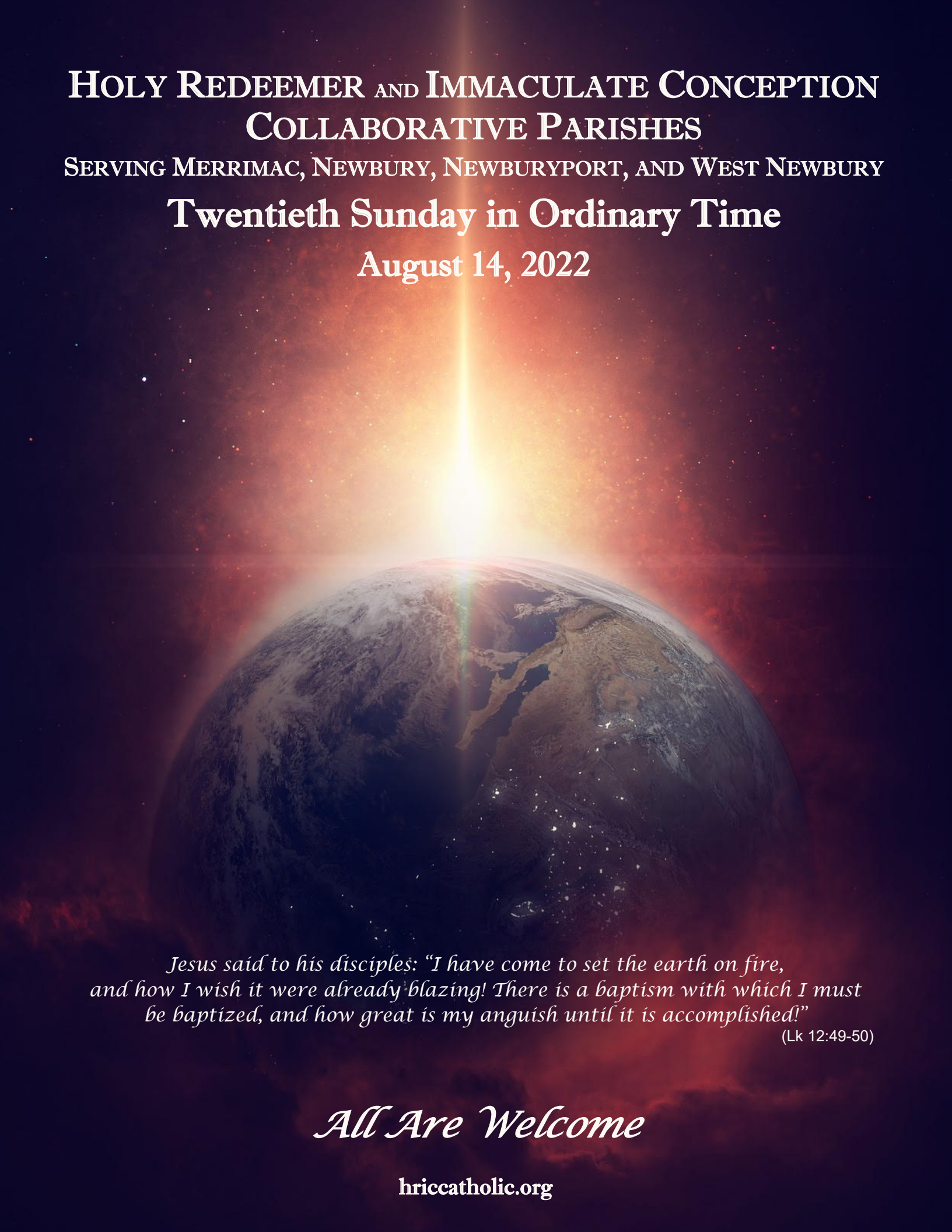


# HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022



*Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire,  
and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must  
be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"*

(Lk 12:49-50)

*All Are Welcome*

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serving Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport & West Newbury

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

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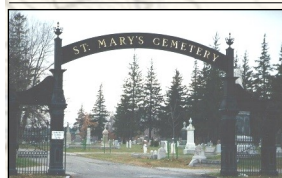
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 Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception  
Collaborative Parishes

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (8/13)

4:00pm **IC** Joseph Cote, Jack Graham, Jack Walsh, Jack Grealish, Anna DiGiovanni (Fr. Morin)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

### Sunday (8/14)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)  
9:00am **IC** David Sheppard (Fr. O'Brien)  
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
11:00am **IC** John Murray, Lucien (Nick) & Helen Ebacher, Mary Ann Crockett, Lillian Crockett, Kathleen Lormon (Fr. O'Brien)

### Monday (8/15)

9:00am **IC** JoAnne Grella (Fr. McLaughlin)

### Tuesday (8/16)

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

### Wednesday (8/17)

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

### Thursday (8/18)

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

### Friday (8/19)

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

### Saturday (8/20)

4:00pm **IC** Mary Ann Crockett, for the intentions of Brian Wichroski, William Moore, Oscar & Bob (Fr. McLaughlin)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

### Sunday (8/21)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Morin)  
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)  
10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin)  
11:00am **IC** Matthew Corbett, Rene & Irene McCarthy (Fr. McLaughlin)

*In your prayers, please remember Robin Merluzzi 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](http://hriccatholic.org) and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

## Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Because the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Monday this year, it is **NOT** a holy day of obligation in the United States. We will be honoring this Solemnity on August 15 at the regular 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Newburyport for those wishing to celebrate this feast.



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## From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

As I am writing this, the thermometer is reading 97 degrees. Jesus said in today's Gospel passage that He has come to set the world on fire...well, part of me wants to shout out, "Cool it, Jesus! The world is hot enough!"

Cool it, Jesus.

All references to climate change and summer heat put aside, we do sometimes want to tell Jesus to cool it, don't we? I mean, we like the nice gentle, moderate Jesus, right? The one who offers nice platitudes and beatitudes and fortitudes...No?! We recall the images of the good shepherd leading his flock to springs of lifegiving water, the Jesus whose yoke is easy and burden light, the Isaiahan servant who won't quench the smoldering wick or snap off the bruised reed. We like Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life; Jesus the babe born at Bethlehem, the Jesus who tells funny parables about weeds and wheat, fig trees and mustard seeds, good Samaritans and prodigal sons. We love the Jesus who walks on water and occasionally turns the ubiquitous stuff into wine! Now that's the Jesus I want to get to know better! Mellow Jesus. Kind Jesus. Loving Jesus. Chill Jesus.

Go to the Gospels yourselves and you will find all of the above. It's all true, all real, all accurate. Jesus was all of this and more.

But in that "more," you will also find a fiery, passionate, hot-tempered, zealous, practically fanatical Jesus who absolutely obsessed with proclaiming a Kingdom that was already coming, already here...where sin and evil would have no place, where nothing and no one could get in the way of God's purifying will. This Incendiary Jesus had no problem causing division in the name of the truth. He did not shy away from insulting the Pharisees and Sadducees, the Scribes and the Temple leadership. He had no use for Pilates and Herods, kings and procurators. He had no issue with dividing even the most tight-knit of families in their choice to follow Him or not. "Let the dead bury their dead, but you! Come follow me!" Now! Right now! He overturned money-changers' tables, scattered oxen, made a whip of cords and drove the merchants from the Temple. There was an immediacy to His message and an uncompromising urgency that absolutely nothing get in the way of genuine discipleship. Tabasco Jesus! Habanero Jesus! Fire-in-the-belly Jesus! Laser-focused Jesus! Hutzpah Jesus!

Jesus was such a firebrand that even His disciples would try to tell Him to lighten-up from time to time..., only to earn a sharp rebuke or reproach. "Get behind me, Satan!" He once growled at Peter when he tried to dissuade Him from talking about His impending suffering and death. No doubt that even Judas was embracing a less-caustic version of who the Lord truly was.

And so lies the danger for all of us today. Do we want a watered-down version of Jesus Christ in our lives, or do we want the whole Lord—fire and ice—gentle shepherd and

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

Visit [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) to view our online calendar.

### Monday, August 15

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

Laudato Si' Lecture 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

### Tuesday, August 16

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

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

### Wednesday, August 17

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

### Thursday, August 18

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

### Friday, August 19

Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

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

### Saturday, August 20

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

### Sunday, August 21

RCIA Session 10:00am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

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emblazoned leader—ardent evangelist and loving savior—all at once? Because, here's the thing: there was only one Jesus, one Lord, one Savior. Jesus was all of the above in all of its seeming incongruity. Yet the Lord was not schizophrenic or cursed with a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality complex. He was simply truly God and truly human. He was genuine and complex in every way that we are, embodying the sublime presence of a transcendent God.

To truly know Him and become an authentic disciple, we must welcome all of these varied "moments" of Christ into our lives. Our God-made-flesh must be 3-dimensional and real, lifelike and life-giving. And for that to happen, we cannot settle with seeing only one part of our Redeemer and shunning the other, disturbing, challenging and unsettling aspects. Jesus came not to bring peace in any way that the world measures it, but rather to set things ablaze that hearts may be rendered and sins forgiven. All is at stake in this struggle to know Him.

Let us not settle for a bland, milquetoast savior, but instead open ourselves to the life-altering task of reconciling within our hearts the many seemingly paradoxical faces of Christ in our response to His searing love. So..., Kaleidoscope Jesus, Polychromatic Jesus, Prismatic Jesus, Multiverse Jesus, Full-Spectrum Jesus, Symphonic Jesus...

Jesus.

Know Him and live!

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

## Laudato Si'



The Laudato Si' group will be hosting its monthly talk on Monday, August 15 at 6:30 in IC St. Louis Hall. This month's talk will be on climate change and drought. All are welcome to attend.

## Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our website:

1. Go to our website ([hriccatholic.org](http://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/](https://facebook.com/hriccatholic/))
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

## HRIC Pastoral Council

A couple of weeks ago a member of our Pastoral Council spoke about the Council at all our Liturgies. They spoke about our need to have more parishioners volunteer to have their name placed in the basket where names will be selected to begin new terms on the Council. There has been a notice in the bulletin for the last month or so giving you some information on the Council. If you are interested or would like to nominate another parishioner please send an email to [jimwilliamson35@gmail.com](mailto:jimwilliamson35@gmail.com) before August 15, listing the name and email address of the nominee.

## Collaborative Faith Formation

All Faith Formation schedules and registration forms are posted on our website at [www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation).

### School Year Programs

School year Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation schedules and registration forms are now available on the website at ([hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation](http://hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation)). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron ([agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org)) or Melinda ([burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org)).

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist

Preparation for these sacraments will begin again with the start of the new school year program.

### Baptism

We have resumed our schedule of celebrating this sacrament the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information.

### Confirmation

Information regarding the 2022-23 fall Confirmation prep schedule for grades 9 and 10 is now available along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org). Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron ([agiard@hriccatholic.org](mailto:agiard@hriccatholic.org)) or Melinda ([burrell@hriccatholic.org](mailto:burrell@hriccatholic.org)).

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## IC Haiti



Summer school project at the  
Fr. Marc Piché Elementary School in Puit Chacha, Haiti.

Back in 2009 when a number of IC parishioners formed a nonprofit charitable organization to help the people of Haiti, they called the organization **IC Haiti**. The "IC" both identified our parish and stood for the words "I see." Other parishioners were quickly and kindly invited to **see** the impoverished Haitian people as well. And so, IC Haiti, through the generosity of IC parishioners and other kind supporters, has generously served the community of Puit Chacha for the past thirteen years, providing funding for an elementary school, a well for drinking water, a hot lunch program for the school children, tuition for those pursuing a secondary level education, a dental program, hurricane and earthquake relief, and anti-virus healthcare resources through St. Boniface Hospital. IC Haiti will continue to "see" the needs of our brothers and sisters in Haiti for we also see that our sustained support continues to offer them hope.

In the Parable of the Last Judgement in the 25th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, Our Lord says to those who have been welcomed into the kingdom of heaven "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's second collection and to all who continue to support IC Haiti's mission.

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."**

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Name a time when you did not take the easy road.

**Child:** Following Jesus is not always easy. Sometimes we have to make hard choices to do what is right. Have you had that happen?

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown  
Pat Connolly  
Bill Crounse  
Ann-Margaret Ferrante  
Jeanine Ebacher Fowler  
Charmaine Haan  
Hillar Haan  
Jay Hanslig  
Terence Healey

Sam Kitchen  
Lori Ouellette  
Maureen Russell  
Rob Schweizer  
Yvonne Sloban  
Ruth Sullivan  
Michael Tucker  
Jack Vinci

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

## 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

# CORI time

SEPTEMBER 10-11

We will be sponsoring a "CORI Blitz" after all Masses for all volunteers, new and returning, on September 10-11, 2022.

For your convenience we will have tables set up that weekend for all volunteers to stop by and fill out their yearly CORI forms for 2023.

The Archdiocese of Boston requires that all volunteers in the church who are 18 years of age and older fill out a CORI form every year. We appreciate the cooperation of all those required to complete the CORI and we particularly thank you for keeping the pledge to protect those among us who are most vulnerable.



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## 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.

### women at the well

Do you ever feel like there must be something more than your day-to-day routine? Seeking a way to connect to other faith-centered women in the midst of a busy work, social or parenting life? Or maybe you're just searching for a new way to regularly meet and connect with Jesus.

Welcome to Women at the Well: A weekly Bible Study for women seeking to grow closer to God and cultivate community! We meet **Mondays 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

In-person: IC Charity Dining Room and Zoom: Email [hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com](mailto:hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com) for the link.

*If you are unable to make it to every meeting, please do not worry! This group is designed to allow you to drop in whenever you are able to join us, no pre-reading necessary from week to week.*

### Adoration: Come & Be

Did you know that Adoration is the 21st century grace that releases the same impelling gift of the Holy Spirit—as Jesus promised? See the rays of fire (cast in gold) with Jesus abiding among us in a monstrosity as our Guest throughout Adoration. He is present & will hear the private intentions of your heart. Please Come & Be. We're keeping IC Church open for you every Thursday from 7pm-8pm. No instruction necessary. Just bask in dusky silence, candlelight, and expectant graces.



Enter from Green Street only, please.

**Place:** IC Church

**Time:** Thursdays: 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

Also: Fridays 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

**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](http://hriccatholic.org).

### 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.

### First Parish Newbury Food Pantry Benefit Concert

The Essex Ensemble, directed by local resident and food pantry volunteer Andrew Price and featuring top-tier musicians from several of Boston's most highly regarded orchestras, will perform on August 27 from 6–8 p.m. at Maudslay Arts Center (Maudslay State Park, 95 Curzon Mill Rd, Newburyport) to benefit the First Parish Newbury Food Pantry's mission to end food insecurity in the region.

The First Parish Newbury Food Pantry is the largest all-volunteer food pantry in the greater Newburyport area serving the communities of Newbury, Newburyport, Byfield, West Newbury, Salisbury, Amesbury, Rowley, Ipswich, and Georgetown. They fulfill orders for over 400 people each Friday.

Patrons are encouraged to bring a picnic to the concert. There will be non-alcoholic beverages and desserts available. Reserved table seats are \$50 per person in tables of 3 or 4. Lawn tickets (bring your own blanket or chair) are \$30. Children under 12 are free. Whether you choose to sit at a patio table or on a blanket under the stars, every seat offers excellent acoustics.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Parking at Maudslay Arts Center is limited to vehicles with handicapped stickers. Regular parking is at the main Maudslay State Park lot which has free parking after 5:30 p.m. Ushers will be on hand to direct you.

To purchase concert tickets visit First Parish Newbury Food Pantry website at [newburyfoodpantry.org](http://newburyfoodpantry.org) or Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-concert-to-benefit-the-first-parish-newbury-food-pantry-tickets-387659689567?aff=erelexpmit>

### Virtual Rosary



Join us for recitation of the rosary live on Facebook twice every week. Pray along with us and add your intentions in the comments on Facebook. [www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/)

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.**

### Bulletin Information

Email all bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to [hricbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:hricbulletin@gmail.com).

### Foster Care

**Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?**



[mass.gov/foster-care](http://mass.gov/foster-care) | 1-800-kids-505

There is a need for foster homes in our area to provide children a supportive and healing home during a difficult time. Learn more from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) about Foster Care and Adopting through Foster Care.

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/upcoming-foster-careadoption-informational-meetings>



# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, August 6–7 **\$1,495.00**  
 IC Haiti, August 6–7 **\$ 995.00**  
 Mailed in Offertory, week ending August 5 **\$ 894.00**

The second collection this weekend (Aug. 14) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Aug. 21) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Holy Redeemer Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

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](http://hriccatholic.org/hr-online-giving).



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## Catholic TV

Visit [www.catholic.tv](http://www.catholic.tv) for a schedule of the latest program details on America's Catholic Television Network.

## We Are Making Progress, but Greeters Are Still Needed

We have had some people volunteer as greeters to welcome Mass-goers, but we could still use a few more.

High school students as well as adults are welcome for this position. In particular, we need folks to greet at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both Nativity and St. Ann.

This little task simply involves smiling and saying hello, handing out bulletins, or perhaps giving directions to the restroom or the ramp.

Would you like to help? Please contact Sue Noyes at [susanjnoyes@gmail.com](mailto:susanjnoyes@gmail.com).

## HR Prayer Shawl

Prayer shawls are given freely as a gift. If you know of anyone needing the comfort of a prayer shawl or lapghan or you would like to give one to a friend, relative, or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673 or [hvktax@aol.com](mailto:hvktax@aol.com).



We're back to meeting in person! Come join us. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. **Our next meeting is Thursday, September 1. Join us!**

## HR Activities Committee Updates

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. All are welcome to join us.

- **Welcome Back Dinner** Saturday, September 10 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in Merrimac.
- **Holiday Fair** Saturday, November 19 in Merrimac.

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your continued generosity to the HR Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society  
 4 Green Street  
 Merrimac, MA 01860

## HR Online Giving

Holy Redeemer now provides Online Giving—a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or a recurring (weekly or monthly) donation. Getting started is easy—you need to be a registered member of Holy Redeemer Parish community. Parish registration forms are available on the website or contact the parish office.

Once you register with the parish, or if you are already a registered parishioner, visit our website, [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then on "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site. There are three different funds you can contribute to: Offertory, Monthly, and Grand Annual.

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## Mass Scripture Readings

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

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## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, August 6-7 **\$5,644.00**  
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 Mailed in Offertory, week ending August 5 **\$3,170.00**

The second collection this weekend (Aug. 14) is the Monthly. The second collection next weekend (Aug. 21) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to Immaculate Conception Parish with the second collection noted in the memo.

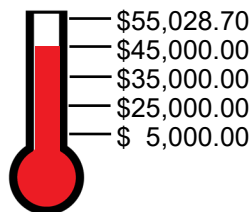
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Over the years we have continued to hold regular collections for ongoing church maintenance. This has been to cover all kinds of various repairs and upkeep that our older buildings are in constant need of. In the coming weeks, we will be engaging contractors to work on repairing, painting, and sealing the upper trim and brick facades of the church in addition to adding snow screens to help prevent falling ice and snow from injuring people as it melts and comes off the roof. Additionally, we be installing supplemental heat pump units to augment the HVAC systems in the foyer and sacristy of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our ongoing maintenance collections. We hope that you see your contributions being put to good use to help maintain the beauty, safety, and functionality of our parish buildings and grounds.

## 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.

## IC St. Vincent de Paul



If you know someone living in Newbury/ Newburyport who needs assistance, please suggest that they call our **help line 978-518-0728**. We are ready to assist.

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IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks all who contribute on a regular basis through the collections, mail-in contributions, and the Poor Box in the church. Your ongoing assistance adds up in a big way and allows us to continue our work to those in need. Thank you!

### 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!

### SVdP Volunteers from IC attend Community Event

Recently, the Newburyport Senior Center presented "Know your Newburyport Community." Some of our SVdP members set up a table at the event to spread the word about the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the services we offer.



Our Vincentians, L to R:  
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## Knights of Columbus



All men of the Collaborative, 18 years or older, are welcome to join the Knights.

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For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email [kofc231@gmail.com](mailto:kofc231@gmail.com).



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## Free Hair Cuts



Donna Koen, an IC parishioner and licensed hairdresser for over 30 years, is offering free hair cuts to anyone in need. She is willing to travel to your home. Her number is (978) 998-9219. This is a service she has been offering for years for the Newburyport Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is happy to help our parishioners who are in need.

## New Hope Family Support Group

This support group is designed to help others navigate relationships with loved ones dealing with addiction.

The group is free and open to all.

**Location:** IC St. Louis Hall

**Day and time:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:00 p.m.

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## Newburyport Choral Society

The Newburyport Choral Society (NCS) welcomes all local choral enthusiasts to its community-wide “Summer Sing” on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Harris Street, in Newburyport.

Led by NCS Music Director Ryan Turner, this year’s Summer Sing will include Antonio Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, and John Rutter’s *When Icicles Hang*. Soloists for the evening will be Vanessa Naghdi, soprano, and Katherine Maysek, mezzo-soprano. Kirsten Helgeland will be the featured accompanist.

All are welcome to come and sing with us or simply listen. Sheet music will be provided, but if you have the music for either of the two works, please do bring it along.

To provide maximum protection, all participants will need to have proof of Covid vaccination and boosters, as well as a high-quality, well-fitting N95 or KF94 mask. This event will be approximately one hour in duration.

For more information, visit [newburyportchoralsociety.org](http://newburyportchoralsociety.org).

## The Compassionate Friends



The Compassionate Friends provides support for bereaved families after the loss of a child, grandchild, or sibling—any age, any cause. Visit our website [tcfnewburyport.org](http://tcfnewburyport.org).

Our next monthly support meeting is **July 25** in the IC Parish Center, Room 209 from 7:30–9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara with questions: 978-697-1349 or 617-410-6309, or [barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajhopkinson@gmail.com). Barbara is also an Advanced Certified GRM (Grief Recovery Method) specialist and founder of A Butterfly’s Journey nonprofit. She offers 1-on-1 or group classes in GRM, the only evidence-based methodology for grief.

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