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Sunday, June 13, 2021

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Mass Times

Immaculate Conception

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

Saint Jerome

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

Confessions

Immaculate Conception
Saturday 3-3:45pm



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.”
- Mk 4:30-32b

MASS Intentions

Saturday, June 12

John Ries, Anniversary

Sunday, June 13

Margaret and Edward Cheever

Mary Smith

Tuesday, June 15

Carolyn Malchodi and Family

Thursday, June 17

Rudolph San Donato, Healing

Saturday, June 19

Paschal McCafferty

Sunday, June 20

Scott Lang and Joseph Lamm

Sunday, June 13

Rosemary Moore

James McCann, 17th Anniversary

Virginia McCann, 1st Anniversary

Monday, June 14

Richard J. Haverty

Wednesday, June 16

Eleanor Keenan

Friday, June 18

Manuelito

Sunday, June 20 Happy Father's Day!



Jim Stratford
Debbie Gough
Elizabeth V. Whitcomb



LIVESTREAM MASS AT CATHOLIC WEYMOUTH

The camera/audio system has been permanently installed at Saint Jerome Parish. The 7:30am Mass will be livestreamed weekly on the Catholic Weymouth facebook page.



I Bridgette Tran and Ryan Leclair

Financial Stewardship

Offertory - June 6, 2021

Immaculate Conception: \$4,721 Online: \$1,431

Saint Jerome: \$4,987 Online: \$3,852

Thank you for your Generous Support

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FROM CARDINAL SEÁN: REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION



Brothers and Sisters,

“Without the Lord’s day, we cannot live!” His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: “*Sine dominico non possumus!*” – without the Lord’s day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: “For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty.”

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021. We are mindful of the Lord’s statement: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: “Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” (Ex. 20:8,11) We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals — were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father’s Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley, OFM Cap
Archbishop of Boston

READINGS: ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



COVID 19 PROTOCOLS AS OF MAY 29, 2021

Massachusetts and Archdiocesan guidelines state that people who are vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks or socially distance in our parish Churches as of May 29, 2021.

- We ask everyone to please be respectful of those who wish to unmask and of those who wish to continue to wear their masks. Socially distanced, marked pews will be maintained in both churches for a period of time. Thank you
- The hymnals will return to the pews for congregational singing.
- The Sign of Peace will remain a simple gesture or wave.
- The Offertory Basket will remain at the entrance of the church.
- Kneeling is now encouraged during the appropriate times of the Mass
- Priests and Extraordinary Ministers will distribute Holy Communion at the head of the aisles: they will wear masks and sanitize their hands.

Collaborative News and Events...

HELP WANTED AT MASSES!

We are in need of Men and Women to Altar Serve at Weekday and Sunday Masses and Funerals at both Immaculate Conception and Saint Jerome Parishes. Training will be provided. Please call or email the parish office: office@CatholicWeymouth.org by **June 27** if you are interested. The program will be coordinated by Mary Ellen Cassani.

Current Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

Since we are no longer required to socially distance, we have re-started the Lector and Extraordinary Minister schedules. Please let Daryle Wilson at the parish office know of your availability at your earliest convenience. Thank you!



ST. JOSEPH PRAYER CARD GIVEAWAY

In honor of the Year of St. Joseph and Father's Day, our Knights of Columbus will be distributing prayer cards at each Mass next weekend at the entrances to our churches. Please take one home and pray for the father in your life!

CATHOLIC WEYMOUTH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please plan your office visits early in the week. The parish office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 8am until 4pm and Friday 8am until 12noon.



HAPPY FLAG DAY—JUNE 14, 2021

Flag Day is a celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on the anniversary of the flag's official adoption, June 14. What we know fondly as the “Stars and Stripes” was adopted by the Continental Congress as the official American flag on June 14, 1777, in the midst of the Revolutionary War.

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CONGRESS IS TRYING TO FORCE AMERICANS TO PAY FOR ABORTION

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion.

Please stop your federal tax dollars from going to abortion. Visit: www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com to electronically sign the petition.

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