



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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00, Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.

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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?



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Prayer for a Pandemic

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

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen





**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