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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

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*THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 24, 2021
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*

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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.**



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I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time.

However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist.

Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!"

The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen.

I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination.

What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer.

If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination.

God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift.

God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity.

Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer.

God's GPS signal is never really lost.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY- January 23, 2021

4 pm Mass Paul Musto, 10th Anniversary

Lorraine Panagopoulos, 5th Ann.

SUNDAY-January 24, 2021

10 am Mass Paul Carota, 4th Anniversary

Gayton Armstrong, 20th Ann.

Rita Armstrong, 8th Ann.



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JANUARY 2021 SCHEDULE

JANUARY 31- TO FEBRUARY 6, 2021

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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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
January 3, 2021
To be announced next week

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT TO 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.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES**

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