



*THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*  
*JUNE 27, 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 5<sup>th</sup> & June 12<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church

### COMMUNICANTS

Lucas Andersen	Jazmyn Angove-Lambert
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## JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel offers a rare framework –  
a story in a story

. Most of the healing miracles are standalone encounters.  
One person approaches Jesus, demonstrates faith,  
and is healed.

The evangelist tells the next story.

This Gospel, however, is different.

Jesus is on his way to heal one person,  
a young girl of twelve, and is interrupted on his journey  
by "a woman afflicted with hemorrhages."

She bravely approaches Jesus in a crowd, despite being  
ritually unclean from her bleeding,  
and stretches out to touch his cloak.

She is healed! Jesus meets her eye, confirms her faith,  
and continues on to resurrect the young girl.

Reading this passage, it might be easier to identify with  
one story –

the long-suffering woman or the young, innocent girl --  
and to move past the other.

But here they sit side by side. The girl is twelve.

The woman has been suffering for twelve years.

For the Gospel writers, number parallels have  
deep symbolic meaning.

Between the woman and the young girl,  
we are not one or the other. We are both.

None of us had a perfect childhood, perfect families,  
or a perfect peer group. As we endure pain,  
disappointment, or unmet expectations,  
it can feel like a part of our childhood hopes have died.

Our coping mechanisms, social adaptations,  
and hidden secrets can make us the "walking wounded"  
in some respects.

Jesus wants to do more than simply staunch the  
bleeding. His healing hand makes dead things come alive.

He awakens the dreams that are asleep.

This process requires prayer, conversations with trusted  
community and spiritual mentors, and critical looks  
at difficult areas of our life.

However, we can believe the words of our Lord.

If we approach Jesus in faith,  
believing that he wants to heal and save,  
we, too, will hear his calming words spoken  
over the hurts of our life.

"I say to you, arise!" "Go in peace."

June 27, 2021

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

***Three or More: \$100.00***

**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 12-13, 2021**

**Weekly Collection: \$7,543.00**

**Clergy Benefit Trust: 1,785.00\$**

**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  
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PARISH.**

**Watch for upcoming information.**

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**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.”**

## **THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



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

**Go to Joseph, the young, strong, silent man.  
His silence, once entered into, heals all it touches. His silence is a school of courage, faith and love.**

**It makes a beautiful bridge between  
humanity and God, a bridge we need to find,  
oh, so terribly much today, when most lives  
are so empty of God that men and women  
have forgotten the way back to him.**

**Go to Joseph, the poor man whose foster Son  
was born in a stable and whose family lived  
most frugally in a little forgotten village of  
Palestine, but who held in his arms the  
wealth of the nations and the Light of the  
world, and who can teach us all how to  
empty our hands of tinsel and fill them with  
love, faith and happiness.**

**Go to Joseph, the mender of broken toys,  
furniture, houses, as well as broken hearts,  
souls, bodies, minds and families.**

**Yes, let us go to Joseph,  
whom Jesus and Mary love so much.**

*Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty*

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY–June 26, 2021**

**4 pm Frank W. Grady, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Joseph, Isabel, and Leo McMahon**

**SUNDAY June 27, 2021**

**8 am Mass For the Parishioners**

**10 am Mass Bienvenido Gonzalez, 10<sup>th</sup> A.  
Deborah Driscoll, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.**

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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  
Lance CPL Michael P Crowley U.S. Marines-AFGHANISTAN  
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