdeignan@charter.net or 508-596-4778. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY IN OCTOBER

All are invited to participate in a presentation and discussion of Saint Paul's Two Letters to the Thessalonians on Tuesday evenings, October 5, 12, 19 and 26 in the Church Hall from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. These two Letters are of particular interest because of Paul's insights concerning the nature and timing of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Frank McGuire will serve as presenter and discussion moderator.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 8/29/2021

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 4,788.00
Collection for Haiti	\$ 1,322.00
All Saints	\$ 25.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	\$ 20.00
Assumption	\$ 40.00
Aid for the Church in Europe	\$ 25.00