

Baptism of the Lord

*I*t happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." - Mk 1:9-11

*THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 10, 2021
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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 a.m. to 12 noon

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

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.**



Immaculate Conception School

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Love for lea**



Baptism of the Lord

Throughout my life,
I've been fortunate enough to live in several homes.
Nothing fancy, mind you, just enough for a
family of four.
But each home had one thing in common—a basement.
I've always been one of those people who needed
someplace to store my "stuff,"
that junk that accumulates over the years
but you can't seem to bring yourself to dispose of.
And each of my basements has had something
in common as well—they've flooded at least once.
Usually, a sump pump decided to quit in the middle of a
three-day rainstorm.
At some point, I'll wade through the floating "stuff"
and announce to my wife that our house has been
baptized. Again.
John the Baptist,
as he preached of the coming of the Son of God,
welcomed every type of sinner to the Jordan River
to have their sins washed away, to begin a new life.
Why then did Jesus—himself incapable of sin—ask to be
baptized by John as well?
Just as our baptism welcomes us into the arms of the
Church,
Jesus' baptism signifies the beginning of
his ministerial mission on earth.
It is here he is manifested as the Son of God
and in possession of the Holy Spirit.
Jesus' immersion in the waters of the Jordan expresses
his willingness to self-cleanse everything up to that
moment and begin his life as God's suffering servant
(CCC 536).
Just as Jesus appeared in the crowd of sinners waiting
for the saving waters, he is with us today.
In this seemingly simple act, he accepted his fate of
death on the cross in exchange for
the remission of our sins.
As you bless yourselves today with holy water,
linger a bit on the feel of the water and remember
the beloved Son, in whom God is well pleased.
-Tracy Earl Welliver,

SATURDAY– January 9, 2021

4 pm Mass Joseph R. Loiselles, 50th Ann.

SUNDAY–January 10, 2021

10 am Mass Living and Deceased Members
of Women’s Guild
Gilbert Dufresne, 1st Ann.

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The following has been pinned on the sacristy door since
I began working here, as we begin the New Year,
it’s time for all of us to realize the value of our priests.

WHO WILL REPLACE HIM...

If a priest preaches over 10 minutes,
He’s long-winded.

If his sermon is short, he didn’t prepare it.

If the parish funds are high, he’s a businessman.
If he mentions money, he’s money-mad.

If he visits his parishioners, he’s nosy.
If he doesn’t, he’s being snobbish.

If he has fairs and bazaars, he’s bleeding the people.
If he doesn’t, there isn’t any life in the parish.

If he celebrates liturgy in a quiet voice, he’s boring.
If he puts feeling into it, he’s an actor.

If he starts Mass on time, his watch is fast.
If he starts late, he’s holding up the people.

If he decorates the church, he’s wasting money.
If he doesn’t, he’s letting it run down.

If he’s young, he’s not experienced.
If he’s old, he ought to retire.

But...if he dies...there may be no one to replace him.

Let us all count our blessings
and thank God for our priests:

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JANUARY 2021 SCHEDULE

January 4, 2021 School resumes

January 7, 2021 BANKING

January 13 Half Day 11:30 Dismissal

January 15 Progress Reports Issued

January 18 NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Day

January 21 BANKING

JANUARY 31- TO FEBRUARY 6, 2021
Beginning CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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The January Calendar Raffle
Drawing began January 6.

We will call you as we draw the names,
if you won.
Thank you for your support.

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MASSES

Every Saturday at 4 pm
and Sunday at 10 am
until further notice

As we slowly continue to re-open the church the following steps must be strictly observed.

1. We are offering a 4 PM **MASS on Sat. and a 10:00 AM MASS on Sunday**
2. **Social Distancing** must be observed at all times within the church
3. **Hand Sanitizer** will be available at all doors and must be used. If you prefer to use your own, bring it with you.
4. MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.
5. The floor is marked with the appropriate distancing.
PLEASE OBSERVE.
6. All Holy Water Fonts and Missalettes have been removed.
7. There will be No Singing, No Processions and No Baskets passed at the Offertory.
8. **Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be placed at the Entrances of our Church.**
9. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
10. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
11. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass if necessary,

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

December 6, 2020

Flowers: \$865.00

December 20, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$5,963.00

St. Vincent de Paul: To be announced

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YOUR
PARISH

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2021 CORI FORM

to be completed by all volunteers

MORE THAN 1/3 OF OUR VOLUNTEERS
HAVE NOT BEEN TO THE RECTORY
TO SIGN THEIR CORI.

PLEASE
COME BEFORE 1/31/21.

Please wear masks when you come to the rectory to fill out your forms. We may not be needing your assistance yet, but the Diocese still wants us to have you complete these for the 2021 year
Thank you.

If we don't hear from you,
I will call to see if you prefer
not to be of service during
the 2021 calendar year.
Boston is expecting an answer.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

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 A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force
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NATIONAL GUARD

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Read the Gospel and Color



Sharing the Gospel

This morning you helped your mother bring in the groceries.

You washed part of his car for your dad.
You took a bowl of soup to a sick neighbor.

Imagine God's voice coming from the clouds:
"You are my own dear child.

I am pleased with you."

The good things you do make God happy.

He sends you help when you need it.

He gives you little happy surprises during the day.

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BAPTISM

WELCOME TO ALL

**WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN OUR
CHURCH**

from July 25 to December 15, 2020

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Paisleigh Elizabeth Morgan

Lina Oceana Bettencourt

Owen Robert Laganas

Rose Willow Mekdeci

Israel Gomez Burd

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Adriana Liberty Haskins

Piper Quinn Murphy

Colton Michael Lopes

Kyle Thomas Connors

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