



*SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS  
APRIL 19, 2020*

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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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

Rev. Raju Muringayil, O. Praem, Assisting Priest  
Deacon Stephen M. Papik  
Deacon Carlos Desousa  
Sister Irene Martineau, SASV, Secretary & Bulletin Editor  
Ms. Claire Couillard  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal  
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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**

## 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.

## 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



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

# All Masses are cancelled until further notice.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

TO CLAIRE COUILLARD

ROB TIGHE and RICHARD SWEENEY

WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE

FOR US TO ENJOY SHARING

VIDEO-STREAMING

THE HOLY DAY LITURGIES IN OUR

PARISH CHURCH  
WITH

BISHOP HENNESSEY, FATHER SANNELLA  
AND DEACON PAPIK!

Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish.

It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe.

But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line.

His friends told him.

His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes.

Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples.

We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us.

This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel.

More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives.

The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life.

Pretty unbelievable, right?





**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            |
| Corp. James Farley           | U.S. Marines     | Special Forces Mideast |
| SN Michael Gendron           |                  | U.S Coast Guard        |
| Gunnery Sgt. Michael G. Hill | U.S. Marines,    | Camp Lejeune, NC       |
| Captain Jeremy LaBranche     | U.S. Army        | Fort Huachuca, AZ      |
| SPC Pieter Lobscher          | U.S. Army        | AFGHANISTAN            |
| AST 3 Michael Linehan        | U.S. Coast Guard |                        |
| SN Nicholas Ludwig           | U.S. Navy        |                        |
| A1C Emily McPhillips         | Air Force        |                        |
| Master Sgt. Nicholas Owens   | USAF             | MacDill AFB            |
| Staff Sgt. John J. Rogers    | U.S. Army        | Fort Bliss, Texas      |

**NATIONAL GUARD**

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**MONTHLY COLLECTION**

**Weeks: 4/15**

**4/22**

**4/29**

**Weekly Collection: \$5,788.00**

**Building Fund: \$922.00**

**Flowers: \$543.00**

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**A FEAST OF MERCY**

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand {was} raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale.

In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; My soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in you. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and {then} throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over {its} enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death.

I myself will defend it as my own glory." When I told this to my confessor, I received this for a reply: "That refers to your soul." Certainly, paint God's image in your soul." When I came out of the confessional, I again heard words such as these. "My image already is in your soul. I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of mine towards souls of sinners.

Let the sinner not be afraid to approach me. The flames of mercy are burning me— clamoring to be spent; I want to pour them out upon these souls.

--Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

*Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska died in 1938. She was a Polish Sister of Our Lady of Mercy. She was canonized in 2000.*



**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**

**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 on line only.

Thank you

**Year of the Eucharist**

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



While we are unable to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, let us say the following prayers.

**PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION**

Come, O Blessed Savior, and nourish my soul with heavenly Food, the Food which contains every delight. Come, Bread of Angels, and satisfy the hunger of my soul. Come, Light of the World, and enlighten the darkness of my mind. Come, Friend of the Sick, and heal the infirmities of my body and the weakness of my soul. Come, Good Shepherd, my God and my All, and take me to Yourself. O most holy Mother, Mary Immaculate, prepare my heart to receive my Savior.

**PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire You in my soul. Since I cannot NOW receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You were already there, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Permit not that I should ever be separated from You. Amen