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*MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY*  
*JUNE 7, 2020*  
*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH*

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



**144 East Merrimack Street  
Lowell, Massachusetts 01852**

**Rectory: 3 Fayette Street  
Tel: 978-458-1474 ✦ Fax: 978-446-0790  
Office Hours: 8:00 to 3:00, Mon.-Thurs. 8 to 12 Noon-Fri.**

### **Pastoral Staff**

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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

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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 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

### **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**

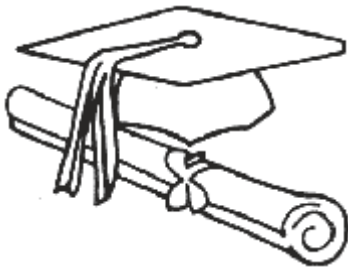
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*The Immaculate Conception School in Lowell*  
*is now accepting registrations for the*  
*2020-2021*



**CONGRATULATIONS,  
CLASS OF 2020**

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**MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

After years working for the Church,  
I can honestly say that even though I feel closer to God,  
I still cannot fully grasp all that is God.

The complexity of God has been the source  
of many volumes by many writers and theologians.  
The crazy reality of growing in a relationship with God  
is that the more you get to know God,  
the more complex God becomes.

But I think that is true of human relationships as well  
. I feel like I can really peg a person one way or another  
after only meeting him or her a few times,  
but my wife and children continue to perplex me.  
Getting to know someone means you begin to uncover  
the layers of personality, feeling, and emotion  
that make up each human being.

For those who see God as only a force or a light,  
God is simply defined.

But for those who seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ,  
the God we find in relationship has many layers as well.

But that which we do know for certain about God  
comes to us primarily from the person of Jesus.  
He called us to a way of life by not only teaching us  
about how to live,  
but by showing us the example of his life.

Our God is defined  
by generosity, sacrifice, compassion, and,  
of course, love.

The more we incorporate these characteristics  
into our own life,  
the more we bear witness to the true nature of God.

Then others can see a God that is  
a little less complex because they understand him  
through you and me.  
Our life will speak more than all the volumes written  
by all the theologians.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**RE-OPENING OF CHURCH FOR MASS**

**Sunday, June 7th**

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

1. There will only be **ONE MASS AT 10:00 AM.**
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 will be 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. Sheets with further information will be available to you at the doors.
10. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
11. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
12. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass.

**PLEASE REMAIN  
CONNECTED TO OUR  
WEBSITE:  
iclowell.org  
AND  
FACEBOOK  
FOR FURTHER ACTION  
DECIDING  
TIME FOR FUTURE MASSES AT  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
CHURCH.**

**Thank you for your continued  
patience with how we  
have to proceed to respect  
all our parishioners' needs.  
Please feel free to continue watching the  
Sunday Mass on Facebook or on our website  
iclowell.org.  
If you are 65 and older or are  
compromised with any health condition, you  
are advised to remain at home.**

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**PUZZLE**

**Unscramble words from today's Gospel**

God	gave	eternal
loved	believe	Son
world	perish	save
oGd	_____	
presih	_____	
noS	_____	
levod	_____	
geva	_____	
eeternla	_____	
wrodl	_____	
bleevise	_____	
vase	_____	



**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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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

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**THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST**

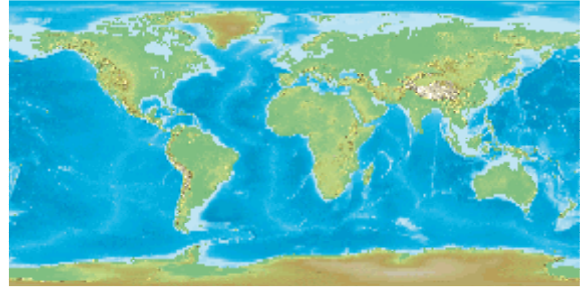
Since we are unable to receive Jesus  
in the Sacrament of the Eucharist,  
as we watch the Mass on TV  
here is a prayer you could say:

My Jesus,

I believe that you  
are present in the most Holy Sacrament  
I love you above all things  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive  
You sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and  
unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN



**A PRAYER FOR WORLD HEALTH**

**Almighty and Ever Loving God,  
Creator of all things.**

**In You we place our trust for guidance  
during this Coronavirus pandemic.  
Hear the prayers we offer for our elderly  
and those with chronic health conditions,  
who are most vulnerable.**

**Let their faith and trust in You never  
Weaken.**

**Allow your heavenly knowledge to direct our  
medical professionals and researchers  
to find a solution for this sickness.**

**Bless, with your divine protection,  
doctors, nurses and first responders  
and surround us all with Your love.**

**Guide those in authority, O Lord.**

**By the wisdom of our leaders and public  
health officials, along with the integrity of  
our citizens, may harmony be restored!**

**Look also with favor on the families and  
friends who mourn those who have died  
from this illness and comfort them in their  
loss. Console them in the hope that all who  
trust in You will find peace and rest in**

**Your Eternal Kingdom.**

**Calm this terror that threatens us.**

**Protect our families, neighbors and friends  
and restrain our fears and anxiety.**

**Grant that health, the fruit of life,  
may reign throughout the world.**



**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.

**A TIMELY REMINDER**

**It is no secret that St. Vincent de Paul in our parish has been working over time and, you, generous parishioners have provided some assistance during this unbelievable pandemic situation.**

**Please try to assist these families who have been hit as much as you have but with much less than you have and open your hearts and your wallets to help the families and St. Vincent de Paul volunteers to assist all who present themselves to this organization. Thank you.**

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**RELIGIOUS ITEMS**

**St. Mary's Mission in Lancaster, PA**

**is coming WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

**to pick up any religious items we may have collected since their last visit.**

**Please bring to the rectory whatever you may have between 9 and 2 Monday-Friday.**

**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Ready for His Return?**

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a “John 3:16” sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing “Jesus Saves” shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus’ second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart’s belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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