

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022



*“Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth!”*

(Ps 104:30)

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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

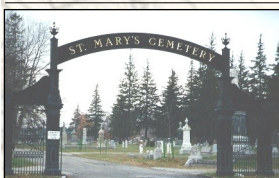
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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (6/4)

4:00pm **IC** *Jeffrey Stone* (Fr. McLaughlin)

4:00pm **St Ann** (Fr. Stanley)

Sunday (6/5)

8:30am **Nativity** *Joseph Kardas* (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

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

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

11:00am IC *Guy A. D'Ambrosio, Anna Niles, George & Dorothy Niles, Stephen Niles, Mary Turner* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Dow)

Monday (6/6)

9:00am **IC** *Margaret Cohane, Kevin Jackson* (Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (6/7)

9:00am **IC** *John Donovan, For the intentions of Anne & Paul Graebert* (Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (6/8)

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

Thursday (6/9)

9:00am **IC** *Richard LaFlame, For the intentions of Anne & Paul Graebert* (Fr. Morin)

Friday (6/10)

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

Saturday (6/11)

4:00pm **IC** *Doris Dumont* (Fr. Harrison)

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

Sunday (6/12)

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

9:00am **IC** *Jacqueline Gibbons* (Fr. McLaughlin & Deacon Moranski)

10:15am **St. Ann** (Fr. Morin & Deacon Dow)

11:00am IC *Joseph Messina* (Fr. Harrison)

In your prayers, please remember Kim D. Dow, Robert Francis Tierney, 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: hricatholic.org and on Facebook: ([Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes](#)).

IC Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning **June 5**, the 11:30 a.m. **Sunday Mass at IC will move to 11:00 a.m. during the summer months** (Memorial Day–Labor Day).

Bulletin Information

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

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Like many of you, I found myself horrified to once again see images of yet another school shooting this past week, this time out of Uvalde, Texas. There is no other word to describe this wanton butchery than “evil.” How another human being can so callously gun down innocent children and loving, dedicated teachers is beyond my capacity to understand. And yet this pain continues to reverberate through our nation. Again and again and again. Everybody agrees that something has to be done to stop this mindless violence. Not enough of us can come together to agree on exactly what needs to be done or how to do it. And so the carnage goes on and on. What was the famous definition of insanity once attributed to Albert Einstein, “Doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different result?” Or put another way, “If you always do what you always did, then you always get what you always got.” In this case, precious, innocent lives lost, grieving families and yet another community forever torn apart. And we grieve as a nation, too.

This weekend, St. Paul tells us in one of the options for our Second Reading, “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.” (ICor 12:12). If you have ever had the misfortune of slamming your finger in a car door, you know that while it is your finger that is injured, the pain echoes throughout your entire body. St. Paul’s description of the Body of Christ, the Church, is an apt one for us to ponder during this time of national pain. Although we often pride ourselves on our individuality and celebrate each person’s uniqueness and autonomy, we are not a society or a nation without embracing a collective identity and the responsibility for the common good that goes with it. We each have received the gift of faith from God and we are members of Christ’s Body not in isolation, but in our unity with one another. That means that we are all in this together, that our fate is joined with others and together, we either thrive or we perish.

God went to extraordinary lengths to see that we did not die in our sins, but rather, through Jesus Christ, have received the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life. One might think that this lofty, divine favor that has been lavished on us would spur us to seek better solutions to our problems, to be on a true quest for wisdom and embrace an honest humility that we have not yet found an answer to the pain we once again suffer. Perhaps it is because we have not been asking the right questions.

Back when computers were first being introduced into daily life, there was an old saying, “Garbage-in, garbage-out.” In other words, a computer is only as smart as the information that you input. Give a computer a bad set of data and it will inevitably spit out incorrect answers, again and again and again. In human interactions, we have long known that asking the right questions are the keys to knowledge and understanding. Perhaps right now, we need to be seeking



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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

This Week in Our Collaborative

Monday, June 6

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

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

Tuesday, June 7

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

IC Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm, IC Church

Wednesday, June 8

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Thursday, June 9

Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, June 10

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

Saturday, June 11

Pastoral Council Meeting 10:00am, IC St. Louis Hall

Confessions 3:00pm, IC Church

Sunday, June 12

Baptisms 1:30pm, IC Church

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

Live Stream Mass

To watch our live-stream Masses on our 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/](https://www.facebook.com/hriccatholic/))
2. Click the "videos" link on the page.
3. The **LIVE** video should be the first one on the list.

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.

Second Collection: Seminarians

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

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better questions, before we presume to come up with more tenuous answers to this current manifestation of evil or any of the host of others that we entertain as a society and nation.

On this great Feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in our midst, the Advocate, the Counselor...the One who will teach us all things and remind us of everything that Jesus had said. I am drawn to the text of the Sequence, a beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit that may help us refocus our minds and hearts that we might seek the Spirit's guidance in the weeks and months ahead:

"Come, Holy Spirit, come!... You, of comforters the best; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray..." (excerpts from the Sequence)

These past few weeks, have we not needed comfort? Have we not sought solace in our woe? Have we not felt the lack of God's goodness (a classic definition of evil)? Have we not wounds that continue to fester and need healing? Do we not need new strength and resolve? Have we not hungered and thirsted for justice? Have we not wallowed in our guilt for failing to act? Have we not experienced a stubbornness of heart among one another, and lack of unified will? Have we not been frozen in inaction, chilled to lethargy? Have our steps not gone astray?

If there was ever a time when we need the Holy Spirit to do its thing, it is now. Left to ourselves, we fail. But with God, all things are possible. People are sick and tired of being offered "thoughts and prayers" in a time of repeated tragedy. So let's skip the pious thoughts for now and focus instead on getting the prayer right, that we might later be wise and humble enough by God's grace and the inspiration of the Spirit to ask the right questions and maybe, finally, arrive at true answers that can carry us beyond this dreadful time of repeated tragedies in our nation's history.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen!

Pentecost Blessings to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison, Pastor

Questions of the Week



Adult: Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive, even yourself perhaps?

Child: How can you show forgiveness to a friend or a family member?

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Priscilla Brown	Lori Ouellette
Bill Crouse	Maureen Russell
Charmaine Haan	Yvonne Sloban
Hillar Haan	Ruth Sullivan
Jay Hanslig	Rob Schweizer
Terence Healey	Michael Tucker
Sam Kitchen	Jim Williamson

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 offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to learn more.

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!

Starting June 6 we will begin a new Bible Study from Walking With Purpose, Reclaiming Friendship! *We invite all women, no matter where you may be in your relationship with Christ to come join us. We can't wait to meet you!*

Mondays 6:30–8:30 p.m. In-person: IC Charity Dining Room and Zoom: Email hricwomenatthewell@gmail.com for the link.



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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/hricatholic/

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus



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

We meet the second Tuesday of each month in the IC Nazareth Library.

For more information about our meetings or to join the Knights, call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@gmail.com.

Faith Formation 2022 Summer Program

We plan to host our annual HRIC Summer Program at the IC campus for 3rd–8th graders on:

**August 8–12, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
each day (M–F)**

If your family is unable to make Sunday morning Faith Formation during the school year, this may be a good option for you. There is a strong teaching component, but also mixed in there are skits, crafts, songs, and communal prayer. The kids have a blast learning about our beautiful, rich faith.

If you choose this option, we ask that you still make the effort to attend our liturgical season family festivals during the school year in order to maintain a connection with the other parish families. Festivals include:

All Saints Day Festival (Oct. 30), Advent/Christmas Festival (Dec. 11), Lent Festival (Feb. 26), Holy Week/Easter Festival (Apr. 2).

Visit the Faith Formation webpage (hricatholic.org/Faith-Formation) for more information and registration forms.

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.

Adoration

Join us for Adoration at IC Church two times during the week. All are welcome. No experience necessary.



Note: enter at Green Street door only.

Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Fridays immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass*.

*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: hricatholic.org.

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Memorial Day Mass

A crystal clear blue sky, a light breeze, wonderful music, and a robust turnout: our annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery was a huge success. Thanks to all helped and all who attended.



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.



FORMED 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.

Gospel Night at the Pops

Gospel Night at the Pops will take place once again on **June 11 at 8:00 p.m.** at Boston's Symphony Hall, featuring guest artist Pastor Smokie Norful.

Immaculate Conception choir members Pat and Jon Temple will join in singing with over 60 members of the Pops Gospel Choir, led by internationally acclaimed conductor, Charles Floyd.

Members of the HRIC Collaborative are eligible for discount tickets ordered online, by phone, or at the box office. Please use the code **GOSPEL50** prior to selecting your tickets.

Since 1993, Gospel Night at the Pops has closed out the Pops' Spring Season with its energetic ministry. This year's return promises to be a sold out night of joyful song and praise. Come and raise your voices!

Collaborative Pastoral Council

We would like to invite any of our Collaborative members to join our meetings, giving you a chance to listen to our discussions and to comment or ask questions at certain points in the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m. at IC St. Louis Hall**. If you have any concerns or questions about the work of the Council or would like to join the meeting, reach out to Jim at Jimwilliamson35@gmail.com.

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.)

The Pelican Intervention Fund



We provide funding for non-profit, 12-step residential sober homes for economically challenged men and women struggling with addiction. Questions? Contact Kim Keene 978-430-1408 or visit www.pelicaninterventionfund.org to learn more.

Donations can be made to:

"The Pelican Intervention Fund at ECCF"

Essex County Community Foundation, 175 Andover Street, Danvers, MA 01923

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, May 28–29 **\$3,940.00**
Ascension, May 26 **\$ 518.00**
Mailed in Offertory, week ending May 27 **\$1,736.00**

The second collection this weekend (June 5) is *Seminarians*. See page 4 for details about this collection. The second collection next weekend (June 12) is the *Monthly*.

Unless otherwise indicated, make out checks to *Immaculate Conception Parish* with the second collection noted in the memo.

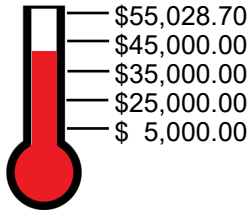
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You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hriccatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving.



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Would You Like To Be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?

We are seeking additional Lay Ministers to assist at Mass.

What is an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**? Often referred to as simply a “Eucharistic Minister” or “EM,” they are lay people who assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. Our priest or deacon is viewed by the Church as the “ordinary minister of Holy Communion,” and because of the large number of people attending Mass, it is impractical or impossible for our clergy alone to offer Communion to so many. For this reason, EMs are trained to help. At most Masses at IC, we need 4 or 5 trained EMs which allows the Communion procession to go smoothly. It is an important role! EMs may also volunteer to take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are ill or otherwise unable to attend Mass (nursing homes, hospital, homebound, etc.).

What is a **Lector**? A Lector is a lay person who assists at Mass by reading passages from the Old and New Testament and, when a Deacon is not present, by leading the Universal Prayer or “Prayers of the Faithful.”

Both Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholics in good standing with the Church and living a life of prayer and service within our community. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in either of these two ministries, please contact Melinda in the parish office at 978-462-2724 x7420 or via email burrell@hriccatholic.org.

Immaculate Conception School



Field Day is a beloved tradition at Immaculate Conception School—one of the last school year events where the 8th Grade students are at the helm. Held on May 25 at a town park in Newburyport, students participated in games that were organized by the older students.

Pictured, the 8th graders cheered for the little ones as they ran through a human tunnel created to get everyone excited for the day's events.



After class photos and opening prayer led by Principal Sullivan, the children rotated through obstacle courses, parachute challenges and relay races. Watermelon and ice pops were special treats that made the summer-like weather even more enjoyable. Before finishing the day's activities, the whole school gathered on the baseball diamond to wave at a picture-taking drone that flew overhead.



Several parent volunteers and teachers who are new to our school community commented on the 8th grade students' expertise at leading the younger children. Developing leadership skills is a key component of the educational experience for IC students, accomplished through a variety of school-wide events throughout the school year. Equally as important is the sense of community that is purposefully fostered among grade levels at the IC. Being part of a caring community, where teachers and students know each other, by name, is a needed support for school children in these challenging times. Field Day is always a great event!

Pictures courtesy of L. Tangorra

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 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 2022–23 schedule for those children who will be in Grades K–8 in the fall will be posted on the Collaborative website: hriccatholic.org in July. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to either Aaron or Melinda (agiard@hriccatholic.org / 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. here at IC Church. Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724) for more information.

Confirmation

Information regarding the fall schedule for Confirmation Prep classes will be available late July. Meanwhile, please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions you might have or email Aaron (agiard@hriccatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hriccatholic.org).

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.

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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.

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Foster Care

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

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>

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.

You can now make online donations on our website: www.svdpnnewburyport.org. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to “**SvDP of Newburyport**” and drop it into the collection box at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

A Heartfelt Thank You to All of Our Contributors

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!

Holy Jammers



The Holy Jammers musical group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the IC Nazareth Library to jam for an hour. All are welcome to join us!

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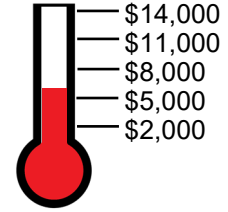
The second collection this weekend (June 5) is Seminarians. See page 4 for details about this collection. The second collection next weekend (June 12) is the Monthly.

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: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.

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

School Year Programs

Information regarding the 2022–23 schedule for those children who will be in Grades K–8 in the fall will be posted on the Collaborative website: hricatholic.org in July. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or reach out via email to Aaron at agiard@hricatholic.org or Melinda at burrell@hricatholic.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 will be posted along with registration forms on the Collaborative website: hricatholic.org in July. Please contact the Faith Formation office (978-462-2724 x7405) with any questions or email Aaron (agiard@hricatholic.org) or Melinda (burrell@hricatholic.org).

HR Greeters Needed

Would you like to serve as a welcoming presence at Mass? We are looking for additional greeters at Holy Redeemer, **particularly at the 4:00 p.m. Masses at both churches and the 10:15 a.m. Mass at St. Ann.**

All are encouraged to volunteer if they wish—men, women, and high school students. If you are able to serve, please contact Sue Noyes at susanjnoyes@gmail.com.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your 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.

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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, hricatholic.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.

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 at 978-462-2724 x7404.

HR Prayer Shawl

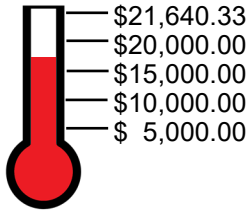


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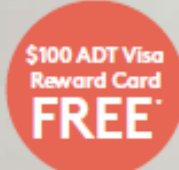
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