



October
17
2021

Twenty-Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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

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.

Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Oct 16: 4:00 PM	Vigil 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Anna M. Duffy and +Robert W. Duffy, from Family
Sun, Oct 17: 7:30 AM 10:00 AM	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Robert Remillard, 12th Anniversary, from Family
Mon, Oct 18: 9:00 AM	St. Luke
Tues, Oct 19: 9:00 AM	Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Wed, Oct 20: 9:00 AM	
Thur, Oct 21: 9:00 AM	
Sat, Oct 23: 4:00 PM	Vigil 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Doris Herrmann, 1st Anniversary, from Family
Sun, Oct 24: 7:30 AM 10:00 AM	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time +Patrick Herlihy, 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. 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.

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD

In the Kingdom of God established by Jesus, there is no
place for domination or for any exercise of power over
others. In today's gospel story, this is a lesson that James
and John, the sons of Zebedee, clearly need to learn.
They seem to think that the structures of power operating
in the Roman world are going to be replicated when Je-
sus comes into his "glory". The two brothers, James and
John, put in a bid for shared deputy leadership positions
as a favor from Jesus. They seem to be blind and deaf to
what Jesus has been trying to tell them throughout their
journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. They seek
his patronage without reference to the rest of the leader-
ship group who, incidentally, are not well pleased with
their presumptuous companions.

James and John do not yet realize that Jesus' way is not
the way of status or entitlement and that their call as dis-
ciples and as leaders of the emerging movement has
nothing to do with privilege. They need to understand
that it has more to do with enduring the suffering associ-
ated with commitment to one's mission, and with setting
others free to be their best selves. To demonstrate this,
Jesus offers them quite the alternative: to "be slave of
all". He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to
summarize his own mission with an image that comes
out of the world of his time: "not to be served but to
serve and give life as a ransom for many". A ransom was
the payment made to free someone from slavery. To sub-
stitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ran-
som for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to
end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of
Jesus in death as the summit of a lifetime's outpouring of
love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action
in others.

There are multiple ways of enslaving others, of dominat-
ing and of trying to control them to achieve one's own
personal or corporate ends, good or bad. The request of
James and John reminds us that we can all lose sight of
the liberating vision of the gospel and get caught up in
destructive power struggles. As disciples, we hear the
words of Jesus, "It is not to happen with you".

9th DIVISION MASS THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 17, at 10:00am we will celebrate
our annual **9th Division Mass** in recognition of the vet-
erans who served our nation in time of peril. We carry
on the decades-long tradition begun by 9th Division
Chaplain and former longtime Pastor of Immaculate
Conception Fr. Edward T. Connors. We look forward to
the good people of the Ninth Division Association re-
turning this year as we always enjoy and appreciate their
presence and stories that accompany their visit. May
God bless them in their continued good work to keep
alive the memory of the thousands of soldiers who faith-
fully served our nation during the Second World War
and Vietnam.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, October 17th, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 11th 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.

DAILY ROSARY

Everyone is invited to pray the Rosary at 8:30 am prior to morning daily Mass, Monday through Thursday. This is lead by parishioner Mike Casey.

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 19th and 26th 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. This is lead by Parishioner Mike Mitchell.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP MEETING

DATE CHANGE: The Society Saint Vincent de Paul group will be meeting Sunday **October 24th** after the 10am Mass, in the basement of the church. Anyone is welcome to join. Members are dedicated to helping individuals and families in need in our community.

FOOD PANTRY FOOD RAISER

St. Vincent de Paul and Religious Education Students have partnered for another Food Raiser for the I.C. Food Pantry. Bags are available at all entrances. Donated food will be collected at each entrance of the Parish Oct 23/24. Non-perishable items in need are: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Proteins (Chicken, Spam & Ham), Canned vegetables, Canned/packaged soups/broths, Canned fruits, Spaghetti Sauce, Mac & Cheese

<u>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 10/10/2021</u>	
Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 2714.00
All Saints	\$ 5.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 15.00
Catholic Schools Annual Appeal	\$ 20.00
Fall Fuel	\$ 70.00

<u>HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS</u>	
Week ending 10/10/21:	\$ 200.00

HYMNAL READINGS: 1033

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

UPCOMING PROLIFE EVENT

During the weekend of **October 23-24**, our parish will host a Virtual Baby Bottle Drive to benefit Visitation House, whose mission is to help homeless pregnant women by providing care and dignity of the body, mind, and soul. After 2 years of pandemic restrictions, the Bottle Drive no longer uses physical baby bottles to hold your donation. You will have the opportunity to donate online or by sending a check to Visitation House. Online link information and self-addressed envelopes will be provided. Thank you.

EMMANUEL RADIO 2021 FALL PLEDGE DRIVE

Emmanuel Catholic Radio, a non-profit 501(c)(3) ministry, will broadcast a live three-day Fall Pledge Drive from 7am–6pm, October 20 - 22, 2021 to raise the funds needed to bring the Daily Mass, Holy Rosary, and EWTN programming to the Diocese of Worcester. Your tax-deductible gift will help keep Catholic radio on the air serving all local diocesan parishes/Catholic schools and organizations/charities. To donate/pledge/make a prayer request call (508) 767-1230; visit 1230radio.com; or mail your donation to Emmanuel Radio, P.O. Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602.

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).