



# *16<sup>th</sup> Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME

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He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

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*JULY 18, 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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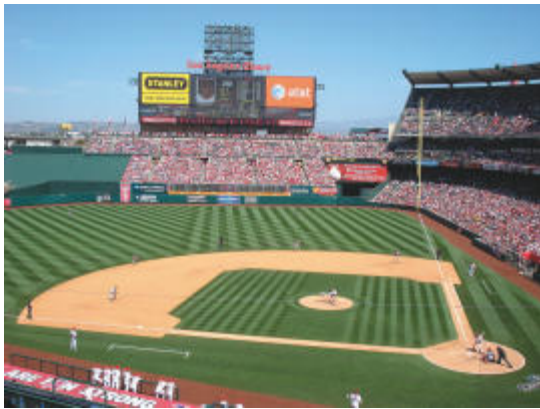
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### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Now what?"

It's a difficult thing to hear, isn't it?

The train comes late, a child unexpectedly cries,  
and the latest public policy debate flares up in the news.

Life throws us curveballs,

and we have no choice but to adapt.

Jesus and the Apostles find themselves in that exact  
situation in today's Gospel.

The Apostles have returned from their two-by-two  
missionary journey.

As Jesus hears all of their stories,  
he knows they need time to recover and refresh.

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place  
and rest a while."

Their wilderness retreat is short-lived,  
however, as eager crowds discover their location.  
Jesus is well aware of the needs of his disciples.

Still, as he looks out at the crowd,

"His heart was moved with pity for them,  
for they were like sheep without a shepherd."

The rest break is over.

"He began to teach them many things."

For those of us who have experienced a taste of much-  
needed relaxation only to have it taken away abruptly,  
perhaps we surmise what the Apostles might have been  
feeling in that moment.

But Jesus isn't being inconsiderate of the Apostles needs.

He offers them -- and us -- a lived lesson.

St. John Paul II wrote,

"The whole of Christ's life was a continual teaching:  
his silences, his miracles, his gestures, his prayer,  
his love for people,

his special affection for the little and the poor,  
his acceptance of the total sacrifice on the Cross for the  
redemption of the world" In Jesus' choice to teach, we  
see all of these things: sacrificial love, concern for the  
marginalized, and priority of people's needs over  
personal preference. These aren't abstract ideals.

They're lived realities as we strive to live and love like  
Jesus. When a new obstacle confronts you in your life,

how do you respond?

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**MASSES**

**Saturdays – 4 PM**

**Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM**

**for now**

**Next week: July 24, 2021**

**Saturday 4 PM Robert Odlum**

**Next week: July 25, 2021**

**Sunday 8 AM Terrence McCarthy**

**10 AM Grace Novak**

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**June 26-27, 2021**

**Weekly Collection: \$\$6,451.00**

**Parish School Fund: \$1,712.00**

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**PENNSYLVANIA AMISH-**

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**Father John Hogan,  
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performance of “Winter Wonderland”  
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**For Tour Group information, please  
call Father Hogan at 978-851-7331.  
Because of the popularity of this tour,  
please register by August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**The tour cost will include motor coach  
transportation from St. William’s in  
Tewksbury on November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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**MARY MAGDALENE**

**Feast on July 22nd**

**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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**Religious Book Fair**

On the weekend of **Saturday**, July 24 (8:30 am – 6:00 pm) & **Sunday**, July 25 (8:30 am – 1:30 pm), The Shrine of St. Joseph the Worker in downtown Lowell will be conducting a **Book Fair** of gently used books on mostly religious topics: Theology, Spirituality, Scripture, Homiletics, Catechetics, Philosophy, History, dictionaries, commentaries, art books – these are just some of the topics covered in these volumes arrayed by categories on tables on the walkway fronting the Shrine (tables will range from \$2.00 to \$10. max as suggested donations) – a bonanza of wisdom for serious readers and searchers. *(in the event of inclement weather, we will conduct the Fair in the Conference Hall).*

For more detailed information, visit our website [www.stjosephshrine.org](http://www.stjosephshrine.org) or call (978) 458-6346.

**Park free** in the adjacent Downes Parking Garage – get your [ticket validated here](#)

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**SAINTS MEDICAL CENTER NOON MASS**

**Spiritual Care Notice – Noon Mass Returns**  
**Monday, July 12, noon,**  
**Saints Campus Chapel**

The Spiritual Care Department is pleased to announce the return of the noon Mass held at the Saints Campus Chapel.

Beginning Monday-July 12, Father Raju Muringayil will lead the Mass each weekday at noon.

Hospital safety protocols including masking guidelines, social distancing, and hand sanitation will continue to be observed.

Mass intentions on Mon., Tues, and Wed. may be made by calling the rectory 978-458-1474 to schedule a Mass Intention.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY–July 17, 2021**

**4 pm Critchley/Neiland Families**

**Terrence McCarthy, M. M. Mass**

**SUNDAY July 18, 2021**

**8 am Mass Camille Gagne, M.M. Mass**

**10 am Mass Lucille Blanche Soutiere**

**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



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

**His Charity**

His charity was most ardent, and his heart was burning with love for the amiable Divine Child, Whom he recognized to be the Son of the Eternal Father and of his most chaste spouse, the Desired of all nations, and the Saviour of the human race. When on the day of the Presentation in the Temple, he had to redeem his firstborn, how gladly would he have given, instead of the two doves, his heart, his life,, heaven and earth a thousand times over!

How tender was his most pure love for that incomparable Virgin to whom he had been given as spouse!

He knew that she was the well-beloved daughter of the Eternal Father, the well-beloved spouse of the Holy Ghost.

He n=knew that this holiest and greatest of women respected him as her lord and master, loved him as the guardian of her virginal purity, and as, after God, the support of her own life and that of her Divine Son. You may imagine what ardent charity was burning in St. Joseph’s soul.

The God of his fathers, the God of Abraham, of Jacob and of Isaac, had chosen his humble dwelling wherein to work he most astonishing of all miracles. He had confided to him, as to a good and faithful servant, His most intimate secrets! How could his heart escape being consumed, while constantly witnessing these marks of God’s charity towards him, and ever abiding in the society of those two great teachers of divine love, Jesus and Mary!

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