



The blind man said, “Master, I want to see.”  
Jesus told him, “Go your way;  
your faith has saved you.”

MARK 10:51-52

Attr. Master of the Antiphony of San Giovanni Fuorcivitas,  
Initial A: Christ Wiping the Tears from the Eyes of the Saved, Florence or Pisa, Italy, c. 1330-1340

## 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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat, Oct 23:** Vigil 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM +Doris Herrmann, 1st Anniversary, from Family

**Sun, Oct 24:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 AM +Patrick Herlihy, from Family  
10:00 AM

**Mon, Oct 25:**  
9:00 AM The Holy Spirit

**Tues, Oct 26:**  
9:00 AM

**Wed, Oct 27:**  
9:00 AM

**Thur, Oct 28:** Ss. Simon and Jude  
9:00 AM

**Sat, Oct 30:** Vigil 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00 PM

**Sun, Oct 31:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 AM  
10:00 AM +John "Jack" Kelley, 5th 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.

**SYNOD 2021-2023: FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH**

Oct. 10, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year  
process called "a synod on synodality," officially known  
as "Synod 2021-2023: For a Synodal Church." In brief,  
this means that bishops around the world will consult  
with everyone from parishioners to monks, nuns and  
Catholic universities before coming together for a discus-  
sion in 2023. The topic? How the church can learn to rely  
more fully on this kind of consultation-and-discussion  
process – how it can become more "synodal" in its gov-  
ernance.

Throughout the centuries, the Roman Catholic Church  
has held many gatherings called "synods" –but seldom  
one this sweeping in its potential consequences. Many  
people – even many practicing Catholics – may find the  
name "Synod on Synodality" and its purpose puzzling.  
What is a synod in the first place?

The word derives from an ancient Greek term that means  
"coming together" or "traveling together." Ancient  
Christians developed a custom of local leaders coming  
together to pray and make decisions about matters affect-  
ing all the Christian communities in a region. They gath-  
ered in the faith that their prayers and discussions would  
reveal God's will and the way to achieve it.

These gatherings came to be called "synods" and began a  
tradition of regional synods for bishops, as well as larger  
ones called "ecumenical councils. The most recent one,  
the Second Vatican Council or "Vatican II," which  
launched important changes in church law and structure.

Pope Francis has shown special interest in the Synod of  
Bishops since the beginning of his papacy in 2013. "A  
synodal Church is a Church which listens," he said,  
pointing out that mutual listening has been the goal of  
much of the church's renewal since Vatican II.

The current "Synod on Synodality" is the culmination of  
all this effort to bring a greater degree of openness, col-  
laboration and mutual listening to the church. Unlike pre-  
vious synods, this one officially begins in dioceses all  
over the world, with opportunities for mutual consulta-  
tion at every level and among many different church or-  
ganizations.

When the General Assembly meets in 2023, its task will  
be to prayerfully consider how to move forward as "a  
more synodal Church in the long-term"– a church that  
listens and "journeys together."



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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday, October 24th, 8:45AM-9:45AM for children in K through 10th grade. Confirmation class will take place at 11:00AM. 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.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Altar Servers perform a very important and much needed role in liturgical services. This role includes assisting the presider so that the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. It enables the presider to focus on leading all present through word, prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Immaculate Conception is recruiting boys and girls for its Altar Server Ministry. The Altar Server Ministry is a special opportunity for children to participate in the life of the parish as they serve our Lord at the Altar. Altar Servers must be Baptized, have received their First Holy Communion, and be in the third grade or higher. Training is required. If you and your child(ren) are interested in pursuing this ministry, please contact Mary Sycks.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN**

We are very excited to bring back the Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 10:00AM Mass. All children 4-12 years old are welcome to join us for this special ministry. The Liturgy of the Word with Children is a ritual of the proclamation of God's Word with Children appropriate to their understanding. It is time to hear God's Word at an appropriate level and an opportunity to hear the Gospel message and consider how to practice it in life. If you have any questions about the Children's Liturgy, please contact Mary Sycks.

**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 evening, October 26th in the Church Hall from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP MEETING**

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 and Oct 30/31**. Non-perishable items in need are listed on the bags. Thank you.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT 10/17/2021**

Sunday Ordinary (includes Online)	\$ 3,265.50
9th Infantry Division Donation for the restoration of Fr. Connors' Chalice	\$ 495.00
All Souls (Week ending 10/10/21)	\$ 15.00

**HYMNAL READINGS: 1036**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

**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.

**PROLIFE EVENT - VISITATION HOUSE**

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 at: <https://www.visitationhouse.org/baby-bottle-drive> (Select **Immaculate Conception Church**) or by sending a check to Visitation House (self-addressed envelopes will be provided. Thank you.

**WORCESTER RAILERS HOCKEY GAME**

**Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:05pm STAR WARS NIGHT!** Jedi TRAX Bobblehead, ZAMBONI RIDE Allows one person from the group to ride the Zamboni during intermission. POST-GAME PHOTO: Go on the ice after game & take a photo to commemorate the night, Sing God Bless America (Greendale Men's chorus), PLUS FREE RAILERS HATS, We have GOOD ICE SEATS! All parishioners can take advantage of a great night out with the family or grandchildren. Also great stocking stuffers for Christmas. ONLY HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AT \$20.00 ea. Tickets will go fast so sign-up or buy early. CALL JIM HESTER (home 508-852-3473, cell 978-618-5422) or email: bevhester13@gmail.com

**HOPE FOR HOUSING FOOD CARDS**

Week ending 10/03/21: \$ 200.00