

**HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
COLLABORATIVE PARISHES**

**SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**April 13, 2025**

**[hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org)**

**All Are Welcome**



*Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest.*

(Lk 19:38)

# The Paschal Triduum

## Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative

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### Holy Thursday, April 17

#### Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m.

#### Immaculate Conception Church

(Also live-streamed)

Come and enter into the sacred three days of **Triduum** by celebrating the Lord's simple command: "As I have done for you, so you must do." Join us for a commemoration of the Last Supper and institution of the Eucharist.

### Good Friday, April 18

#### Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m.

**St. Ann Church and Immaculate Conception Church** (Also live-streamed)

Join with us as we immerse ourselves in St. John's Passion account, venerate the Cross, and offer Special Intercessions for the whole world.

#### Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m.

Nativity Church



## Easter

#### Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

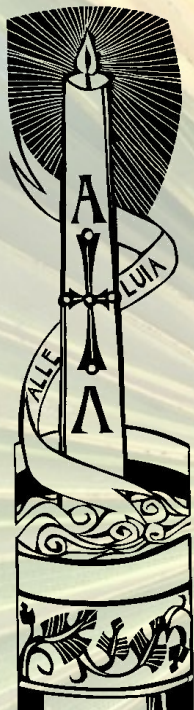
### The Easter Vigil, April 19

Gather at 7:30 p.m.

#### Immaculate Conception Church

(Also live-streamed)

Known as the "mother of all vigils" this sacred moment is the high point of our whole year! Beginning with the Lucinarium or service of light, this celebration continues with special readings and Psalms that tell the story of Salvation. Continuing with the initiation of new members through the Easter Sacraments, the entire congregation will be invited to renew our Baptismal Promises and we will end the night with the celebration of the Eucharist—this is one joyful event not to miss!



### Easter Sunday, April 20

8:30 a.m. Nativity Church

9:00 a.m. **Immaculate Conception Church** (Also live-streamed)

10:00 a.m. St. Ann Church

11:30 a.m. **Immaculate Conception Church**

Come and celebrate the Lord's Resurrection! Along with the joyful, sung Alleluia, festive decorations, and sacred stories of the Resurrection, everyone will be invited to renew their Baptismal Promises during this Mass.

**To link to our live-stream, please visit our website at [www.hricatholic.org](http://www.hricatholic.org).**

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday (4/12) Palm Sunday Vigil

4:00pm IC *Alex Hasapis, Anna Giovanni*  
(Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)  
4:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (4/13) Palm Sunday

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am IC *Jerry Majocho* (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)  
10:00am **St. Ann Noreen Driscoll and Family**  
(Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am IC *Louis & Lena Filomia, Stanley Baikewicz, Joseph Hutt* (Fr. Morin)

### Monday (4/14)

9:00am IC (Fr. Harrison)

### Tuesday (4/15) No Daily Mass

### Wednesday (4/16)

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

### Thursday (4/17) Holy Thursday

7:00pm IC (Fr. Morin)

### Friday (4/18) Good Friday

3:00pm IC (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Moranski)  
3:00pm **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)  
7:00pm **Nativity Stations** (Fr. Harrison)

### Saturday (4/19) Holy Saturday

7:30pm IC (Fr. Harrison)

### Sunday (4/20) Easter Sunday

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Harrison)  
9:00am IC (Fr. Morin & Deacon Moranski)  
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)  
11:30am IC (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)

*In your prayers please remember Frances Munroe, Valerie Vigneault, Frederick Aloï Jr., Mabel Jancewicz, and all of 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 live-streamed online** through our website: [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) as well as our Facebook page.

## Help Wanted: Part-Time Custodian

We are seeking a part-time custodian for Holy Redeemer Parish (St. Ann and Nativity). This position requires approximately 10 hours of work per week. Responsibilities include maintaining cleanliness in both St. Ann and Nativity campuses, performing routine cleaning tasks, some outside yard work, and ensuring a safe and orderly environment. Previous experience is preferred but not required. Please contact Dennis LaMalfa, Collaborative Business Manager, 978-462-2724 to apply or for more information.

## Collaborative Offices Schedule

Collaborative offices will close at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 18, and will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m.

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is often called Passion Sunday due to the lengthy reading of one of the synoptic (Matthew, Mark, or Luke) Gospel passion accounts, or sometimes, "Palm Sunday," referring to the common distribution of palm branches at most Catholic Masses. Preceded by the shorter Gospel reading marking the triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of that first "Holy Week," we hear again about how Jesus rode through the gates of the ancient city on the back of a donkey or young colt.



In times gone past, when a conquering king would enter a city, he rode on the back of a stallion or war horse if he came to inflict his power and will on the city, to rule over it with an iron fist and subject the inhabitants to a brutal occupation. If, however, the king came in peace, he might ride on the back of a lesser animal—a donkey or young colt, as a sign to everyone that he came to live peacefully with all, bringing blessings and prosperity. It was the custom of the inhabitants to go out and greet their new king and show him homage by laying down their cloaks over the roadway, so as to cut down the dust and give the king a smoother pathway in. Absent a "red carpet," it was a sign of humility and welcome. For the wealthy, they simply grabbed a spare cloak or two to toss out on the roadway, knowing it would be trampled and ruined by the animals and the king's entourage that would follow. Since the vast majority of people were poor, they only had one cloak and needed it to sleep in at night. So, instead of laying it down, they stripped nearby palm trees of their branches and laid these down. Since both palm trees and the poor were in abundance, this moment has been memorialized by the branches that were strewn on the road more than the cloaks that were sacrificed. "Cloak Sunday" just doesn't have the same ring to it as Palm Sunday, eh?!

But when we stop and think about it, the people simply offered what they could. The rich could afford to offer their spare cloaks, but the poor had to make due with what was around them. In some ways, it was the story of the Little Drummer Boy all over again: "I have no gift to give, that's fit for a king... Shall I play for you... on my drum, Pa Rum Pum Pum Pum!" Or perhaps another version of the boy who had five loaves and two fish... "but what good are these to feed so many?!" Or maybe the Gospel passage about the widow's mite (in offering her two small coins to the Temple treasury, others gave from their surplus, while she gave all that she had.) There is, too, the lingering fragrance of the costly aromatic nard that Mary poured over Jesus' feet and dried with her hair. Psalm 51 frames it well: "For you do not desire sacrifice or I would give it; a burnt offering you would not accept. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit, a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn." (vss. 18–19) The Prophet Habakkuk echoes its voice: "For though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit appears on the vine, Though the yield of the olive fails and the terraces

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# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## This Week in Our Collaborative

**Monday, April 14**

**AA Mtg.** 10:30am, IC St. Louis Hall

**Tuesday, April 15**

**Women's AA Mtg.** 7:00am, St. Ann Hall

**Breaking Bread Meal** 4:45pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

**IC Choir Rehearsal** 7:00pm, IC Church

**IC Haiti Board Mtg.** 7:00pm, IC Nazareth Library

**Wednesday, April 16**

**Holy Jammers Practice** 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

**Adoration** 3:00pm, Nativity Church

**IC Youth Choir Rehearsal** 4:30pm, IC Church

**Cub Scouts Pack 26 Mtg.** 5:30pm, Nativity Hall

**Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday**

**My father's Father Video Series** 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

**Friday, April 18, Good Friday**

**Stations of the Cross** 9:00am, St. Ann Church

**Saturday, April 19, Holy Saturday**

**Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday**

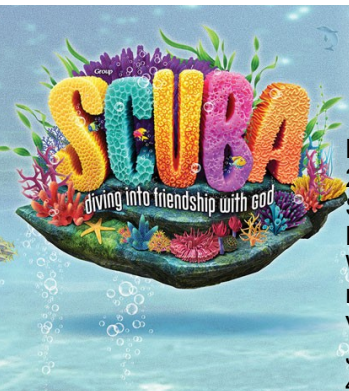
To schedule your group's in-person meeting, contact Collaborative offices at 978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604 to reserve your space.

## Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Collections

The Holy Thursday collection will support our local **HR and IC St. Vincent de Paul Societies**. These organizations, through your generous support, are able to help those in our communities who need assistance meeting their basic needs. Make checks payable to either "HR St. Vincent de Paul" or "IC St. Vincent de Paul."

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable, and peace-seeking ministries of the **Church in the Holy Land**.

The Easter Collection supports the **retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston**. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org).



## Scuba Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars July 21–25 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 for a Scuba adventure Vacation Bible School at Nativity Hall. Watch future bulletins for registration information.

Volunteers needed! Contact Jen: 978-697-1082, Donielle: 413-668-6181 to help out.

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produce no nourishment, Though the flocks disappear from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, Yet I will rejoice in the LORD and exult in my saving God." (vss. 17–18)

A recurring theme found in the Sacred Scriptures is to offer back to God from wherever you are, in whatever circumstances you find yourself, trusting that the act of sincere giving is more important than the item which is given. Recently a little boy proudly gave me a picture he had drawn while at Mass that day. It probably took him the entire homily and most of the Eucharistic Prayer to complete. While not exactly on the level of Rembrandt or DaVinci, it is a precious work of art that was given with great joy and from the heart! It is one of the most genuinely heartfelt gifts I have every received! It dangles magnificently from my refrigerator and I rejoice in it every day!

So, this Palm Sunday...what do we offer to God? What, from our present circumstances, within our actual ability, from whatever resources we have...what do we offer to honor Christ our King? While our Lenten works of penance may have moved us to offer gifts to those in need from our own treasury, I would like to suggest that one of the most precious gifts that we can offer is our time and presence. If you stop and think about it, all tariffs and macro-economics aside, we can almost always make more money. Worst case, we can get a part-time job or side-hustle to bring in a few extra bucks, or sell some things on eBay. But we can't make more time. God gives us a precise number of days—no more, no less. What we do with that time, how we spend it, who we spend it with...these are all part of the gift that we make of ourselves to others and ultimately, offer back to God.

The beauty of our life with God is that the Lord doesn't usually ask us to do great and splendid things. We don't need to travel the world or become the most accomplished person within our chosen profession. We don't have to become the world's leading expert on anything, get our face on the cover of *Time* magazine or crash the internet with more viral posts on TikTok than anyone else. What God does ask of us is that we take what we have and do our very best to love God back with it in our own earnest way. This starts with our willingness to sit with others, to listen to others, to share our story with others, to learn from their stories and together, to ponder the mysteries of the Universe, all the while reminding ourselves of our humble place before the Lord. That gift of humility, perfectly modeled by Christ no-less!, is the key to every pathway forward with God.

So, maybe we can't throw down a fancy cloak or lay out a costly silken runner before the King when He comes... what, rather, *can* you do? Because the King is coming, no matter what. And He deserves to be honored and glorified by all of His subjects! He deserves to be honored by us, palm branches and all!

Happy Holy Week to all,

Fr. Timothy Harrison

Pastor

# COLLABORATIVE NEWS

## Easter Flower Donations



Please consider making a donation “in memory” of a deceased loved one or “in honor” of someone special in your life. Flower envelopes have been included in the envelope packets mailed to your home or you can pick up one in the back of any of our churches. Drop them in the collection any this weekend or deliver them to the IC offices by Monday. **Deadline to see your gift listed in the April 27 (Divine Mercy Sunday) bulletin is Monday, April 14.**

## Catholic Appeal

*“The Catholic Appeal is our way of acting in solidarity to spread hope.” -Archbishop Richard G. Henning*



Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Richard Henning’s invitation to contribute. Together we are on our way to great success. Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to learn more or to donate. Thank you for your support!

## Shawls and Lapghans



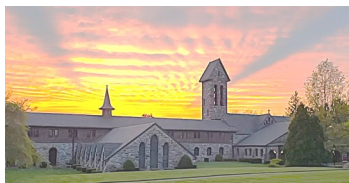
Shawls and lapghans are given freely as a gift, to offer comfort and joy! We would be happy to deliver to anyone. Or if you personally would like to give one to a friend, relative or neighbor, please contact Helen at 978-771-4673.

**Come join us.** We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Don’t know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you! All are welcome.

**Our next meeting is Thursday, May 1 at Nativity Hall, Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.**

## Men’s Retreat

The Guest House of Saint Joseph’s Abbey in Spencer, MA has been reserved for the exclusive use of the men of Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes from Monday, May 12–Friday, May 16. Spend a week in silent prayer and meditation joining the community of Monks at daily Mass and at various hours of the day and night as they sing the Divine Office. There is also a daily conference given by one of the Monks. The Guest House welcomes 11 guests (all private rooms with bath). The cost for the mid-week retreat is \$500.00 per person with arrival Monday at 3:00 p.m. and departure on Friday after breakfast. Make your reservation with a check payable to Immaculate Conception Parish for \$500.00 (Memo line: Spencer Retreat). Act quickly—there are only a few spaces left. If you have questions or want more information, please see or leave a message in the offices for Fr. George Morin.



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

## Prayers for the Sick

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

Patricia Baikewicz	Chloe Hequet	Carol O’Neal
John Bourque	Loriann Herrick	Eleanora Paciulan
Kathy P. Brodeur	Karen Hopwood	Joseph Palumbo
Michael Brenner	Emma Hurley	Joanne Pesa
Priscilla Brown	Armand Hyatt	Elizabeth Pettingell
Autumn Rose	Carol Johnson	Donika Pulake
Coulombe	Derek Johnson	Rob Schweizer
Bill Crouse	Steve Johnson	Regina Seely
Kristen D’Entremont	Michael Juralewicz	Yvonne Sloban
Deb Downie	Arthur LaPointe	Gary Smith
Dotty Duval	Michael Lichtenstein	Arlene Stoddard
Ann-Margaret	Johannah Lord	Taylor
Ferrante	Monica Maguire	Captain Bill Taplin
John Flynn	Sia Mahalati	Tom Tribble
Jeanine Ebacher	Michael Martens	Michael Tucker
Fowler	Ovidio Martinez	Maddie Villers
Renee Fowler	Patricia Carey	Laurent Vincent
Ed Hardy	McCarthy	Sandra Welch
Jane Harney	Molly O’Donnell	

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

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What part of the Passion story most touches your life this year?

**Child:** What can you do each day this week to remind yourself that Jesus died and rose again to new life for you?

## IC Haiti

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our ministry to the Father Marc Piché school community in south-central Haiti, there is an eight-part historical overview at our website: [ichaiti.org](http://ichaiti.org).

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.



### Celebrating 80!

Fr. Stanley thanks those who marked his 80th birthday with prayers, cards, gifts, food, a wonderful blessing, and two great gatherings with the two Eucharistic celebrations. Heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved and may God bless you all.



### Thanks, Prayer, and Chicken!

What an incredible three nights we experienced with Father Ron Hoye's recent Lenten mission, *Ignite Your Faith!*

From Anthony Anthony, to his personal challenges, to lessons from skydiving, Father Ron used his humor, storytelling, and authenticity to inspire us to fan our flame of discipleship. By genuinely asking God for our true needs, praying, and nourishing ourselves with the Eucharist and calling down the Holy Spirit to lift our burdens, Father Ron provided a powerful lesson on ways we can all bring joy into our lives.

May God bless him as he continues his journey bringing the word of God to so many through his missions and the God Minute (thegodminute.org).

## Newburyport Choral Society to Perform at IC

**Newburyport Choral Society 90th Anniversary Spring Concert—Jubilate!**

On Friday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. the Newburyport Choral Society (NCS), will perform contemporary composer Dan Forrest's *Jubilate Deo*, and other celebratory music to mark the 90th anniversary of NCS. Both performances will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 42 Green St., Newburyport.

*Jubilate Deo* is a breathtaking composition that weaves together musical traditions from Africa, Asia, America, and Europe, uniting languages and cultures in a jubilant celebration of faith and shared humanity.

The program will feature the 110-voice chorus, a 17-piece orchestra, organ and piano. A special auditioned sub-group, the NCS Chamber Singers will make their debut by performing several songs as well. Please join us for this landmark event!

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



## Collaborative Faith Formation

*School Year Programs (K–10, Including Sacramental Prep.)*

Registration forms and schedules for 2025–26 will be uploaded in July.

### Baptism

Please call the Collaborative offices (978-462-2724 or 978-346-8604) for more information regarding this sacrament.

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is now celebrated with students currently in Grade 8 rather than Grade 10 students. As a result, our Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation process has changed. Help us to spread the word to families of middle schoolers who may not be aware of this change.

### Summer Faith Formation: June 23–27

*Grades 3–8, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. daily*

Registration forms for summer Faith Formation are now available on our website:

[hricatholic.org/faith-formation-registration-forms](http://hricatholic.org/faith-formation-registration-forms)

**NOTE:** If your child is preparing for **Sacraments** (First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation) we offer preparation only during the school year.

If your child is entering **8th grade** in the fall, but has not received Faith Formation in recent years, enrolling them in the summer Faith Formation week is a great way to catch them up and get in a prerequisite year before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th graders can begin preparation for Confirmation only if they have attended recent Faith Formation with us).

# LENT IN THE COLLABORATIVE

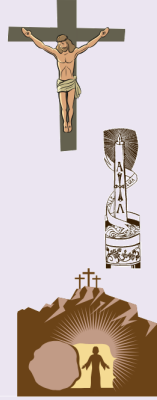
## HOLY WEEK FAMILY FESTIVAL



APRIL 13  
IC PASTORAL CENTER  
AFTER THE 9:00 MASS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND & WALK TOGETHER WITH OUR LORD AS WE CELEBRATE HIS LAST DAYS IN JERUSALEM THROUGH HIS PASSION, DEATH, & WONDROUS RESURRECTION ON EASTER SUNDAY.

JOIN US BEFORE THE 9:00 MASS (8:45) IN THE IC SCHOOL GYM FOR A PALM BRANCH BLESSING AND PALM PROCESSION TO MASS.



## Holy Week Schedule

- Holy Thursday** Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m., **IC**
- Good Friday** Stations of the Cross: 9:00 a.m., **St. Ann**  
Liturgy: 3:00 p.m., **St. Ann** and **IC**  
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m., **Nativity**
- Holy Saturday** Easter Vigil: Gather at 7:30 p.m., **IC**
- Easter** 8:30 a.m., **Nativity**  
9:00 a.m., **IC**  
10:00 a.m., **St. Ann**  
11:30 a.m., **IC**

## Guidelines for Lent

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. See our website's Lent 2025 page for more Lent inspiration: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

## Fasting during Lent

Good Friday is a day of fasting. Catholics age 18–59 are bound to the obligation of fasting. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including water, milk, and fruit juices are allowed.

## Abstinence during Lent

Good Friday is also a day of abstinence. Abstinence is the absence of meat all day. Fish is allowed, though. All Catholics over 14 years old are bound to the obligation of abstinence.

## Helping the Homeless

It's Lent, and time again for our Care Pack Campaign. We've fine-tuned the content this year to better meet the needs of our recipient organizations. Each care pack should contain the five essential items, and then we can add from the list of other items as we have in the past. This year's shopping list is available in all of the churches. The campaign will run through Easter Sunday and we'll sort and ready the packs for delivery on April 26. If you have questions or are interested in helping with sorting, please contact Jonathan at [hricshare@gmail.com](mailto:hricshare@gmail.com).

<p><b>All Care Packs should contain travel-size:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shampoo</li> <li>Deodorant</li> <li>Toothbrush</li> <li>Toothpaste</li> <li>Liquid body wash</li> </ul>	<p><b>Then you can add any of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Razor</li> <li>Shave cream</li> <li>Socks</li> <li>Cough drops</li> <li>Rain poncho</li> <li>Chapstick</li> <li>Hand sanitizer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Body lotion</li> <li>Face and/or body wipes</li> <li>Kleenex</li> <li>Life Savers/protein bars</li> <li>Feminine hygiene products</li> <li><b>No mouthwash or cash</b></li> </ul>
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View our weekly bulletin online on our website: [hriccatholic.org](http://hriccatholic.org).

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## 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. Cemetery plots are available for full-body and cremated remains burials in any denomination.



Call Joseph Viel, Mill City Management Corporation, at 978-208-0266 to schedule an appointment.

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## Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

If you, or anyone you know, are thinking about becoming Catholic, we always welcome new inquirers at any point in your spiritual journey. Contact Aaron Giard, the Director of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) at (978) 462-2724 x405 to learn about the process and to get started.

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

## IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, April 5–6	\$7,284.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 4	\$2,727.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,493.34
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, April 5–6</b>	<b>\$13,504.34</b>
Pastor's Charity, April 5–6	\$2,223.00

The second collection this weekend (April 13) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. See page 4 for Holy Week collection info.

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

If you would like to mail in your envelopes, send them to **Immaculate Conception Parish, 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: [hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving](http://hricatholic.org/IC-Online-Giving).

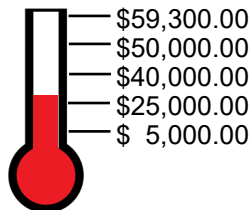


### IC Catholic Appeal

Goal: **\$59,300.00**

To Date: **\$28,115.00**

Visit [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org) to learn more or to donate.



## Mary A. Kelly Scholarship

Scientific Education for IC Parish Students

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary A. Kelly Scholarship Fund. Email your request for an application to [maryakscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:maryakscholarship@gmail.com).

Scholarship eligibility:

- Young man or woman parishioner of IC Parish
- High school graduate in pursuit of a scientific education

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed to the Trustees no later than **Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**

## Mission Sox Drive

We are **beyond excited** to announce our **3rd Annual Mission Sox Sock Drive!** The Mission Sox organization raises awareness for clothing insecurity, and we focus on one of the most essential—but often overlooked—items: socks! Last year we collected nearly 2,000 pairs of new socks, and this year, we're aiming even higher! Since then, we have sent shipments of socks throughout MA and ME and even expanded to western NC to aid disaster relief efforts following the hurricanes.

Our goal for 2025 is to collect **2,500 pairs** of socks, and we need your help to make it happen. We want to make it **as easy as possible** for everyone to get involved so that our whole community can come together once again to help people facing clothing insecurity and homelessness. Look for sox boxes and flyers at Immaculate Conception Church.

The sock drive officially kicked off on **Friday, April 4** (coinciding with the Red Sox home opener!) and will run until **May 4**. Please spread the word—together, we can make a huge difference!

Follow us on Instagram: [@missionsox](https://www.instagram.com/missionsox).

## Immaculate Conception School



On tour at the Capital



Mount Vernon: home of George Washington



Attending Mass at the Basilica



Snack time at the National Zoo!

The Immaculate Conception School 8th grade class traveled to Washington D.C. last week.

Nineteen students and four chaperones flew from Boston to Dulles Airport in Virginia.

The group enjoyed four days in the Nation's Capital sightseeing, visiting museums, monuments, and even taking an evening ghost tour in Old Town Alexandria.

Although an itinerary of daily sights had been well planned out in advance, the knowledgeable Global Citizens Group tour guide who led the IC group was able to squeeze in additional stops along the way.

Mrs. Bridget Lacefield, the 8th grade homeroom teacher and chaperone, took hundreds of pictures which were uploaded to a private Facebook page that allowed parents at home to follow each day's activities.

One of the highlights was when the group attended Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The last stop before the flight home was the National Zoo, where the pandas were a highlight!

The 8th grade experience at Immaculate Conception School is a year of memories that will last a lifetime.

We are grateful to be able to send our students on such an important trip, only weeks from their graduation in early June.

## 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.svdpnewburyport.org](http://www.svdpnewburyport.org) or scan the QR code. If you would like to mail in your donation, please make your check payable to **"SVdP of Newburyport"** and drop it into the collection at Mass or mail it to the parish office at 42 Green Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.



### Breaking Bread Meal

We serve our weekly Breaking Bread meal on Tuesday evenings. It is a hot, nourishing, 3-course dinner. Supper is served from 4:45–5:30. Those who prefer to continue "Grab & Go" can pick up at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

# HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

## HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, April 5-6	\$2,124.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending April 4	\$ 582.50
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 508.75
<b>Total Weekly Offertory, April 5-6</b>	<b>\$3,215.25</b>
Pastor's Charity, April 5-6	\$ 719.00

The second collection this weekend (April 13) is Ongoing Church Maintenance. See page 4 for Holy Week collection info. 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](http://hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving).

## HR St. Vincent de Paul

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is a time to reflect on his humble arrival and his association with the poor and marginalized. The prophet Zechariah foretold a king who would be "righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey." This prophecy is a cornerstone of Palm Sunday, highlighting the humble arrival of a king who would bring salvation, not through worldly power, but *through compassion and service*. Palm Sunday is a reminder for Christians to welcome Jesus into their hearts and to be willing to follow him by embracing humility and serving the poor.



**Reminder: The collection on Holy Thursday will be for the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please give generously.**

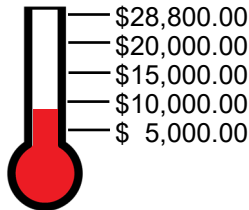
Please try to add a few coins each day to your **Mite Box**. Return your Mite Box during Holy Week.

Your kind donations in any form are greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes at St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be **mailed or placed in the poor boxes at the churches**. Reminder: Make sure to **make checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul**.



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## HR Coffee Hours

**Please Note: St. Ann Monthly Coffee is Moved to April 13.**

**After Sunday Masses on April 13 at both Nativity and St. Ann we will have coffee and palm cross making classes.**

Holy Redeemer Coffee Hours are held twice a month to promote fellowship among our parishioners. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and make a new friend!

Anyone interested in helping with setup, clean up, or making "breakfast food" are asked to call Donna Pallone (978-886-1621) if interested in helping after the 10:00 Mass (St. Ann) or Cindy Quinn (978-346-0072) if interested in helping after the 8:30 Mass (Nativity).

## HR Cookbook Corner: Faith & Food

**Simple Friday Suppers for Lent Series**  
**Good Friday April 18, 2025**

In the gospel for Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, Peter denies knowing or associating with Jesus. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, "You are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

**Reflection:** Are we proud to proclaim our love of Jesus or do we hide it out of fear or self-consciousness?

**Simple Friday Supper Menu**  
 Blessing Before Meals (Cookbook page PP-5)  
 Seafood Chowder (page 24)  
 45 Minute Dinner Rolls (page 89)

If you do not have a copy of the HR parish cookbook, Our Favorite Recipes, and would like to purchase one, please stop in at the IC parish offices during business hours and ask for Melinda. The cookbooks are \$15.00 each and make wonderful gifts!

## 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, [hricatholic.org](http://hricatholic.org) and click the "Links" tab, then "HR Parish Online Giving" to get to the site.

Questions? Contact Christine Breslow, 978-462-2724 x 402.

## Need a Ride to IC for the Triduum?

Any HR parishioners who may need a ride to Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport during Holy Week for the Triduum Masses:

4/17: Holy Thursday (7:00 p.m.)  
 4/18: Good Friday (3:00 p.m.)  
 4/19: Easter Vigil (7:30 p.m.)



Please call Veronica (Ronnie) Laite at 978-384-8738 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and what days you need a ride.

We will plan to meet at Nativity parking lot, Merrimac for your ride to IC. We will meet about 45 minutes before the beginning of services to allow enough time to arrive, park, and sit.

We are also looking for a few **volunteer drivers** willing to drive people to IC. Please call Veronica (Ronnie) Laite at 978-384-8738 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and what days you can drive.



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