



JESUS ASKED THEM,  
"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"  
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,  
"YOU ARE THE CHRIST."

MARK 8:29

## *Immaculate Conception Parish*

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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

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### **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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat, Sept 11:** Vigil 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM Victims of 9/11/2001, 20th Anniversary

**Sun, Sept 12:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 AM +Edward Groden, from Family  
10:00 AM +Edith Grady, 10th Anniversary, from Family

**Mon, Sept 13:** St. John Chrysostom  
9:00 AM

**Tues, Sept 14:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
9:00 AM

**Wed, Sept 15:** Our Lady of Sorrows  
9:00 AM

**Thur, Sept 16:** Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
9:00 AM

**Sat, Sept 18:** Vigil 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM +Shawn Finnegan, 11th Anniversary, from Family

**Sun, Sept 19:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 AM  
10:00 AM +Ellen Gerheran, from her Husband

**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) 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 & 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.

**ANNIVERSARY PRAYER FOR 9/11**

*Holy God, Creator of all people and all nations, It is with sorrow and apprehension we remember the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001.*

*We lift to You in prayer all those who died. We entrust them to Your loving care. Console their families, friends, and all who mourn this loss in the hope that all who trust in You find peace and rest in Your Kingdom.*

*We pray for those who courageously responded to provide aid and comfort to the afflicted. May their painful memories of that day be healed and transformed into strength and positive resolution.*

*We also pray for ourselves as we seek Your strength and guidance. We live in the aftermath of this tragedy and under the shadow of future acts of aggression; we stand in need of Your assistance.*

*Enable us, Dear God, to put an end to fear: by resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another; by resolving to abide in a peaceful manner and never settle disagreements in our lives in a violent way; by resolving not to fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions in response to acts of hostility; by resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world.*

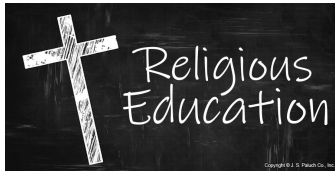
*Let us resolve that in the face of hatred, we will show love; That in times of despair, we will be voices of hope That in times of darkness, we will be sources of light.*

*Let us resolve that we never regard forgiveness as weakness, But rather as a source of strength in our lives and in our world.*

*And, let us honor the memory of nearly 3,000 individuals who died on that day by resolving, with Your help Almighty God, to truly live this way so You may be glorified and Your love made known to others through us.*

*Amen.*

*- Bro. Darrell Burns, S.J.*



The first class for Religious Education takes 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. If you have not registered your child for classes, it is not too late! Please contact Mary Sycks at 508-868-8119 for more information.

The Confirmation Candidate and parent meeting is on Sunday, September 26th 11:15AM-12:15PM.

**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 permitting.

**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](mailto:lmmsomers@gmail.com) with any questions.

**WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEX ED**

This Spring the Worcester School Committee adopted a very problematic K-12 sex education curriculum for the Worcester Public Schools. The curriculum, Rights, Respect, Responsibility is explicit, age inappropriate and without an adequate moral grounding. It will be taught in all grades beginning with Kindergarten this Fall. Under Massachusetts law, parents have the right to opt their children out of sex-ed programs. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School Students to review the Rights, Respect, Responsibility curriculum (<http://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum/3rs-curric-search/>) and to consider opting their children out. For opt out forms, please visit <https://worcesterschools.org/sexualhealth-education-curriculum-information-sessions/> or contact the parish secretary for a hard copy. Thank you.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 9/05/2021**

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 4,938.50
Annual Catholic Schools Appeal	\$ 10.00

**HYMNAL READINGS: 1018**

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50  
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15  
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS THIS FALL**

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 18 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass), or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or send an email to: [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org) to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

**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. Available are cards for Shaw’s, Stop & Shop, Big Y, CVS, Panera Bread, and Dunkin Donuts. Card sales for the week ending August 29th amounted to \$130.00. This past week card sales amounted to \$450.00.

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