

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK



*FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

*JULY 4, 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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## 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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### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **GOSEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

If you have been closely following the Sunday readings, today's Gospel could sound a bit like a broken record.

Four weeks ago, the Gospel told of Jesus visiting his home of Nazareth and being poorly received by his family members.

Jesus had attracted a large crowd as he preached, and his concerned relatives came to bring him home . Jesus, they thought, was out of his league.

Today Jesus takes things further.

He returns to Nazareth.

Rather than preaching from his house, he enters the synagogue.

He speaks eloquently.

The listeners acknowledge that

"wisdom has been given him"

and recognize the "mighty deeds wrought by his hands," but it is too much for them to bear.

"Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

The listeners know his whole clan, his male and female relatives.

Jesus as carpenter was acceptable.

Even Jesus as fringe preacher was interesting enough to draw a crowd.

But Jesus as authoritative teacher is too much.

"They took offense at him."

As Christians, we have known the truth of Jesus' identity since we were first introduced to him.

He is fully human and fully divine.

He is the second person of the Trinity.

It could be easy to look down on these 1st century listeners for their lack of faith. But where do we expect to learn our own lessons?

The more we age, the easier it is to believe we understand the world and how it works.

We have experience with people, with the Church, with politics, and with the affairs of daily living.

We have developed criteria for first impressions.

We categorize. Today we remember that the Christian life requires humility.

Jesus' listeners have an expectation of how things should be, and their lack of faith causes doubt in others.

"He was not able to perform any mighty deeds there.

Do your assumptions limit your perspective?

Who can you learn from that you did not expect?



**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 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.”**

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**TWEET OTHERS  
AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE  
TWEETED**

 Read the Gospel and Color



**Word Unscramble**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

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|--------|---------|---------|
| Jesus  | power   | prophet |
| taught | miracle | heal    |
| wisdom | town    | faith   |

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| Jseus   | <u>J</u> <u>e</u> <u>s</u> <u>u</u> <u>s</u> |
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| phetrop | ___ ___ ___ ___ ___                          |
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| taghtu  | ___ ___ ___ ___ ___                          |
| mirclea | ___ ___ ___ ___ ___                          |
| hale    | ___ ___ ___ ___                              |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY–July 3, 2021**

**4 pm FOR THE PARISHIONERS**

**SUNDAY July 4, 2021**

**8 am Mass James E. Reilly**

**10 am Mass Living/Deceased Members of  
the Women’s Guild**

**Lorraine Panagopoulos  
Claire Ouimette**

**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



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

**St. Joseph/s influence is universal over the whole Church, and yet, like divine providence, it descends to the least details; “model of workmen,” he takes an interest in everyone who turns to him. He is the most universal of saints, and yet he helps a poor man in his ordinary daily needs. His action is primarily of the spiritual order, and yet it extends to temporal affairs; he is the support of families and of communities, the hope of the sick. He watches over Christians of all conditions, of all countries, over fathers of families, husbands and wives, consecrated virgins; over the rich to inspire them to distribute their possessions charitably, and over the poor so as to help them. He is attentive to the needs of great sinners and of souls advanced in virtue. He is the patron of a happy death, of lost causes, he is terrible to the demon, and Saint Teresa of Avila tells us that he is the guide of interior souls in the ways of prayer. His influence is a wonderful reflection of that divine wisdom which “reaches from end to end mightily, and orders all things sweetly.”**

**(Col. 3:3).**

**-Father Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL  
OUR ARMED FORCES**

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