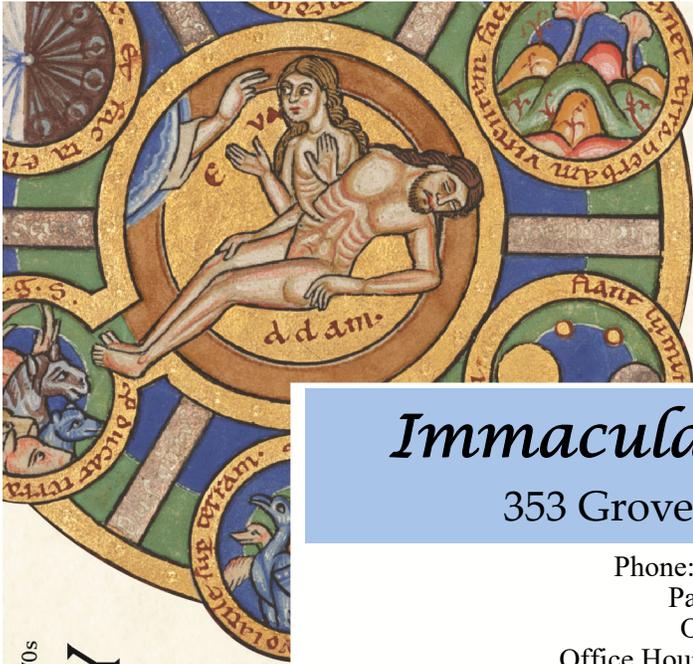


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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 3, 2021

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From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man
shall leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Oct 2: 4:00 PM	Vigil 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Graciela Mercedes Quiquandon, 4th Anniversary and +John B. Sheehan, 10th Anniversary, from Family
Sun, Oct 3: 7:30 AM 10:00 AM	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Frank and Mary Oftring, from Family
Mon, Oct 4: 9:00 AM	St. Francis of Assisi
Tues, Oct 5: 9:00 AM	
Wed, Oct 6: 9:00 AM	
Thur, Oct 7: 9:00 AM	Our Lady of the Rosary
Sat, Oct 9: 4:00 PM	Vigil 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun, Oct 10: 7:30 AM 10:00 AM	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Mike Glavickas, 26th Anniversary, from Family +Walter Lalone, 3rd 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) 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. 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

"Until death do us part". That promise and more is what Jesus is talking about today, although when the Pharisees came calling it wasn't the promises they were interested in, but the judgment of right and wrong. "Is it lawful," they ask, "for a man to divorce his wife?"

Now, they knew the answer—yes, it was religiously lawful, the book of Deuteronomy said so. But they wanted to trap Jesus: would he stand with the law or teach something different?

What Jesus says is a response to these realities, but as he always does, Jesus ups the ante with the answer: "Because of your hardness of heart, divorce is legal." But...but, he says, "from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

Jesus' words make God's intention for marriage clear: marriage creates a union in which a man and a woman participate and are changed, a sacred relationship of love and responsibility to one another for the whole of life.

Yet—we also know reality—the reality behind the old joke that the reason people cry at weddings is because they know what the two people are getting themselves into...Marriage is hard work!

And we know that sometimes terrible things happen in marriages: abuse; sometimes there is infidelity; or addictions that tear the bond of marriage in two violently. Or it can be more subtle, can't it: mistrust, a lack of commitment, a lack of maturity—or something else that slowly damages the relationship day after day until finally there is a canyon between the two.

We can say that sometimes divorce is sadly the only option. But we also know that, like a rock dropped in a lake, the ripples go out and on: relationships are destroyed, family and friends are polarized, and children suffer. That's also the reality that Jesus is pointing to here—because of your 'hardness of heart,' because of this broken world we are a part of, because of the power of sin, promises are broken and there are consequences.

However, no matter what circumstance of life you find ourselves in; whether you have married or not; whether you have succeeded in marriage or failed, or some of each; in the embrace of Christ, we know that nothing can separate us from God's love.



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Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, October 3rd, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 10th grade. 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 parent meeting for children receiving First Reconciliation is on Sunday, October 3rd at 9am.

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.

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.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

On Friday, October 8th 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.



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **David Calcagni** and keep his family in your prayers during this time of loss. May God grant them hope and strength in the days ahead.

TREE REMOVAL

As some of you may have noticed, we had some trees that were removed. Some of the trees were dead. The big maple by the memorial was removed because the roots were damaging the foundation of the church.

HYMNAL READINGS: 1027

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
 Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RCIA

This is a process open to receive all who want to be a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Who is invited to participate in the RCIA process?:

- Children 7 years old and older who have not been baptized.
- Adults 16 years of age and older who have not been baptized, received their First Holy Communion, or Confirmation.
- Adults belonging to another Christian Faith who wish to become Catholic and be received in to the Roman Catholic Church.

This program starts in October and culminates with the reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Edwin for registration.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 9/26/2021

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 2497.00
Catholic Schools Annual Appeal	\$ 255.00

HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS

Week ending 9/19/21:	\$ 220.00
Week ending 9/26/21:	\$ 480.00

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).

