

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022

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The Jerusalem Temple as it would have appeared at the time of Jesus

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*”

Jesus said to him in reply,
“It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*”

(Lk 4:9–12)

All Are Welcome



Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative

serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

"Come all you who are thirsty, come to the waters..."

St. Ann

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Nativity

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Immaculate Conception

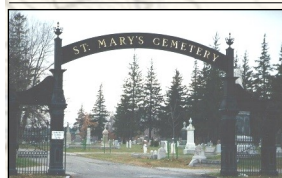
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
Collaborative Parishes

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (3/5)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

4:00pm **IC** *Jennifer Colarusso, Laurie Ann Freeman* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Sunday (3/6)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

9:00am **IC** *John J. Mosher* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin)

11:30am **IC** *Kristine Schmidt* (Fr. Harrison)

Monday (3/7)

9:00am **IC** *Mary Lynn Lawless* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (3/8)

9:00am **IC** *Charlotte Rita Sweeney* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (3/9)

9:00am **IC** *Alphonse Aleska* (Fr. McLaughlin)

Thursday (3/10)

9:00am **IC** *Rowena Cardoza* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (3/11)

9:00am **IC** (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (3/12)

4:00pm **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

4:00pm **IC** *For the Intentions of Gregory D'Ambrosio, Frederick T. Jones & Helen Burke Jones* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

Sunday (3/13) *Daylight Saving Time Begins*

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)

9:00am **IC** *Elaine Murphy* (Fr. McLaughlin)

10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)

11:30am **IC** *Laurine Sullivan, Ron Sylvester* (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

In your prayers, please remember Nathan Bowzer, Rocco Fosillo Jr., and all the faithful departed.

The priests' schedule is subject to change without notice.

IC—Immaculate Conception, Newburyport

Nativity—Merrimac

St. Ann—West Newbury

Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast online through our website:

hriccatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).



Collaborative Baptisms

We rejoice with the families of our new brothers and sisters who received the Sacrament of Baptism in February.

**Cameron Louis Breton • Charlotte Anne Daly
Griffin Michael Dwyer • Hunter Jack Gigliotti
Kennedy Michele Julia Mead • Samuel Christopher Mead • George Christopher Zeid
Oliver Abe Zeid • Sara Barbara Zeid**

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin once again the ancient season of Lent in our Church's liturgical year, entering into a time of penance, prayer, and preparation for Easter. Even Jesus had a Lenten experience, so-to-speak. Our Gospel from Luke speaks of the Lord enduring a 40-day period of fasting in the desert as a precursor to confronting the many temptations that would follow. We don't often think of Jesus undergoing temptation in any serious way. He was God, had armies of angels at His beck and call and was constantly casting out demons from others, so what real chance did the devil have to confound Him with a few measly little temptations for food, power, or a premature demonstration of supernatural gifts? Jesus would have many opportunities for all of the above in the months ahead during His earthly ministry. Why would He give in to temptation and prematurely embrace any of these?

For the same reason that you and I might. We must remember that Jesus was fully God, but also fully human. Which means that He experienced every aspect of our human life in every way that we do, except for sin. Which means that He felt the draw and craving of temptation in every way that we do: the obsessive calculations and rationalizations that seek to justify one tiny little shortcut, the pining for satisfying human desires, the cravings of hunger, the enticement toward lust, the false justification to meet evil with anything less than love, the pull to oversimplify the inherently complex human systems of governance and authority, the attraction to rely on the magical over and above the normal, sober day-to-day solutions to today's problems. Yes, Jesus no doubt felt it all. He never surrendered to any of these moments to follow a path other than God's, yet their wily power and subtle deceptions were fully at play in Jesus' humanity. All the more so, in His weakened condition following many days and long nights of deprivation.

Yet He never gave in, never sinned. So, Jesus' time in the desert is a model for us in our own battles with sin and temptation. The formula for success is really quite simple: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Jesus spent long hours at prayer in deep and personal conversation with God His Father. We can do this too. Our prayer doesn't have reach the eloquence of the saints or win any Pulitzer Prize for prose, it only needs to be honest, direct, and from the heart. It doesn't need to be lengthy or cover every topic under the sun, it only needs to say what is most important at that moment. It doesn't need to be heard by anyone other than God, doesn't need to be even whispered as God can hear the quietest stirring of the human soul. Prayer is our first defense against any temptation because it connects us to the very source of our strength in Jesus Christ. If we are genuinely offering ourselves to the Lord in prayer and intently listening to what God has to say in return, we are much less likely to be distracted by another, disingenuous voice.

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, March 7

AA Meeting 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

Women at the Well Mtg. 6:30pm, IC Charity Dining Room

Tuesday, March 8

Breaking Bread Takeout-Only Meal 4:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Confirmation Prep., Year 1 6:45pm, Nativity Hall

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

Wednesday, March 9

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, March 10

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Consecration to St. Joseph Mtg. 8:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Friday, March 11

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

IC Stations of the Cross 5:15pm, IC Church

HR Simple Supper 5:15pm, Nativity Hall

IC Simple Supper 5:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

HR Stations of the Cross 6:00pm, Nativity Church

AA Meeting 7:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, March 12

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, March 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins

RCIA 9:30am, IC Conference Room 209

Faith Formation Classes 10:00am, IC Parish Center

IC Confirmation Prep., Year 2 3:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

Synod on Synodality Meeting



A reminder to join us for our in-person Meeting on Sunday, **March 6** at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the **Synod on Synodality**.

Please take the survey: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=iBfEyKWqKUWfyFrvXnpuTGC4fVPKzY1Gt2urlL_VgudUOFc1RVpLVVdYVIZUUUpBWVZJSDY3UDhUVC4u

<https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/document/common/vademecum/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf>

Please read the preparatory document:

<https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/document/common/vademecum/Vademecum-EN-A4.pdf>

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are a parishioner in the Collaborative and want assistance with grocery store runs, prescription pick ups, meal deliveries, or just receiving a call or note from us to cheer your day, please call the Collaborative offices at **978-462-2724** or **978-346-8604 (ext. 1000)** and let us know how we can help.

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Jesus gave over a substantial period of time to fasting, where He disciplined His body to accept hardship and placed the natural, carnal cravings below the needs of the spirit. It's not that food is bad nor is it ever improper to care for the needs of the body. But there is more to life than what we experience in the flesh. It can be far too easy to drift along in life ricocheting from one yearning to another, from this craving to the next. Sin and temptation can get subtly woven into the constant movement from one desire to another. If we are used to always satisfying and attending to the longings of the body, it can become difficult to near-impossible to discern what is a true need and what is merely a passing want. Fasting is a wake-up call to look at our human needs in a more honest way and to see the presence of the Divine in the midst of the mundane. We don't have to go the whole 40 days without food to realize some benefit from this ascetical practice. A missed meal here and there, a day or two every once and a while devoted to light meals, an occasional day of fast will work wonders to refocus our true dependence on God alone for grace and life. It need not even be food that we give up, it could be something else that fills our time or occupies our attention. Fasting from TV, the internet, social media, video gaming and even excessive time spent at work can be fruitful if done in the right spirit.

Almsgiving is something that Jesus practiced throughout the Gospel stories in His encounters with the those in need. To begin with, He met their gaze and looked upon them as people. He avoided the temptation to look away or walk on past. Even if they were considered unclean or outcasts in His society, Jesus embraced them as brothers and sisters, upholding their God-given dignity. He loved them exactly as they were, without demanding changes. He even respected them so much as to ask them what He could do for them, rather than presuming to know the answer. Although there is no indication in the Gospels that the Lord walked around carrying money, He gave of Himself what He had—His love and His grace. That was sufficient to bring hope, heal disease, cure the sick, drive out that which is unclean and restore that which was lost. Jesus' mission to give alms is to make everything whole, perhaps the greatest social justice project of all times! Nothing was ignored—not the individual, not their family and friends, not their village, not His society and world. Nothing less than total healing and restoration would suffice. And that, He accomplished, on the Cross.

So, this Lent, let us together as community of faith and individually as disciples take a good long, hard look at where and when we experience temptations. Let us use this time well to recommit ourselves to doing the time-tested things that rend our hearts closer to God and help us to walk more gracefully towards the great celebration of the Lord's Resurrection this Easter. Let us be all about the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that strengthens our resolve to follow the Lord more closely and with greater integrity. Let us embrace this penitential season with hope and joy.

Lenten Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

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Collaborative Lenten Offerings

Here are some activities the Collaborative is sponsoring.

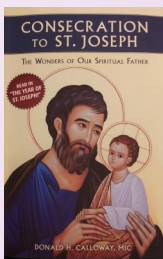
Consecration to St. Joseph

All are welcome to a 33 day, at-home retreat with weekly meetings during Lent

Weekly meetings will provide "fellowship" with parishioners plus their unique perspectives on how the piety of their "at home retreat" is blessing them!

Thursdays through April 7, 8:00–8:45 p.m., IC St. Louis Hall, 1st floor

For more details and to reserve your copy of the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, please RSVP to kofc231@gmail.com.



Stations of the Cross and Simple Supper

Holy Redeemer Parish

Fridays during Lent at Church of the Nativity
Simple Supper is served at 5:15 p.m. in the hall
Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the church

Immaculate Conception Parish

Fridays during Lent at IC Church
Stations of the Cross begin at 5:15 p.m. in the church
Simple Supper will follow, around 5:45 p.m. in St. Louis Hall

Lenten Penance Services

Monday, March 28, 7:00–8:00 p.m., Church of the Nativity

Monday, April 4, 7:00–8:00 p.m., St. Ann Church

Monday, April 11 (Holy Week), 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church

We also offer individual Confessions every Saturday from 3:00–3:30 at IC. No appointment necessary.

Adoration

Thursdays, 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church

Fridays, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 noon, IC Church (Unless there is a funeral scheduled for that day. Please check the Collaborative calendar for changes.)

Online Resources

Visit our website for more resources: hricatholic.org/lent-2022.

Lent Family Festival

March 6, 10:00–11:30 a.m., IC Pastoral Center

This event is sponsored by and is an important aspect of Faith Formation for those enrolled but any parish family is also invited to attend, even if not enrolled this year.

Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving

LENT FAMILY FESTIVAL
MARCH 6
IC PASTORAL CENTER
10:00–11:30 A.M.



WHILE FAMILY FESTIVALS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR ALL ENROLLED FAMILIES, ALL PARISH COLLABORATIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND LEARN MORE ABOUT FOSTERING DEEPER PRAYER, FASTING, AND GIVING IN YOUR HOMES DURING THIS SPECIAL SEASON.

Lenten Guidelines

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. (When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.) Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Mask Requirement Update

As of March 2022, the mask requirement in the Archdiocese of Boston has been lifted. We recommend that one be worn at the discretion of each person. Those distributing Holy Communion will still wear a mask for that moment. Additionally, we will continue to maintain sections in each of our churches where parishioners may sit more distant from each other.

Personal Directed Lenten Retreat

Jesus calls us to "take up our daily cross and follow him" (Lk 9:23). How will you respond?

Consider a Personal Directed Lenten Retreat that reflects and supports your spiritual practices and your unique relationship with God for your Lenten journey.

What cross are you carrying, what unmet needs are you experiencing, what losses or trials are you suffering, what desires are you holding in your heart?

During Lent, accompany Jesus as he carries his cross. Bring your cross, needs, suffering, and desires to Jesus as you ponder his own time of suffering and trial. A personal directed retreat may support and guide you to share deeply with Jesus his salvific suffering, know and accept his love and healing, and express your love for him. Deepening love and trust in Jesus may strengthen you to take up your cross each day and follow him.

Retreat can begin any time during Lent.

Retreat Closes: April 13.

You may schedule direction sessions throughout Lent as desired and at your own pace. We will meet via telephone or Zoom on a day and time convenient for you. During the first session we explore your focus for Lent. I will provide related material for prayer and reflection and meet with you for four additional one-hour individual sessions of Spiritual Direction during Lent as we are led by the Holy Spirit.

Please Call Elizabeth McCarthy, Certified Spiritual Director: (978) 462-7483 to register or for additional information. Suggested donation: \$80.00

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Confessions

We offer Confessions Saturdays from **3:00–3:30 p.m.** at IC Church. No appointment needed. Confessions are also available at other times and places during the week by appointment only. For more information or to schedule a time for Confession, contact our Collaborative offices at (978) 346-8604 or (978) 462-2724.

Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

ENGAGE & FORMED

We have a treasure chest of online faith formation resources available free to all in the HRIC community. We encourage you to take full advantage of these resources.

To access the resources of Word on Fire's **ENGAGE**, register at flocknote.com/hriccollaborative or by texting "HRIC" to 84576.

To access **FORMED**, visit formed.org, click "Sign up," then "I belong to a parish or organization" and type in "Holy Redeemer Immaculate Conception Collaborative" to log in.

Prayers for the Sick

May the comfort and healing of Christ embrace all in our Collaborative who are suffering from illness, especially:

Priscilla Brown
Susan Gerroir
Charmaine Haan
Hillar Haan
Joe Messina
Vincent Oberhofer
Maureen Russell

Rob Schweitzer
Mary Shachok
Ruth Sullivan
Mark Thibeault
Michael Tucker
Jim Williamson

Contact the Collaborative offices to add someone to or remove someone from our prayer list: 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What temptations do you think most lead modern people away from God?

Child: When you feel tempted to do the wrong thing, what do you do?

The Sacrament of the Sick

The **Anointing of the Sick** is one of the seven Sacraments of our Church and is administered by a priest for healing and inner wholeness. Those who are seriously ill, elderly, or are entering the hospital can request to be anointed. Due to varied schedules and availability, it may not always be possible for a priest to come on short notice to offer the Sacrament, therefore it is strongly recommended that you request the Anointing of the Sick *before* going in for a hospital stay, upon entering a nursing home, or at the beginning of hospice care. Please call Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

New Office Hours

Office hours at IC Parish Center are M–F 9:00–3:30.



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RECOVERY

HOSTED BY *Corey Beaver*
INTERVENTIONIST & RECOVERY COACH

New Hope Family Support Group

First & Third Wednesday of every month

New Hope
Family Support
Group

Immaculate Conception
442 Green Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

St. Louis Hall at 7:00 PM
1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on the website:

1. Go to our website (hriccatholic.org).
2. Click on the live-stream map on the homepage
3. You will be directed to the live stream page. Click the image to begin the video.

To watch our live-stream Masses on Facebook:

1. Go to our Facebook page (facebook.com/hriccatholic/)
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

IC Haiti

If you would like to contribute to IC Haiti, please mail checks to **IC Haiti, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA. 01950. Checks should be made out to "IC Haiti."**

May the Lord continue to bless our ongoing efforts to support the people of Haiti. We thank Him for offering us a ministry of service to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Adoration

Join us for Adoration at IC Church.

Note: enter at Green Street door only.

Thursdays: 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Fridays: 9:30 a.m.*

*Note: If a Friday funeral is scheduled, or in the absence of a presider, IC Church will remain open for "Sacred Silence" only. Check the HRIC calendar online for updated information. The calendar link can be found on our website: hriccatholic.org.



Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' website at bible.usccb.org. Praying with the Scriptures daily is a wonderful way to deepen our relationship with Our Lord and to discern how best to serve God as an intentional disciple of Christ.



(The free App "**Laudate**" allows you to access the daily Scripture readings on your cell phone.)

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, Feb. 26–27 **\$1,048.00**
 Church Around the World, Feb. 26–27 **\$ 410.00**
 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Feb. 25 **\$ 558.00**

No second collection this weekend (March 6). The second collection next weekend (March 13) is the Monthly.

If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to

Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

HR Grand Annual
 Goal \$25,000
 To Date \$20,350



Stations of the Cross at HR



The 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on Friday March 11 at Nativity will be lead by Ed Madden. A “simple supper” of spinach squares and salad will be served in the hall starting at 5:15 p.m. All are welcome. No reservations needed!

HR Prayer Shawl

If you know of anyone who needs a prayer shawl, please contact Helen hvktax@aol.com or 978-771-4673. If you know the address that we can deliver to, maybe a favorite color, that would be helpful but not necessary. We will not intrude at this difficult time but simply leave it at their door.

Raffle Tickets to Benefit HR SVdP Society



Take a chance at winning a 50/50 raffle, golf foursomes, restaurant gift certificates, autographed sports memorabilia and yoga classes. All tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. We will also be raffling off two tickets to see The WHO at TD Garden on May 18. Tickets for concert chances will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00.

Raffle tickets can be purchased after all HR Masses on March 26–27 and April 2–3. Please support our adult hockey tournament to benefit the Holy Redeemer St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Visit our website to purchase tickets online: <https://shamrockshootout.wordpress.com/>.

Raffle winners will be drawn at the hockey tournament on April 2–3 at the Haverhill High School rink. Winners need not be present. Admission to the tournament is free.

HR Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Baptism

No Baptisms will be taking place during the season of Lent. We will resume our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at IC Church beginning in May at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. We would be unable to help our local clients without your assistance. All donations go directly to those in need.

There are addressed SVdP envelopes in at both churches. Please place donations into the envelopes and either mail or place the envelopes in the collection. You can also place donations in the poor boxes at the back of each church. The boxes are emptied on a regular basis.

Make checks out to HR SVdP and mail to HR SVdP, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

HR Online Giving

To get started you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish. Registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

To learn more visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the “Links” tab, then “HR Parish Online Giving” to get to the site. Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant at 978-462-2724 x7404.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, Feb. 26–27 **\$3,754.00**
 Church Around the World, Feb. 26–27 **\$ 761.00**
 Mailed in Offertory, week ending Feb. 25 **\$1,717.00**

The second collection this weekend (March 6) is *Utility and Energy*. The second collection next weekend (March 13) is the *Monthly*.

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Breaking Bread to-go Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner which is currently **take out only** and is distributed at the entrance to the IC Parish Center from 4:30–5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

IC Online Giving

Immaculate Conception Parish provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly) donation.

To get started, register as a member of Immaculate Conception Parish if you are not yet registered. Forms are available in the foyer of the church or at the parish office.

Once registered, visit our website, hriccatholic.org and click the "Links" tab, then click on "IC Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are four different funds you can choose to contribute to.

If you manage your other bills online, why not give to your Church online? It is safe and secure and you get to decide exactly when and to where your gift will be made.

Questions? Contact Linda Temple, HRIC Administrative Assistant 978-462-2724 x7404.

Immaculate Conception School



Developing leadership qualities in our students is an important component to the educational experience at Immaculate Conception School. Leadership was a central theme to the February 18 school-wide Mass led by members of the IC athletic teams. In his homily, Father George talked about the qualities that leaders have and the important role they play. Students were, for the first time in two years, seated with their Church Buddies. The IC Buddy Program pairs younger and older students for purposeful opportunities of leadership and friendship across the ages. Students' participation in monthly masses is an impactful opportunity for students of all ages to practice leadership and public speaking while embracing the Catholic faith.



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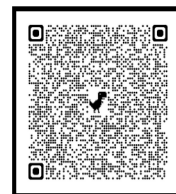
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IC PARISH

IC Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation.

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2021–22 schedule for those children entering Grades K–8 has been posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Registration forms are also available. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Registration forms as well as schedules for those children who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist have been posted to the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Baptism

No Baptisms will be taking place during the season of Lent. We will resume our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month here at IC beginning in May at 1:30 p.m. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the 2021–22 Confirmation Prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 has been posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with questions or email Aaron agiard@hriccatholic.org or Melinda burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Consolers Circle Meal

The IC community offers a light meal to families who have lost a loved one. The meal is provided by volunteers and is held in St. Louis Hall following the funeral Mass. Our hall holds up to 75 people, and there is no charge for this service. Donations are accepted. Please let the funeral director know that you request this service when making arrangements.

St. Mary's Cemetery

Immaculate Conception Parish owns and operates a private cemetery located on Storey Avenue. St. Mary's Cemetery is a 35-acre cemetery with consecrated grounds that provides tranquility and peacefulness at those difficult times that we all are faced with. Please visit the parish cemetery and you will find the cemetery to be well-managed and maintained. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination. Call Joseph Viel, Superintendent, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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Winter Weather Mass Cancellations



Due to the hazards of travel and the safety of priests and parishioners alike, this winter, daily Mass within the Collaborative will be cancelled if either Pentucket Regional or Newburyport Public schools are cancelled because of inclement weather. Any Faith Formation classes will also be cancelled on such days. WBZ Chanel 4 will have the updated school cancellation information. It is also available on their website at boston.cbslocal.com.

In severe situations, it may also be necessary for safety reasons to cancel weekend Masses. Please watch WBZ or consult their website for cancellation information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. In all things, God gave us the gifts of wisdom, reason, and prudence. Let's use them wisely this winter and exercise sound judgment when considering going out in severe weather.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina

We welcome all members of our Collaborative community to join us each Wednesday 6:00–7:00 p.m. via Zoom for 30 minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God and surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives, and 30 minutes of reading Sacred Scripture in group Lectio Divina. Both practices strengthen our faith and reliance on God and deepen our personal relationship with God. For more information, please call Elizabeth McCarthy, 978-462-7483.

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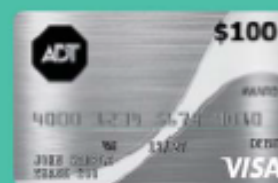
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