

HOLY REDEEMER AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLABORATIVE PARISHES

SERVING MERRIMAC, NEWBURY, NEWBURYPORT, AND WEST NEWBURY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2026

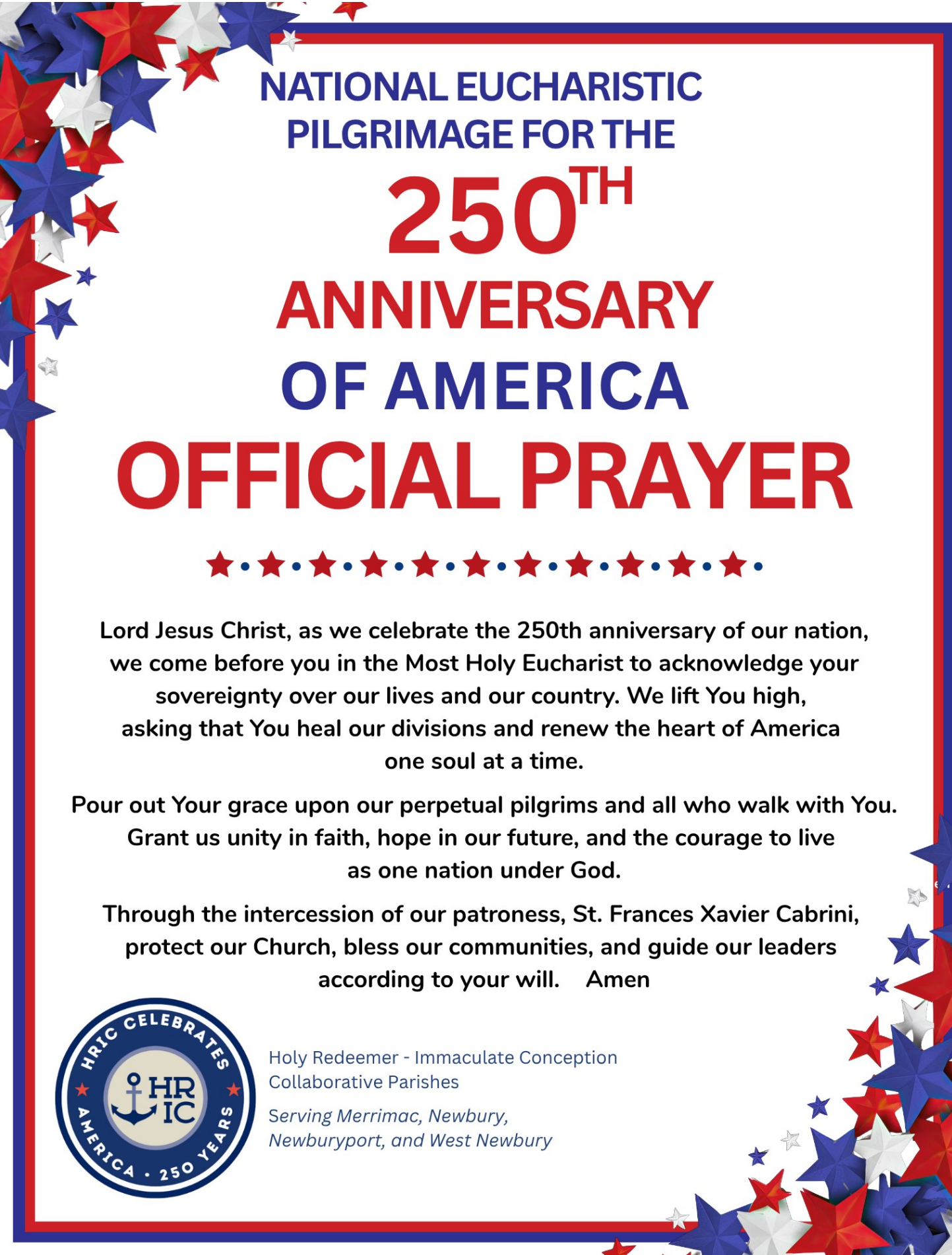
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All Are Welcome

*But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and
understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.*

Matthew 13:23





NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE FOR THE **250TH** ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA **OFFICIAL PRAYER**



Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation, we come before you in the Most Holy Eucharist to acknowledge your sovereignty over our lives and our country. We lift You high, asking that You heal our divisions and renew the heart of America one soul at a time.

Pour out Your grace upon our perpetual pilgrims and all who walk with You. Grant us unity in faith, hope in our future, and the courage to live as one nation under God.

Through the intercession of our patroness, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, protect our Church, bless our communities, and guide our leaders according to your will. Amen



Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception
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Newburyport, and West Newbury*

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Mass Schedule

Saturday (7/11)

4:00pm **IC** Gage Guptill, Leo S. Burke
(Fr. Harrison)

No 4:00pm Mass at Holy Redeemer

Sunday (7/12)

8:30am **Nativity** (Fr. Stanley & Deacon Dow)
9:00am **IC** Raymond M. & Cecilia Lavoie, Mary
Jane McSparran (Fr. Harrison)

No 10:00am Mass

11:00am **ELKS** (Fr. Harrison & Deacon Moranski)

Monday (7/13)

9:00am **IC** For the Intentions of Lisa MacDougall,
For the Intentions of the Gruella Family
(Fr. Harrison)

Tuesday (7/14)

9:00am **IC** Alex Hasapis, David Mohone
(Fr. Harrison)

Wednesday (7/15)

9:00am **IC** For the Niles, Keefe, Swochak & Macri
families (Fr. Stanley)

Thursday (7/16)

9:00am **IC** For the Intentions of Fr. George Morin
(Fr. Stanley)

Friday (7/17)

9:00am **IC** For the Intentions of Elizabeth
Bunkartas, Erin Gionet, Lisa Whittomore, For the
Intentions of Chloe Samaha (Fr. Harrison)

Saturday (7/18)

4:00pm **IC** Michael O'Leary, Linda Prall
(Fr. Harrison & Deacon Dow)

No 4:00pm Mass at Holy Redeemer

Sunday (7/19)

8:30am **Nativity** For the Intentions of Carolyn
Johnson, Dorothy & Henry Kardas (Fr. Harrison)
9:00am **IC** (Fr. Stanley)
10:00am **St. Ann** (Fr. Harrison)
11:00am **IC** Alice Lane, James LaRaia (Fr. Stanley)

In your prayers please remember 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: hriccatholic.org as well as our Facebook page.

Mass Schedule Changes

We have to make a few scheduling changes in our Mass
schedule due to shifting clergy availability.

Please note these temporary changes for this week:

Saturday, July 11, 4:00 p.m., Mass at IC

(Note: No 4:00 p.m. Mass at Nativity)

Sunday, July 12, 8:30 a.m. Mass at Nativity

9:00 a.m. Mass at IC

11:00 a.m., Mass at **Newburyport Elks**

Note:

No 10:00 Mass at St. Ann on July 12

No 11:00 Mass at IC Church on July 12

Please continue to watch the bulletin, our website, social
media, and online calendar for up-to-date information.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA

Let's join together in prayer and gratitude
for our great nation and celebrate with
some faith, food, and fun.

JULY 12 | 10:30–3:00 | SUNDAY

Elks Club, Low St., Newburyport

RAIN OR SHINE

**OUTDOOR MASS (11:00),
BBQ, LIVE BAND,
GAMES FOR ALL AGES**

**Bring your own lawn
chair for Mass.
Seating is very limited.**



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This Week in Our Collaborative

See our online calendar for more listings. Link on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

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

Study: Pope Leo's Encyclical 9:45am, IC Charity Dining Room

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

IC SVdP Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

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

Wednesday, July 15

Holy Jammers Practice 10:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Eucharistic Adoration 3:00pm, Nativity Church

Ministry Committee Mtg. 6:30pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Thursday, July 16

Study: Pope Leo's Encyclical 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm, IC Church

Friday, July 17

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am, IC Church

AA Mtg. 6:00pm, IC St. Louis Hall

Saturday, July 18

Men's Cursillo Reunion Group 8:00am, IC St. Ann Church

Quilters Mtg. 8:30am, Nativity Hall

Women's Cursillo Reunion Group 9:00am, IC Nazareth Library

Confessions 3:00–3:30pm, IC Church

Collection to Support Relief Efforts in Venezuela

Second Collection July 11–12

The Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is working through Caritas Venezuela and the local Church "to quickly deliver emergency shelter, food, safe water, medical care and other critical relief to those affected." CRS reports that "Buildings collapsed, homes and essential infrastructure were damaged, and thousands of people have been left without safe shelter. Even as the full extent of the damage is still emerging, Catholic parishes have opened their doors to shelter displaced families and provide emergency assistance."



We will take up a collection this weekend, July 11–12. We ask that you make checks payable to HR or IC Parish and add "Venezuela Relief" in the memo. (*The Holy Father and Apostolic Works collection is rescheduled for October. We will send a new envelope in October.*)

Archbishop Henning said, "through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, may God grant strength, comfort, healing, peace and hope to all during this difficult time."

Summer Reading with Pope Leo XIV



From the Introduction to Pope Leo's new Encyclical: "We are living through a rapid phase of transition, a 'change of era,' in which—while some are vying for the future of new technologies and others dedicate themselves to reflecting on the matter—most people are watching and waiting, observing from afar and merely hoping for the best. For this very reason, crucial questions impose themselves on

our conscience and can no longer be avoided: Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as a people and as a human community?" (*Magnifica Humanitas*, paragraph 6)

Pope Leo then starts his encyclical with two images to illustrate the different "postures" we are presented with today when considering technological advances: 1) the Tower of Babel, where we think we can use our human prowess to build our way to happiness and solving issues apart from God's blessing, and 2) the reconstruction of the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylonian Exile, where everyone is included in the project and God is at the center of the effort.

Join us this week as we read this introduction, break open these biblical images and dive into this important letter to the Church and all people of good will!

Two options

Tuesdays, 9:45–10:45 a.m. in IC Charity Dining Room, **July 14–August 25**

or

Thursdays, 6:00–7:00 p.m. in IC St. Louis Hall, **July 16–August 27**

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COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Prayers for the Sick

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

Lucas Aucamp	Jane Harney	Fr. Bill McLaughlin
Paula Cullen	Chloe Hequet	William Murphy
Barnhart	Loriann Herrick	Carol O'Neal
Marcia Beeman	Matt Hershey	Eleanora Paciulan
Pattie Bombard	Angela Holloran	Jodi Paciulan
Kathy P. Brodeur	Tula Hunt	Joseph Palumbo
Michael Brenner	Emma Hurley	Carol Parks
Phyllis Collins	Young Jameson	Joanne Pesa
Autumn Rose	Derek Johnson	Elizabeth Pettingell
Coulombe	Steve Johnson	Lorraine Portalla
Kristen D'Entremont	Michael Juralewicz	Angie Reddy
Neal DesRoches	Denise Kenneson	Regina Seely
Ward Dilmore	Arthur LaPointe	Yvonne Sloban
Deb Downie	Ed Lavery	Gary Smith
Dotty Duval	Michael Lichtenstein	Arlene Stoddard
Ann-Margaret	Donna Limone	Susan Sweeney
Ferrante	Johannah Lord	Taylor
John Flynn	Patricia M.	Captain Bill Taplin
Jeanine Ebacher	Lisa MacDougall	Heather Thompson
Fowler	Monica Maguire	Michael Tucker
Renee Fowler	Sia Mahalati	Maddie Villers
Cheryl Gallo	Michael Marchese	Laurent Vincent
John Gutshaw	Robert (Bob) Marks	Joseph Vonhandorf
Jon Haggerty	Michael Martens	Sandra Welch
Ed Hardy	Ovidio Martinez	

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

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.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at Nativity Hall in Merrimac at 2:00 p.m. Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 6**. All are welcome! **Come join us**. Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

Collaborative Faith Formation

K–8th grade Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation schedules and online registration form are now posted on our website.

Go to www.hriccatholic.org/Faith-Formation to find links to the schedule and forms.

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade) will begin with two options: September 15 or 16 at 6:15 p.m.

All other grades will begin on Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Baptisms

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

Please email any bulletin submissions by Monday at noon to hricbulletin@gmail.com.

Youth Music News

IC High School Praise Singers

The IC Praise Singers is now forming! If you are in HS and would love to sing and/or play your instrument to glorify God, *please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org*. The IC Praise Singers will sing contemporary hymns at the 9:00 Mass once a month. Rehearsals begin in September.



Youth Choir

Does your child love to sing? Join the IC Youth Choir!



The IC Youth Choir is for young people in the 3rd –8th grade. If your child loves to sing, it is the perfect way for them to use their gifts to glorify God and serve our church.

Rehearsals will begin in mid-September.

For more information, please contact Paula Quann: youthchoir@hriccatholic.org.

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"

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.

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 at 7:00 p.m. in the IC Nazareth Library. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in the IC Nazareth Library. For more information call 978-225-0804 or email kofc231@outlook.com.

Upcoming Ministry Fairs

The Collaborative Ministry Committee is again sponsoring Ministry Fairs in both parishes. The fair at IC will be September 12–13 after all the weekend Masses and at HR on September 19–20 after all of the weekend Masses. These fairs will give the opportunity for all Collaborative ministries to show all who attend, who they are and what they do, and where they need new volunteers. We will reach out to all ministry leaders over the next few weeks to give them more details about the events. If you are a ministry leader, please make sure you reach out to Jim Williamson at 603-491-9916 to make sure we have your correct contact information. Stay tuned for more details.

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The God Minute



The God Minute is an online prayer community, led by priests, nuns, and lay people who start their day in prayer. Soft music, sacred scripture, and a thoughtful reflection are woven into a 10-minute, guided prayer and then uploaded for all to share.

Listen/pray with your coffee in the morning, while driving to work or taking the dog for a walk. Our mission is simple: to inspire and empower people of faith into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. And it's free.

See how easy and beautiful prayer can be. Visit www.thegodminute.org or scan the QR code.



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 thirty minutes of Centering Prayer, silently resting in God, surrendering and assenting to God's presence and action in our lives. This ancient prayer practice opens our minds and hearts to hear God within and in silence over time we are healed and transformed. We remain open to God as we hear Sacred Scripture being read in group Lectio Divina.

For the next thirty minutes we listen to God's words; ponder and share what we hear the Lord saying to us here and now and contemplate God's message to us and let it guide our choices and actions. 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.

IC Haiti

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."

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 on our website: hriccatholic.org.

Mass Scripture Readings

The Scripture passages read each day at Mass can be found on the United States Conference 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.



Vacation Bible School: What a week we had! At True North Alaskan Adventure we discovered the great Alaskan frontier and experienced what it means to trust in Jesus and how to not lose sight of Him. There was singing, dancing, crafting, and lots of new friends made. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

COLLABORATIVE NEWS

Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot Resurfacing Schedule

Please note the times when the IC Parking lot will be closed to all traffic. This schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions. **The High St. and the Green St. parking areas will be used for staff and priest parking only during the entire resurfacing project.**

Mon., July 20–Wed., July 22: parking lot is **unavailable.** (Milling/Grinding of the parking lot and the area between the church and school)

Thurs., July 23–Sun., July 26: parking lot is **available.**

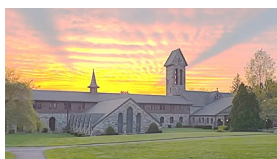
Mon., July 27–Thurs., July 30: parking lot is **unavailable** (Paving of parking lot and area between church and school and painting of parking lot lines)

Note: Daily Masses will be held at 9:00 a.m. at St. Ann on July 20–24 and July 27–29 and July 31. No Daily Mass at IC on these days.

Fri., July 31 and thereafter: parking lot is **available.** (We will be arranging a weekday when the jersey barriers can be brought back. That date is TBD.)

TBD: A date will be arranged for the grinding and paving of the driveways between the Parish Center and church, as well as the High St. parking area.

Men's Retreat at Saint Joseph's Abbey



The Guest House of Saint Joseph Abbey in Spencer, MA has been reserved for the exclusive use of the Holy Redeemer and Immaculate Conception Parishes from **Monday, September 21 to Friday, September 25, 2026.**

Spend the week in silent prayer and meditation joining the community of Monks at daily Mass and at the 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 of this mid-week retreat is \$500.00 per person with arrival on 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: space is limited. If you have questions or want more information, please speak to Fr. George Morin.

Questions of the Week



Adult: How has the seed of faith fallen on good soil in your life?

Child: What do you do to keep your seeds of faith growing?

From Vince Barcinas, Seminarian-in-Residence

The Camino de Santiago is a pilgrimage that is centuries old, established in the 9th century after the discovery of the relics of St. James in Spain. It is one that reaches out from all sorts of starting points to people of all sorts of backgrounds. While all come from different walks of life and for different reasons, we all share the same destination—Santiago de Compostela where within the cathedral is the resting place of St. James, one of the Twelve Apostles. The most popular route weaves through France into Spain and is about 500 miles long.

While I have known about the Camino for the better part of a decade, I never had a clear reason to make the pilgrimage. Growing in faith and in my relationship with Our Lord, He has shown me what I most desired for this pilgrimage: to go for the conversion of souls, to go for the souls in Purgatory, and to go for my brothers from St. John's Seminary who were just ordained as priests this year. With these in mind and with Him watching over me, I will begin the journey to Santiago this summer upon completion of my time in the parishes of our Collaborative.



I will be physically alone on this journey, but spiritually I won't be. I will be praying my own intentions all along the way, but I will also carry with me all the intentions you, my brothers and sisters, send along with me. I ask you to join me in spirit as I make my way across Spain. Know that we can still be connected spiritually as I will be praying the same Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Spain as you all pray here in the Collaborative. Even if I arrive in Santiago physically alone, I walk with a whole Collaborative of people with me in spirit. I hope to send many updates throughout the journey.

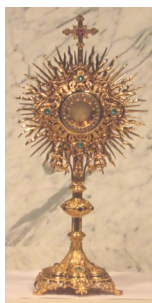
Thank you for your prayers and support along The Way!

~Vince

Sponsor Vince on the Camino

For those who are interested in asking Vince to carry their prayer-petitions and/or would like to sponsor Vince as he makes this incredible pilgrimage this summer, requests and donations can be made through our office in the weeks ahead or to Vince directly. Suggested offerings may include a fixed amount as a gift to help offset his travel expenses or perhaps sponsor him by the mile for part—or all—of his excursion. Any, and all, donations to help him with the cost of this journey will be gratefully received. Thank you!

Adoration



Simply let the impulse of the Holy Spirit nourish your desire to grow in humility, virtue, age, wisdom, and grace.

Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 p.m., Nativity Church

Thursdays 7:00–8:00 p.m., IC Church (*enter at Green Street door only*)

Fridays 9:30 a.m., IC Church (unless a funeral is scheduled)

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH

HR Offertory Collection

HR Offertory, July 4-5	\$3,399.00
HR Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 3	\$ 320.00
HR Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$ 587.00
Total Weekly Offertory, July 4-5	\$4,306.00
Monthly, July 4-5	\$1,257.00

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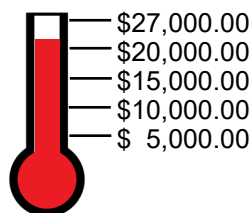
If you would like to mail in your collections, send them to **Holy Redeemer Parish, 4 Green Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.**

You can also sign up for online giving. Visit our website to learn more: hricatholic.org/hr-online-giving.



HR Catholic Appeal
Goal \$27,000.00
To Date \$21,190.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Saturday Vigil Masses at HR

Note: There is no 4:00 Mass scheduled at Nativity on July 11, July 18, and July 25.

Weekday Masses at St. Ann

Note: Daily Masses will be held at 9:00 a.m. at St. Ann on July 20-24, July 27-29, and July 31 due to the paving at IC.

(Note: no daily Mass is scheduled for July 30.)



Brigadier General James Brickett - Old Newton Chapter
Serving the many towns of the Merrimack Valley

**Collecting worn and tattered
AMERICAN FLAGS
that need a respectful disposal**

**Drop boxes are available in both
St. Ann and Nativity churches until Labor Day.**

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism across the United States.

HR St. Vincent de Paul

Summer Heat!

Locally, most of us comfortably survived the recent heat wave. Staying cool comes at a price that some of our neighbors in need cannot afford. We welcome the break in temperatures this week but are reminded that there is no "break" in the economic needs of the poor in our community. Always keep in mind the lives of those less fortunate and give generously.



Your kind donations in any form to help our neighbors are always greatly appreciated. Please use the envelopes that can be found on tables at the main entrances of St. Ann and Nativity churches for your donations. These can be mailed or placed in the poor boxes. Reminder: **Make sure to make checks payable to HR St. Vincent de Paul.**

Activities Committee News



We are planning an "angel decorating" craft night for our November Fair. Save the date and join us: Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Nativity Hall.



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Holy Redeemer - Immaculate Conception Collaborative Parishes

Piano for Nativity Hall

Dear Parishioners,

We have been given a chance to purchase a very nice, slightly used piano for Nativity Hall at a greatly reduced price.

This beautiful Kawai upright is being offered to us for only \$5,000, and I think it is an opportunity too good to pass up. Retailing new for more than \$12,000, this instrument has been lovingly cared for and beautifully maintained over the years. It comes with its own humidification system, to help keep it in-tune during the drier months of the year. Any parishioner interested in making a donation to help offset this cost is invited to contact our office in the weeks ahead. Any donation checks, no matter the amount, can be made out to Holy Redeemer Parish. Many thanks for your generosity in helping our parish to be all that it can be!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

IC Offertory Collection

IC Offertory, July 4–5	\$5,948.00
IC Mailed-in Offertory, Week Ending July 3	\$4,792.00
IC Weekly Online Offertory Giving	\$3,366.00
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Monthly, July 4–5	\$1,806.00

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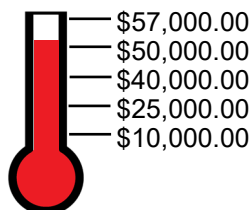
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IC Catholic Appeal
Goal: \$57,000.00
To Date: \$53,566.00

Visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to learn more or to donate.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues its mission of bringing hope and assistance to those in need within our parish and community. Through your generous donations and prayers, we are able to make a real difference in people's lives. If you or someone you know is facing hardship, please reach out to us. All requests are handled with compassion and confidentiality.

How to Donate:

- Online: svdpnewburyport.org and click on "Donate"
- By mail: St. Vincent de Paul, IC Conference, 42 Green St., Newburyport, MA 01950
- In Church: use the "Poor Box" at the Green St. entrance

We hope you can "Help us help our neighbors." Thank you for sharing Christ's love in such a tangible way.

Do you or someone you know need assistance? Call our confidential help line: 978-518-0728. Members respond to all messages as quickly as possible.



Seminarian Kyle helping at a Tuesday night meal.

Tuesdays Breaking Bread Meal: Free, hot, three-course meal served 4:45–5:30 p.m. in the IC St. Louis Hall dining room. Take-out meals available at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Thank you for helping us serve our community with compassion and dignity.

Immaculate Conception School

From IC to Great Horizons: Celebrating the Class of 2022

There is a unique and enduring magic found within the halls of Immaculate Conception School. It is a place where the foundations of character are laid and where a tight-knit community fosters the confidence necessary to take on the world. Today, we look back with immense pride at the Class of 2022. Four years ago, these students graduated from our eighth grade; this spring, they crossed the high school stage and are now headed to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities across the nation.

The academic rigor and work ethic instilled at IC has clearly borne fruit. Among this graduating class, two of our former students achieved the highest possible academic honor, serving as Valedictorians at their respective high schools. To reach the top of one's class requires years of discipline and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Seeing IC alumni lead their graduating classes serves as a powerful reminder that the seeds planted in our classrooms grow into towering achievements.

The geographic reach of this class is equally impressive, proving that the IC experience provides a launchpad capable of sending students anywhere they dream of going. From the Ivy League and top-tier research institutions to specialized maritime academies and beloved Catholic universities, our alumni are represented coast to coast.

We celebrate the following college destinations for the IC Class of 2022:

- Assumption University
- Auburn University
- Boston College
- Clemson University
- College of Charleston
- Lehigh University
- Marist University
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- Merrimack College
- Miami University, Ohio
- Michigan State University
- Providence College
- Quinnipiac University
- San Diego State University
- UMass Amherst
- University of Maryland
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Rhode Island
- Villanova
- Virginia Tech
- Wake Forest University
- Wheaton College

Stations of the Cross Lighting at IC

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