

Catholic Weymouth

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Sunday, February 21, 2021

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Mass Times

Immaculate Conception

Saturday 4:00pm, Sunday 9:00am
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am

Saint Jerome

Sunday 7:30am, 10:30am and 5:00pm
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Immaculate Conception
Saturday 3-3:45pm



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

MASS Intentions

Saturday, February 20

Gary Zumbahlen, 4th Anniversary

Sunday, February 21

Michael Ritz

Tuesday, February 23

Matthew Lyons

Thursday, February 25

Agnes DeMaso

Saturday, February 27

Joseph Martell, 3rd Anniversary

Sunday, February 28

Geraldine DeRusha, 1st Anniversary



Sunday, February 21

Henry P. Mahoney, 51st Anniversary

Sister Jane Ann Houlihan

Robert Christmas, 1st Anniversary

Monday, February 22

Marie T. Connelly

Wednesday, February 24

Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 26

Rosemary Moore

Sunday, February 28

Maria Estella Rosso de Sanchez, Anniversary

Bob and Claire Tufts, Memorial

Vincente Tran Kim Oanh

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



Annual Contribution Statements for 2020 will be available upon request. Please call the parish office (781-337-0380) and leave your name and envelope number or email your request to office@catholicweymouth.org. Thank you.

**Memorial Gifts for the Week
February 21, 2021**
*The Hosts, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Light
have been donated in loving remembrance of
Robert E. Wright, 40th Anniversary*

Pray For... Robert Lynch

Laurie Comeau

James Howley

Financial Stewardship

Offertory - February 14, 2021

Immaculate Conception: \$4,062 Online: \$691

Saint Jerome: \$4,208 Online: \$1,662

Sincere Thanks for your Generous Support

*Second Collection next weekend for
Support of the Church Around the World*

SNOW AND CANCELLATION POLICY



It's Winter in New England! If Weymouth Public Schools are cancelled, daily Mass, and all other programs are cancelled. On weekends, if a state of emergency is declared by the governor, weekend Masses, Faith Formation and all other events are cancelled. Thank you and be safe!

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The Kingdom of God



For a year now, we, the community of Catholic Weymouth, and indeed the whole world have lived in worry and fear of the corona virus. The loss of life is staggering and tragic. While scattered segments of our masked society are functioning, much of life as we knew it before February of 2020 appears gone and not coming back. We are surrounded by the “wild beasts” of global uncertainty, loss of jobs, struggling education systems, and our daily lives once speckled with joy, now replete with ominous foreshadowing of future unknowns. While there is a glint of hope on the horizon from reduced infections and vaccines, we ask where do we go from here?

Today’s scripture readings help guide the way. Jesus invites us to step into the Kingdom of God, even as we make our way and struggle through our earthly life!

As preparation for His public ministry, we see that Jesus is driven into the wilderness where He overcomes figurative “wild beasts” who are intent on devouring God’s good creation. In this time of trial and conflict, Jesus, who actively seeks to unite all people to God and to one another, turns aside Satan’s attempts to lure him. Jesus emerges from the wilderness tested and tempered. He is ready to begin His public ministry and to proclaim the Gospel of God.

Jesus now tells us “the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near.” We are invited in, but there is a price to get into the Kingdom of God here on earth! Jesus’ mission is to offer all of us entry to this kingdom. But for the kingdom to arrive in each of our lives, we must be receptive. Arrival in our hearts requires belief and repentance. Belief in the “good news,” the Gospel of the Lord! Repentance includes turning away from ways of thinking and acting that reinforce alienation from God. But repentance is only part of the equation. We must also turn toward God and believe in the “good news.” At the heart of the Gospel is the truth that we are deeply and completely loved by God. Jesus calls us to live our lives as His loving children. As we grow and become fulfilled by living as beloved sons and daughters of God, we seek to share this love and spread it to all our neighbors.

If we take Jesus up on His invitation and live it, we are strengthened to deal with the wild beasts of everyday life. Angels (often in human form) help us take the ups and downs of life in stride. Jesus reminds us of His presence in every step we take.

As we begin our Lenten journey, today’s lesson helps orient us to the reality that Jesus’ invitation to the Kingdom is more than a forty day walk. Jesus’ invitation is a life-long adventure permeated by His transcendent love.

God bless us as we accept Jesus’ invitation and begin our Lenten Journey! You are all in my prayers.
Deacon Fran

HUNGER IN OUR WORLD



Rice Bowls may be picked up in the vestibule as you leave our Churches.

This Lent, commit to our global human family through Daily prayer, Weekly fasting and Almsgiving.

Jesus asks us to care for our sisters and brothers and to recognize Him in them. With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we can answer to this Gospel call.

What you give up for Lent changes lives.

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for Him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger— it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world?

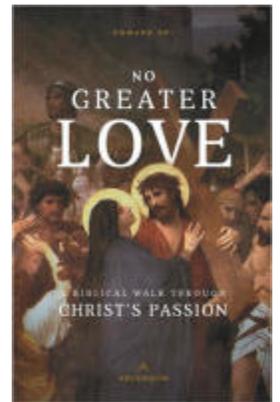
Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT FORMATION

The Adult Formation Team invites you on a Lenten pilgrimage. Please join us as we read and reflect on Edward Sri's best selling book: *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*

Send us an email that you will be reading the book with us and each week of Lent we will share reflections on that week's (three chapters) with you. If you wish, you may email your thoughts on the three chapters you have read that week and we will post them too! adultformation@catholicweymouth.org. You may purchase the book on Amazon (new or used).



Chapters to read: **February 21** Chapters 1,2,3 **February 28** Chapters 4,5,6
March 7 Chapters 7,8,9 **March 14** Chapter 10,11,12 **March 21** Chapters 13,14,15
March 28 Chapters 16,17,18 **April 4** Chapters 19,20,21,22

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Stations will be prayed at Immaculate Conception Parish every Friday evening at 7pm during Lent.

Prior to praying the Stations, one of our parishioners will give a short reflection on one of the Seven Last Words of Christ. Come and listen to Christ's words as He suffers on the cross.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be offered on Friday evenings at Immaculate Conception from 6-7pm, just prior to Stations of the Cross and the Seven Last Words of Christ.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION RETREAT

Led by Father Christopher O'Connor March 21-24. Watch the bulletin for further details. This Lenten event will be livestreamed.

LENTEN REGULATIONS - ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and Fridays of Lent**. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

LENTEN GIVING PROGRAM



In 2020, Father Bill's & MainSpring housing served over 561 households. Many individuals and families continue to struggle financially. At Catholic Weymouth we have been working with Father Bill's & MainSpring to develop a giving program for the Lenten season to help people in Southeastern Massachusetts move from homelessness into new housing. Together, we have come up with a list of much needed essential Kitchen and Bath items these individuals and families need as they move into their new homes. Below you will see the list of these items if you wish to donate one or more:

Paper Towels	Kitchen Trash Bags	Dish Towels	Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent	Toilet paper	Two towel bath sets	Face cloths
Bath Mat	Shower Curtain	Bar Hand Soap	Cleaning Products.

Bins will be available for your donations during the Lenten season (Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday) in the vestibule of Saint Jerome Church, 8am - 8pm daily, and at the main entrance of Immaculate Conception Church, before and after Masses.

Collaborative News and Events...

READINGS: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

Responsorial Psalm: *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

Second Reading: Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel: The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”



From now until March 28, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information – and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: rita.a.russo@gmail.com, 781-762-4391, or visit www.40daysforlife.com.



As we begin the Lenten season, we are reminded of the importance of our parish communities that allow us to fully live out our faith. The support of the ministries at the Archdiocese of Boston help our parish continue serving the faithful in this community. Consider making an early gift to this year's Catholic Appeal to help ensure these ministries can continue helping our parish, and all parishes, schools, and communities throughout our Archdiocese of Boston. Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or make a donation.

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