



THE NATIVITY *of the Lord*

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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DECEMBER 25-26, 2021
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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.



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



THE NATIVITY OF JESUS

"I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all of the people."

Merry Christmas!

This familiar story dances with new life and vigor today.

We, too, have waited in darkness.

We, too, have felt in the desert of the modern world.

Our hearts lift at the candles of midnight Mass.

The Eucharist - that simple little host
resting in the stable of our hearts - has new meaning.

Our joy lifts at the sight of long-unseen family.

The wonder of the season is here.

Glory to God indeed!

But for some of us, perhaps the patterns feel too familiar,
almost grating.

Or someone is missing from our story this year.

Unlike Mary and Joseph - who found refuge in a stable -
perhaps we still feel

like we're searching for a place to rest.

This Christmas season, let Jesus be that place.

Let the Christmas story wash over you in all its human
relevance.

In the Holy Family, we see the fear of a first-time father
trying to shelter and protect his family, a deeply
vulnerable moment on a cold, uncomfortable night, and
giving birth with little assistance.

In the shepherds, we see an entirely unexpected
encounter with wonder,

a divine revelation none were expecting.

We see the dazzling hope of a promise fulfilled.

In the celebration of Christmas,
we celebrate the Incarnation.

God becomes man because we humans need someone we
can touch, see, and feel. Some of us may be especially
sensitive to a lack of incarnate love in our lives.

Whatever our experience, God invites us to receive
HIM - His story, His presence, His love.

And He invites us to give it away,
to make His love a little more incarnate in the world
by our actions.

Look for someone to love today that they, too,
might recognize Emmanuel, God with us!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASSES

Saturdays – 4 PM

Sundays - 8 AM and 10 AM

FRIDAY -- DECEMBER 31, 2021 -- 6 PM

SATURDAY/SUNDAY - JANUARY 1 & 2

8 AM and 10 AM

**ALL MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEKEND ARE
FOR THE PARISHIONERS**

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

December 12, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$6,651.00

Building Fund: \$3,271.00

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CONTINUED SUPPORT TO YOUR
PARISH**

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Religious Education Calendar
2021-2022

Sundays listed below from
9:00 am to 11:00 am
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JANUARY 2022 09 and 23



FEBRUARY: 06 and 13



MARCH: 06 and 20



APRIL: 03

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Saturday – December 24, 2021
CHRISTMAS EVE

2 PM – 4 PM – 6 PM
FOR THE PARISHIONERS

Sunday – December 25, 2021
CHRISTMAS DAY

8 AM – 10 AM – 12 NOON
FOR THE PARISHIONERS

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SUNDAY - DECEMBER 26

8 AM – 10 AM – 12 NOON

FOR THE PARISHIONERS

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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.**



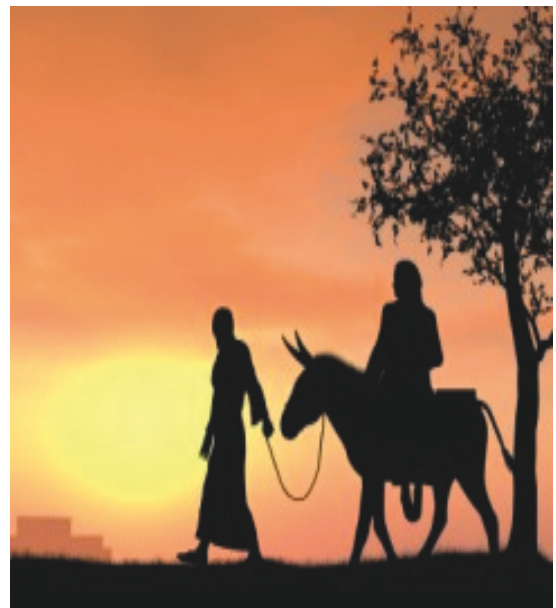
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for January 2022 was mailed out
to you in mid-November.**

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like to support us, please**

**let us know and we will be happy to
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