



*"Our beloved Lazarus has fallen asleep,  
but I am going there to wake him."  
Jn 11:11b*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
*Lent*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
MARCH 29, 2020**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



144 East Merrimack Street  
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Rectory: 3 Fayette Street  
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Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00, Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

Rev. Kenneth Healey, SM, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Cristiano G. Barbosa, Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Carlos Desousa  
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## Sacraments

**Baptism** – On an individual basis by appointment.  
Please contact the Rectory Office.

**Reconciliation** – By appointment

**Matrimony** – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

**Ministry to the Sick** – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



**Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon**

## Parish Meetings

**St. Vincent de Paul:** 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

**Adult Choir:** 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

**Religious Education:** Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00- 12 noon at Immaculate Conception School

## Mass Schedule

### Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Family Mass  
11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

### Weekdays:

Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. (Rectory Chapel)  
Mon. – Fri. 12:00 NN (SMMC Chapel)  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Mass and Prayer Group  
(Rectory Chapel)

**Holydays** – As announced

## Adoration and Holy Hour

First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.  
Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

## Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.

# MASS



# All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

Please check your TV

CATHOLIC TV  
has Masses at 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM  
every day Monday through Saturday  
in our area it is on channel 268.

Sundays  
Masses are at 10 from U. of ND in Indiana  
and 7 pm from Boston.

EWTN  
has Masses at 8 & 11 AM daily and more  
that is channel 56.

Check your TV guide and listen  
as the Masses are announced.

When I am driving throughout the United States,  
I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways  
speaking for God.

A couple of my favorites:

"Life is short. Eternity is not. --God";  
and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday,  
before the game. --God."

God must have a pretty big advertising budget because  
he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read,

"You asked God for a sign, and here it is!"

After a chuckle,

I realized that we are always looking for a sign.

We say we believe, but sometimes,  
we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels,

Jesus performs miracles and healings  
so that people would believe.

The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment  
for all who were there.

Jesus was able to show that he has power over even  
death itself,

a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the  
not too distant future.

For all who doubt, be assured that  
Jesus is the giver of life.

He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight  
to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer,

how many more signs do you need?

What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call  
on your life comes from the source of all life?

We have been challenged,

we are asked to choose,

and then our lives will be transformed.

May all the signs of God around us,  
even billboards on the side of the road,  
move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves

like Jesus.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# Immaculate Conception School

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*The Immaculate Conception School in Lowell is now accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year!*

## SAINT CORONA

is the patron saint against plagues and epidemics.

Her feast day is celebrated on May 14.



Almighty God, who forgive the sins of your people and heal all their faults, you who call the Lord our healer and your beloved Son to bear our sickness, look upon us who stand humbly before You.

We pray to You in this time of plague and need, remember Your love and kindness that You have always shown to Your people in times of tribulation. Just as you graciously looked upon Aaron's atonement and stopped the plague that broke out, just as you accepted David's sacrifice and commanded the destroying angel to withdraw his hand, accept also today our prayer and sacrifice and show us mercy. Keep this disease away from us, allow those affected to be healed, protect those who have been preserved from it so far by Your goodness and do not let the plague spread any further.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us!

Saint Corona, pray for us!

Saint Sebastien, pray for us!

AMEN



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH Religious Education Calendar 2019-2020

Classes meet at the Immaculate Conception School  
on the Sunday mornings scheduled below  
and are subject to change for inclement weather days...  
The \* indicates Sundays that are two in a row.  
Due to this year's scheduling with school events  
there are a few months with two in a row.

Classes begin at 10am and end at 12 NOON.

### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

May 3<sup>rd</sup> IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Please contact Claire Couillard at 978-458-1474 X21  
for any questions.

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### PARENTS AND CHILDREN

**If you have grandparents who would appreciate the bulletin make them a copy of this bulletin if they usually attend Mass and read it.**

**There will be no hard copy it will be online only.**

**Thank you**





**St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Vincent de Paul is an organization that provides person to person services to the needy in our parish.

We are currently seeking new members. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please call the rectory at 978-458-1474 and leave a message for SVDP or speak to Richard Sweeney at one of the weekend Masses.

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**TAX REPORT**

For those of you who use regular weekly offertory envelopes for your statement of parish contributions, your tax report is ready.

Please call the Office 978-458-1474 between 9 and 3.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**FROM NOW UNTIL**  
**ST. MARY'S MISSION IN**  
**LANCASTER, MA**

you are encouraged to bring your religious items **NO CARDS/PRAYER CARDS.** The Mission from Lancaster, PA will come to pick up whatever was given as soon as the restrictions have been removed.

**Year of the Eucharist**

**Holy Thursday 2020 to**  
**Feast of Corpus Christi 2021**



What to Expect:

Throughout this Year we will

- Provide a series of catechetical materials specific to the Eucharist
- Invite parishes to provide more opportunities for Adoration and to make more availability for parishioners to pray before the Blessed Sacrament
- Feature video testimonies from a wide array of Boston Catholics about their love of the Eucharist
- Conclude the Year with a three-day Eucharistic Congress, comprising of speakers, music, processions, and a Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi in June 2021.