

# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

*Pray that I will be given the message to speak  
and that I may fearlessly explain the  
mystery about the good news.*

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*30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 24, 2021  
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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



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## Mass Schedule

### Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

## 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**

### 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.

### 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



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## MISSION SCHOOL STATEMENT

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### October Schedule

#### FRIDAY

**29 Happy Halloween**  
Teachers will notify you  
of their plans

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### HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Holy Trinity Parish is holding a  
**HOMEMADE POLISH FOOD TAKE OUT**  
on Saturday, November 13  
from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
at the Parish Hall on High Street.

This is a pre-order, pre-pay function  
with orders and payments to be submitted  
by October 29.

Order forms may be obtained by visiting the  
parish website at [www.holytrinitylowell.org](http://www.holytrinitylowell.org)  
and clicking on "This Week's Bulletin,"  
by calling the rectory (978-452-2564)  
on MONDAYS only from 10 to 1,  
or by mailing a request to Holy Trinity  
Rectory, 340 High St., Lowell, MA 01852.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Son of David, have pity on me!"

Has the cry of Bartimaeus ever escaped your lips?  
Today's Gospel tells the story of a blind man  
with a difficult lot in life.

He made a living by begging coins off passing travelers.  
When word reaches him that Jesus will be passing by,  
this is when he begins his shouts for mercy.

Jesus hears Bartimaeus' cry and beckons him forward.  
"What do you want me to do for you?"

Last week, Jesus asked a similar question  
to James and John.

Their response was a clutch for fame.  
Bartimaeus' response is much humbler.

"Lord, I want to see."

How strange this interaction must have seemed to the  
onlookers. The man is blind!

Of course he wants to see!

But Jesus is always teaching us.

By asking us what we want,

Jesus reveals the dispositions of our hearts.

God already knows them, but do we?

By asking James and John to name their ambition,  
their selfishness is exposed to them  
and to the other disciples.

By asking Bartimaeus to name his longing,  
his faith is exposed to the entire crowd.

Jesus invites participation in our own redemption.  
He doesn't save us without us!

Take some time in silent prayer today.

Place yourself in this story of Bartimaeus.

Imagine yourself there on the dusty, crowded roadside.  
Jesus is calling you!

When you stand before him,

his focus is on you and you alone.

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asks.

Search your heart. How would you respond?

What part of your heart is Jesus asking you to expose?  
He has come to heal and to restore. May we, too, be sent!

"Go ... your faith has saved you."

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**MASSES**

**Saturdays – 4 PM**

**Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM**

**Next week: Saturday – October 30, 2021**

**4 AM William D. Lewis, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Sunday – October 31, 2021**

**8 AM John J. Donovan, 77<sup>th</sup> Ann.  
Caroline Donovan, 31<sup>st</sup> Ann.**

**10 AM For the Parishioners**

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**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**October 9-10, 2021**

**Weekly Collection: \$5,139.00**

**Building Fund: \$4,291.00**

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

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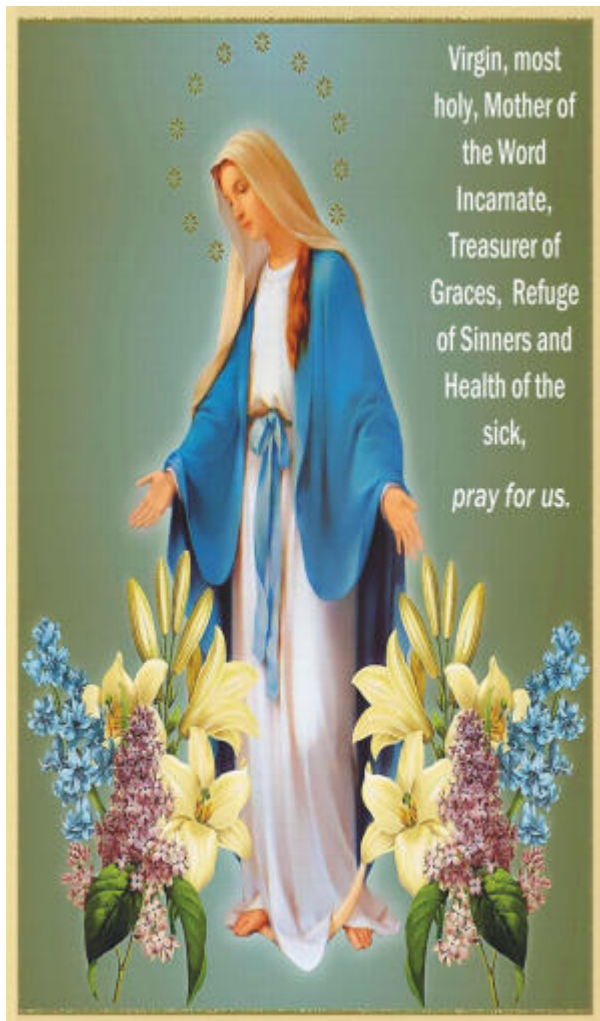
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SICK  
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CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**Immaculate Conception  
Religious Education Calendar  
2021-2022**  
Sundays listed below from  
9:00 am to 11:00 am  
Immaculate Conception School



**LOWELL, MA  
WEDNESDAY,  
November 10, 2021  
4:00 P.M.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**OCTOBER: 17, and 31**



**NOVEMBER: 14 and 21**



**DECEMBER: 12**



**JANUARY 2022 09 and 23**



**FEBRUARY: 06 and 13**



**MARCH: 06 and 20**



**APRIL: 03**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY–October 23, 2021**

**4 pm Ruth Murray, Birthday Memorial**

**Elizabeth Angela Wright, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.**

**SUNDAY October 24, 2021**

**8 am Special Intention**

**10 am Georgia Viccochi, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Robert Fox, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Kathleen Fox, 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**



**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**

**Old Men Don't Walk to Egypt**

**Donal H. Calloway, Mic**  
(Continued from last week)

And then, after many years of living in Egypt, St. Joseph learned from the angel that Herod was dead. Saint Joseph was now required to pack up his family and walk from Egypt all the way back to Nazareth.

**That's more than 120 miles!**

The distance from New York City to Philadelphia is 92 miles. Add another 30 miles, and that's what St. Joseph had to do. There was no Jersey Turnpike, with smooth roads and cozy rest stops along the way. It was uphill, downhill, and around hills. The endless walking didn't stop once the Holy Family reached Nazareth either.

As faithful Jews, the men of the household were required to travel to Jerusalem three times a year to fulfill the Law of the Lord.

**“Three times a year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the God of Israel!” Remember that's 80 miles one way. That is a lot of walking.**

**Saint Joseph could not have been an old man when he espoused Mary. Old men don't walk to Egypt. They don't walk three times a year from Nazareth to Jerusalem either.**



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OUR ARMED FORCES**

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