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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 2, 2022
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LOWELL, MA

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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

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

Children's Choir: 2:00 p.m. Friday in church

Religious Education: Sundays, bi-monthly from 9:00 to 11 AM

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.



Immaculate Conception School

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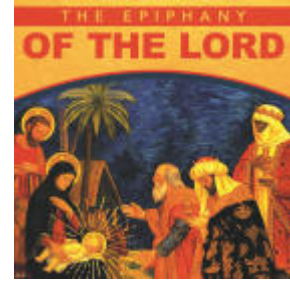


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in the area are seeking teachers, long term subs
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please call Cathy Fiorino at 978-454-5339 or
email resumes at icslowell@hotmail.com



*Wishing you all
Blessings of good health
for 2022!*



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 6, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The song "We Three Kings"
details the gifts of the Magi,
but do you know what you're singing?
"Born a king on Bethlehem's plan,
gold I bring to crown Him again."
This one is the most straightforward
- gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ.
"Myrrh is mine:
its bitter perfume breathes
a life of gathering gloom."
Myrrh is an embalming spice.
Already at Christ's birth,
we have the symbolic reminder of his death.
"Frankincense to offer have I.
Incense owns a deity nigh."
In many religious traditions,
incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven.
In some pagan traditions,
it is thought to help "call down" the deity.
The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role
as the Great High Priest,
sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.



January 2, 2022

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

SATURDAY - January 8, 2022

4 PM Joseph M. Moloney, 5th Anniversary

SUNDAY - January 9, 2022

8 AM Reilly and Harris Families

10 AM Living/Deceased Members of W.Guild

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

December 19, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$4,944.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$10,750.00

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CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR

PARISH

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NATIONAL GUARD



"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895.

It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King.

Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need.

In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle.

His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified.

As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these"

he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out.

It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need.

In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go.

In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Immaculate Conception
Religious Education Calendar
2021-2022

Sundays listed below from
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Immaculate Conception School



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

A very generous donation from the O'Donnell Funeral Home to the Immaculate Conception Church has been received in loving memory of the people of the Immaculate Conception Church whose families the O'Donnell Funeral Home was privileged and honored to have served from December 21, 2020 through December 15, 2021. It is the hope of Jim O'Donnell and the staff of the O'Donnell Funeral Home that the support of family, friends, and faith may guide these families through this holy season and bring them blessing into the New year. May their deceased loved ones, whom we name here, rest in the peaceful and loving embrace of Jesus Christ.

JANUARY 2022 09 and 23



FEBRUARY: 06 and 13



MARCH: 06 and 20



APRIL: 03

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NEW COVID DIRECTIVES

As of December 18/19, 2021
Cardinal Sean is mandating
all people attending public Masses,
including weddings and funerals,
wear masks.

Expires January 17, 2022.

Mass celebrants, deacons, lectors,
servers, choir members, and should
wear masks except when they are
speaking.

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| Joyce Monteiro | Doris M. Hines |
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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
MASSES**

SATURDAY - JANUARY 1, 2022

4 PM For the Parishioners

SUNDAY – JANUARY 2, 2022

8 AM For the Parishioners

10 AM Paul Conlon Cassidy, 6th Anniversary

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 Read the Gospel and Color




Our ANNUAL Calendar Raffle

**The drawing will take place
once a week.**

**You will be notified
and the checks will be in
the mail in February.**

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 **Puzzle**

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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| wise-men | king | Mary |
| child | star | gifts |
| born | worship | dream |

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