



*TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 20, 2021
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MA*

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 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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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**First Communions were held on
June 5th & June 12th at
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COMMUNICANTS

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Juliet Arinello	Mackensie Atchue
Gabriella Bergeron	Graham Bristol
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Marin Monaghan	
Matthew Osborn	Grace Patenaude
Eva Peraza	Jacob Pestana
Michael Poirier	Victoria Rivera
Jacob Robert	Paige Rourke
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Zubayer Salam	Bentley Saldoni
Harrison Shea	Madelyn Shepard
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Patrick Simpson	Norah Smith
Maddison Soberon-Lenihan	
Joshua St. Onge	Ryder Swett
Michael Teixeira	Thomas Thibeault
Iverson Veiga	Colin Walsh



**JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE
SACRED HEART**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
BE NOT AFRAID**

There are a lot of things to be afraid of. There are a lot of documented “phobias” that people are afraid of – though varying in degrees. There are also fears not necessarily defined as phobias. People attached to their wealth are afraid of losing them. People in power and influence are afraid of losing those things. Some people are afraid of rejection, of losing friends, of failing. The more we enjoy our life on earth, the higher the tendency to be afraid of change, of losing something.

God is telling us not to be afraid. In the first reading and the psalm, we are reminded that **we are his chosen people**. We are his children! If you know your dad is looking out for you, no matter where you are or what you do, you will not be afraid... you should not be afraid. There will be trials, probably a lot, probably very difficult, but we should take comfort in the fact that God is watching us.

We should have **faith in his wisdom and love**. Does that mean he will not take away what we enjoy in life? Not necessarily, because he knows we are destined for eternity with him, and he will help us, however painful it may be, to reach that goal and strip us away of everything that will not be helpful in us reaching that. He continues to purify us, so no need to be afraid of challenges that come our way. He continues to watch over us, like what He did to Job, so there’s no need to be afraid of what is happening or what will happen to us.

What things in life am I afraid of? What things am I afraid losing? Why? Am I too attached to these things? Do I have complete faith and trust in God, that no matter how challenging my situation is, I need not be afraid?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH
ANNOUNCES**

**2021 SUMMER VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**



Come join the fun, crafts, games,snacks

MON., JULY 26 to FRI., JULY 30

8:30 am to 12 Noon

***at Immaculate Conception School
Cafeteria***

One child: \$45.00, Two Children: \$80.00

Three or More: \$100.00

**Please Register no later than June 15.
If you don't have a form, call the rectory
at 978-458-1474**

MASSES

**every Saturday at 4 pm
and Sunday 8 am and 10 am**

for now.

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

June 6-7, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$2,794.00

Propagation of the Faith: \$2,444.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR
PARISH**

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CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021

Our 2021 Confirmation class participated in the Lowell General team walk for Cancer on May 23. Our group of 30 raised 4075.00. Thank you to all of you who donated to this important cause.



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**ON LINE GIVING COMING
SOON AT
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH.**

Watch for upcoming information.



**Celebrate St. Jean Baptiste Day
With Lowell's Franco-Americans!**

**Join us at City Hall on
Thursday, the 24th at 10 AM
For the raising of the flags
outside with coffee and donuts**

**Then at 6 PM at St. Michael's Church
for a Prayer Service**

in honor of St. Jean-Baptiste.

French Mass with

JOSEE VACHON

**Honoring
St. Jean Baptiste,
patron of Québec and all
Franco-Americans
Sunday, June 27**

**Immaculate Conception Church
144 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, MA
Stair-free access on Fayette Street for
handicap drop-off.**

**Josée sings hymns in French starting at
11:30 Mass begins at 12:00N Please
arrive at church before 11:30 am
Josée presented at no charge by the
Franco-American Day Committee.**

**For information about Josée and her
music, visit: <http://joseevachon.com>**

Beginning this weekend

CARDINAL O'MALLEY

has issued the following:

**“Aware that the opportunity to
participate**

**in Sunday Mass is increasingly
available**

**and increasingly safe for our Catholic
people, we are joining dioceses in The
Boston Province (Boston, Fall River,
Springfield Manchester and Portland)**

**in lifting the
dispensation of the Sunday and
Holy Day Mass obligation,
effective this weekend
of June 19-20, 2021.”**

**“This obligation does not apply to
those who are ill, those who have been
recently exposed to COVID or any
other communicable illness; those who
are confined to their homes or to
hospitals or other facilities due to
illness, infirmity, frailty, or age, and
those who are not yet able to be
vaccinated, due to age or
any health consideration.**

**Parishioners should consult their local
pastor if they have questions
about the obligation.”**

**“To all of those who have not been able
to be with us during this last year,
we look forward to welcoming you
back to the celebration of the Mass.”**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY–June 19, 2021

4 pm Joanne & Charles Ryder

Patricia (Lynch) Collins, 21st Ann.
William Collins, 7th Anniversary

SUNDAY June 20, 2021

8 am Mass For the Parishioners

10 am Mass Francisco Meneses, Ann.
Jose Valadao
Antonio Fagundes

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



**PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF
ST. JOSEPH**

**Holy Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus Christ,
Beloved of the Blessed Mother
and patron of the Catholic Church,
we pray to you for guidance this
“Year of Saint Joseph”
proclaimed by Pope Francis.**

**You have showed us by your loving ways,
the value of work and the joys of fatherhood.
By teaching God’s Son to do the will of
His Father,
you have given us the path to do the same.
By your example, you have encouraged us
to accept others as they are,
without exception.**

**To you, Saint Joseph, our Heavenly Father
entrusted His only Son, Jesus Christ
to your tender care and upbringing.
In you, our Blessed Mother Mary,
placed her love and trust.
Through your mentoring,
Jesus Christ became man.**

**We praise you and ask of you to defend us
and our loved ones from every evil and
guide us with your grace and mercy.**

AMEN

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**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
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