

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 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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Hail Mary Word Search

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Directions: Find all 17 of the words that are in bold print below in the Hail Mary prayer in the word search above.

<p>Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.</p>	<p>Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.</p>
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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."
This woman was an outsider.
She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite,
and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean.
But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help.
And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.
In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices.
Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.
At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs).
But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code!
He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart.
And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith.
How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help?
How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive?
By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith.
And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

Find 17 of the bold face words in the WORD SEARCH.



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
IS NOT A HOLY DAY
WHEN THE 15th FALLS ON A
SATURDAY or MONDAY**

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950.

The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief.

The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death.

Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us.

On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

 Read the Gospel and Color



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Hail Mary



Mary, full of grace, the
is with thee. art thou
among women, and blessed is the
fruit of thy womb, .
 Mary, Mother of God,
for us , now and at the
hour of our death. .

Amen Jesus Hail sinners
Lord Blessed Holy pray

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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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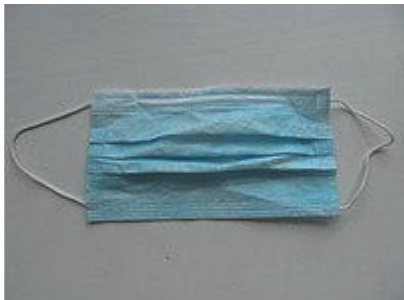
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ATTENTION
If you scheduled announced
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