

The Presentation of the Lord

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

— Lk 2:29-32a



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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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 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 Intentions



Saturday, February 1, 2020

4:00 PM Francis Masterson, 25th Ann.
Barbara Conlin, 10th Anniversary

Sunday, February 2, 2020 Presentation of the Lord

7:30 AM John S. McKenzie, Birthday
9:00 AM
11:30 AM
5:00 PM

Monday, February 3, 2020 *St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*

7:30 AM

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

7:30 AM

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 *St. Agatha, Virgin/Martyr*

7:30 AM

Thursday, February 6, 2020 *St. Paul Miki et al, Martyrs*

7:30 AM Mary Morrill, Mass of Healing
12:00 NN

First Friday, February 7, 2020

7:30 AM
12:00 NN

Saturday, February 8, 2020 *St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

9:00 AM Frances A. Keegan
4:00 PM Carl Johnson, 45th Anniversary

Sunday, February 9, 2020 Fifth Sunday In Ordinary T.

7:30 AM Martha Tierney
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Jose M. Rabago, 2nd Anniversary
5:00 PM

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January 19-20, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$4,007.00

Building Fund: \$2,212.00

January 25-26, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$6,164.00

Churches in Latin America: \$2,770.00

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Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be controversial—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Lk. 2:34-35

"The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him."

Simeon surprised Mary and Joseph with his declaration that their baby was the long-awaited Messiah.

They of course knew the truth about their son's identity and mission. But to hear someone else announce it was the amazing part.

The Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit was upon Simeon; thus he had a kind of divine revelation about the baby Jesus.

God spoke through him to confirm the holy secret that Mary and Joseph already kept in their hearts.

Anna too spoke about the child as "the redemption of Jerusalem," thus adding another mystical assurance that Jesus was in fact the Savior.

These events that took place during the Presentation in the Temple can remind us about the important role of the members of the believing community.

Like Simeon and Anna, we are meant to encourage one another, and to announce the Gospel to others with courage and conviction.

When we are rooted in prayer, and attuned to the Holy Spirit, we too can be effective instruments of God's power.

Then, amazing things can happen! We become the channels through which God's truth is proclaimed, and through which his love and healing, comfort and compassion, are given to other people.

Indeed, when we are "righteous and devout" like Simeon, and dedicated to prayer like Anna, we prepare ourselves to become Christ's coworkers in the world.



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

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 6 – Thursday

BANKING

February 9 – Sunday

FIRST PENANCE

MEETING 6:30 pm
IN CAFETERIA

February 12

NO PM BUSSING

February 14

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY

Wear red – pink – white TODAY

February 17 to 21

Winter Vacation

February 26
ASH WEDNESDAY
9AM Mass



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.

February 2 Class 11

FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING
Sunday, February 9 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

*February 9 Class 12
March 1 Class 13

FIRST PENANCE March 14 at 10 AM in Church

March 15 Class 14

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING
Sunday, March 15 at 6:30 PM School Cafeteria

March 29 Class 15
*April 5 Class 16

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT-Grade 2
Saturday, April 4th, 9:00AM to 2:00 PM

May 3rd **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

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

Our Religious Education Program
is still in need of teachers.
Please call Claire Couillard.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL
OUR ARMED FORCES

- Lance CPL James Bakanosky U.S. Marines AFGHANISTAN
- Sgt. James R. Boudreau U.S. Army Newport, RI
- Capt. Christopher Buck, U.S. Army Clarksville, TN
- Lance CPL Michael P Crowley U.S. Marines-AFGHANISTAN
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- A1C Emily McPhillips Air Force
- Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens USAF MacDill AFB
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ADORATION
February 5, 2020

8:00AM to 6:00PM
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
6:00PM Rosary, Benediction & Mass
Rectory Chapel – 3 Fayette Street

We thank all those who have been faithfully covering their assigned hour. We do appreciate your commitment and dedication. Please remember if you cannot make your hour you need to call a volunteer. We would be most grateful if someone could Fill in the 3 to 4 PM slot. God bless!

If you are able to commit to one of the above times, or would like to be a volunteer, please submit your name and number to Charlotte.

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MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph in the Greater Lowell area meet on the second Saturday of every month. Each monthly meeting includes prayer, food, and faith-building fellowship.

**Our next meeting is:
Saturday, February 8th., 2020 from 7 - 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary Magdalen, 95 Lakeview Ave., Tyngsboro MA
01879**

Speaker: ED Waterworth Topic: Purgatory



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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MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph
Immaculate in Collaborative
meet on the fourth Saturday of every month.
Each monthly meeting includes prayer,
faith-building fellowship, and food.

SAVE THE DATE

February 22, 2020

**beginning with the Rosary -
7:30 AM to 9:30 AM**

in Immaculate Conception's Upper Church.



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Doughnut Sales Order Form**

**Immaculate Conception School
8th Grade Class Trip Fundraiser**

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Pick u date of Thursday, March 12th
in the School Cafeteria form 2 to 5:30 PM

**ALL DOUGHNUT ORDERS MUST BE
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For more information Contact:
Claire at the Rectory
978-458 1474

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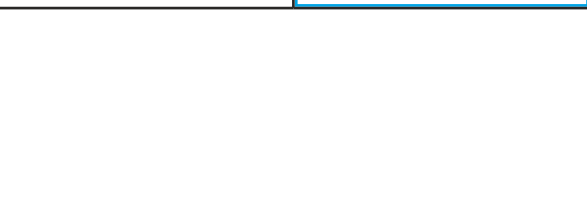
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