



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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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.**



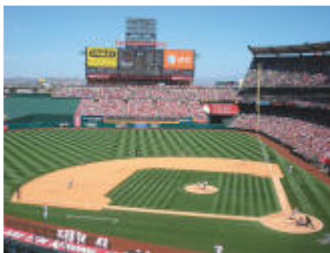
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger?

Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of his most iconic miracles – the multiplication of the loaves.

It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread but by the Body of Christ.

In the stories of ancient pagan gods, mighty deeds were done entirely under the gods' own power.

Mortals may have offered sacrifices to start the chain of events,

but they played little role in the miraculous works themselves. Jesus is entirely different.

The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way he equips his disciples.

First, Jesus asks Philip a question "to test him."

Jesus has seen the crowds and "he himself knew what he was going to do," but he wants his disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution.

Andrew offers a suggestion, though he isn't confident in it.

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus honors Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd.

When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles "gather the fragments left over."

In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance.

In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well.

Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet?

Whatever our hesitations, Jesus honors our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in his generous work of redemption, just as we are.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

for now

Next week: July 31, 2021

Saturday 4 PM Louise Paquet

Rita Kelleher

Next week: August 1, 2021

**Sunday 8 AM Dr. Joseph D. Sweeney, 58th
Helen Callahan Sweeney, 51st Ann.**

10 AM For the Parishioners

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

July 3-4, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$\$4,617.00

Building Fund: \$1,805.00

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**The highlight of the Tour will be a
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performance of "Winter Wonderland"
at the American Music Theatre.**

**For Tour Group information, please
call Father Hogan at 978-851-7331.
Because of the popularity of this tour,
please register by August 1st.**

**The tour cost will include motor coach
transportation from St. William's in
Tewksbury on November 8th.**

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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 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 24, 2021

4 pm Robert Odlum

SUNDAY July 25, 2021

8 am Mass Terrence J. McCarthy

10 am Mass Grace Novak



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

REFLECTION FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

The Gospels give us a picture of Joseph as a remarkably sound man who was in no way frightened or shy of life. On the contrary, he faced up to problems, dealt with difficult situations and showed responsibility and initiative in whatever he was asked to do.

I don't agree with the traditional picture of Saint Joseph as an old man, even though it may have been prompted by a desire to emphasize the perpetual virginity of Mary. I see him as a strong young man, perhaps a few years older than our Lady, but in the prime of his life and work.

You don't have to wait to be old or lifeless to practice the virtue of chastity. Purity comes from love; and the strength and gaiety of youth are no obstacle for noble love.

Joseph had a young heart and a young body when he married Mary, when he learned of the mystery of her divine motherhood, when he lived in her company, respecting the integrity God wished to give the world as one more sign that he had come to share the life of his creatures. Anyone who cannot understand a love lie that knows very little of true love and is a complete stranger to the Christian meaning of chastity.

--Saint Josemaria Escriva

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