

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

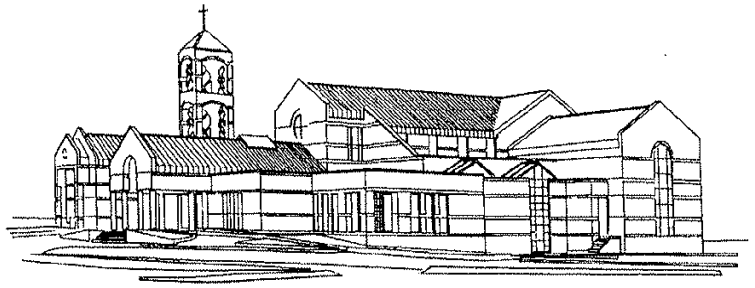
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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 6, 2020



*Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception!*

*Mary conceived without sin, pray for us.*



*Buona Festa dell'Immacolata Concezione!*

*Maria concepita senza peccato, prega per noi.*

~ Fr. Eugene, Fr. Anish, Fr. Hyginus, Fr. Ugo, and the parish staff

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

#### Festa dell'Immacolata Concezione

Our parish community will be celebrating its Patronal Feast on **Tuesday December 8, 2020**. The Mass Schedule will be as follows:

- 8am: Italian
- 12pm: English
- 7pm: Bilingual (During this Mass, our priests will renew their religious vows)

Please note that capacity and public health restrictions remain in place and admission to the church will be on a first come, first served basis. While the celebrations will be a bit different this year, let us remember to mark this day as our church is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and our Priests are consecrated to her in the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception.

La nostra comunità parrocchiale celebrerà la nostra Festa Patronale, **martedì 8 dicembre 2020** con le seguenti Messe:

- 8am : Italiano
- 12pm : Inglese
- 7pm : Bilingue (Durante questa Messa i nostri sacerdoti rinnoveranno i voti religiosi)

Restano in vigore restrizioni per la sanità pubblica e la capienza sarà limitata in base al sistema primo arrivato, primo servito. Anche se le celebrazioni saranno diverse quest'anno, commemoriamo questa festa perché la nostra chiesa è dedicata all'Immacolata Concezione ed è la festa dei sacerdoti che servono questa comunità parrocchiale.

## Upcoming Baptisms

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following children to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



*Adriano Giorgio Falcone*  
*Mia Mazzuca*

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

## This Weekend's Marriage



*Louisa Grossi & Nicholas Valente*

## 2021 Parish Envelopes

The 2021 donation envelopes will be distributed after the weekend Masses or at the parish office during the week. Please remember to confirm that they are yours by verifying the number, name and address.

*Le buste per le donazioni del 2021 si possono ritirare nell'atrio della chiesa dopo la Santa Messa della domenica e dall'ufficio parrocchiale durante la settimana.*

## Sunday Missals for Sale

2021 Sunday missals are now for sale in the parish office or after Mass at the cost of \$5.

## Stewardship Reflection

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." This was the prophecy by Isaiah concerning John the Baptist who ends the line of prophets pointing to Jesus. John the Baptist played his role in preparing the people of Judea for the coming of Christ. As stewards, we can look to John as a model of how to best lead others to Christ. Firstly, we must remember that it is never our own merits that convert people but is instead always a pure gift from God. John the Baptist fully recognizes this when he says that he baptizes with water while the one coming after him, Jesus, will baptize with the Holy Spirit. We too should always remember that it is the Lord who does great things, and we are only his instruments. However, while we may not cause the actual conversion, we do play an important role in helping others encounter Christ. During the encounter, God does all the work, but we must still help facilitate this encounter. People can most readily encounter Christ through His church which is why we must play our part in making our parishes as hospitable and welcoming as possible. This Advent and Christmas season as we may begin to see new faces in the parish, let us welcome them with loving hearts and smiles. The angels and saints in heaven rejoice whenever someone comes back to church, shouldn't we do the same? Let us strive to be charitable stewards and say hello to any new parishioners we may encounter this season as a sign of our love and hospitality.

## Vocation Seeds

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Eugene.