



**Lord,
save me!**

**“TAKE COURAGE, IT IS I;
DO NOT BE AFRAID”**

Mt 14:27

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2020

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 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.



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 Read the Gospel and Color



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them walking on the sea." The disciples weren't prepared to see Jesus walking on water.

They had already witnessed plenty of miracles at the hands of their teacher; only hours earlier he had been curing the sick, and had multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish into enough food to feed thousands.

But this miracle was different.

This one wasn't to heal anyone or provide for anyone. This miracle seemed more like a manifestation:

a clear revelation of Jesus' divine power.

But the disciples were slow to get the message. First, they thought they saw a ghost. Then, Peter tried to step out in faith, but he fell when the wind picked up. It wasn't until the storm ended and the disciples were safe that they made their profession of faith,

"Truly, you are the Son of God."

This is what Jesus wants to do for every one of us. He became man to save us.

He died on the cross to take away our fears, to forgive our sins, and to give us eternal life.

These aren't just stories about someone else's life. This is the story of our life. Like Peter, Jesus says to us, "Come." May we respond with confidence, putting our trust in the One who has the power to calm the storms in our lives too.



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The Propagation of the Faith invites you to witness the miracle of *Fatima* as told through the eyes of Sister Lucia, one of the three Shepherd Children of Fatima!

Starring Sonia Braga as Sister Lucia, this private, pre-screening will be held in the parking lot of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish 920 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA.

Show time is 8:30 pm on Sunday, **August 9th**.

Our Master of Ceremonies is Bishop Robert Reed of Catholic TV.

An offering of \$50 per car, as a gift to the missions, helps to continue the lifesaving, faith affirming work of the

Propagation of the Faith worldwide!

A pre-sealed Fatima gift box is included for your enjoyment, filled with snacks, movie swag, and World Mission Rosaries!

Hurry! Go to www.propfaithboston.org to reserve your space now!

MARIAN PILGRIMAGES

The Propagation of the Faith is pleased to announce a raffle to benefit the Missions!

With special thanks for the generosity of Marian Pilgrimages,

We are offering a chance to win an all-inclusive pilgrimage for two to Fatima and Lourdes in 2021. Tickets are \$100 each – only 250 tickets will be sold for this prize package worth over \$6,200!

The trip is a 10 day, 9 night visit to two of our faith's holiest sites!

All meals are included, as well as airfare, accommodations, tour guides – even driver tips!

The lucky winner will be announced before the benefit screening of *Fatima*, the Movie.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith will host this private screening on **August 9th** at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish in Waltham at 8:30 PM

MOVIE ATTENDANCE IS NOT NECESSARY TO WIN THE PILGRIMAGE!

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,



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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

July, 2020

Weekly Collection & Building Fund results next week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT

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ATTENTION

If you scheduled announced
Masses
from March 15 to September 1st
please feel free to call the
Rectory between 8 and 2 Mon./Fri.
so that we can reschedule
your paid Masses.

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