



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2025.

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH – SEPTEMBER 21ST

English Rosary: Saturday 4:10 p.m. / Sunday 9:10 a.m. / Polish Rosary: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 th	8:30 a.m.	—	Loretta DeLuca, requested by Anne Marie Pearl
Wednesday, Sept. 17 th	8:30 a.m.	—	Tim Ayotte, requested by a parishioner
Thursday, Sept. 18 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Mary House, requested by John DeNoble
Friday, Sept. 19 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Bernard Walsh, requested by Paul & Bernadette Guyatt
Saturday, Sept. 20 th	4:30 p.m.	+	Andy MacDonald, requested by Lynn & Terri Nolan
Sunday, Sept. 21 st	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	— +	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i> Edmund & Krystyna Loboccy, requested by the family

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Andrew Morrison, Bonnie Morley, Brian Eberle, Cathy Lochner, Dan Selby, Donna Ellis, Evelyn Crook, Francine Leger-Gillard, Gerard & Wanda Byrne, Jason Ayotte, Jo Morrison, Joanna Carlberg, John Dawson, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Kathy Hiltz, Keith Mathieson, Lauren Carey, Linda vanTol, M.J.B., Marian Dlugosz, Marie Green, Michael Dawson, Mike Fitzgerald, Mike Sullivan, Neave Alderson, Paul Rigby, Pat D., Peter McCarthy, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sawyer Growden, Shelly Appleton, Tim Ayotte, Zita Lightfoot and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

99th BIRTHDAY WISHES: The parishioners of Immaculate Conception wish to congratulate **Loretta DeLuca** on the occasion of her 99th birthday on **September 13th**. May God bless you with peace, happiness and good health!

GET YOUR AUTUMN RAFFLE TICKETS NOW! Tickets are now available for our Autumn Raffle. **First prize is \$1,000 in cash** donated by a parishioner. There are a total of ten prizes with other values of \$400, \$250, \$150 and \$100. *See poster at the church entrances for details.* Buy one or more books of tickets for \$20 each. **Each book gives you twelve opportunities to win!**



ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI EVENTS:



- 1) **SONSHINE ADORATION** is an opportunity for parents to bring their young children to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a time for the children to play freely (no running around however), colour, read, and do activities in the glorious sight of our Lord. The Monstrance is set on a small table, so it is relatively close to the children's level of interaction. SonShine Adoration will take place after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, from 9:30 to 10:30, every third Friday of the month, starting **September 19th**.
- 2) **YOUTH MINISTRY** is starting up as well. This Ministry for grades 6-8, is called Club 316, and happens every Friday night from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Ministry for grades 9-12, is called Catalyst, and runs on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The evening will start off with games, a FULL MEAL (free), then a message video, and small group discussion. For further information contact Monica Levoie, Youth Minister, monica@stalphonsus.net
- 3) **DIVINE MERCY PROGRAM** is held the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in St. Alphonsus church for an hour of Adoration, the Rosary, Confession and of course, the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*—a very powerful, spiritual hour of prayer. Starting **September 16th**.



LITURGY NOTES— WORD & SACRAMENT

There are two principal parts of every Mass: The *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*. They are preceded and followed by short opening and closing rites that spiritually lead us to and away from this two-fold essence of the Mass. In the *Liturgy of the Word*, we believe that God is speaking to us afresh every time we hear the scriptures proclaimed, most especially when the words of Jesus sound again in the ears of the Church with every Gospel; then, in the *Liturgy of the Eucharist*, we believe that it is the very same Lord who has spoken to us through his Word who becomes really and substantially present in the Eucharist we receive.

One way to think about the relationship between the *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Eucharist* is that these particular holy scriptures that I am hearing today are preparing me to receive the Lord at this particular Mass. This is all the more reason to pay attention and even cherish every word of the scriptures proclaimed, knowing that you are being prepared to receive the very Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus, being disposed to all the graces that you might be able to receive on this day of your life.

Then receive the Lord with an ever-deeper sense of awe and wonder that you are partaking of the body of Jesus who hung on the Cross for you, was raised from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour: this is whom you receive in Holy Communion, and it is an awesome thing beyond mere human comprehension. After Communion, be sure to say prayers of thanksgiving that God has blessed us with this awesome way to be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing. Then go forth and bring this good news to all those God brings into your life.

LA VERNA: Summer is waning as Autumn shows her colours. La Verna Ministries (820 Frank Street) have taken nature's cue and offer Autumn Programming. *Discovering Franciscan Spirituality* is a program of personal spiritual development. *MEDITATIO* offers the participant a one-hour experience of Contemplative Prayer in the Franciscan tradition. Also, on **September 17th** they celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Stigmata of St Francis of Assisi*, their local Feast day with a 6:00 p.m. Mass held at St Alphonsus Liguori parish (next door), at 1066 Western Avenue. (See poster on our bulletin board for more info.)

CATHEDRAL CWL EVENTS:

- 1) The Cathedral CWL is hosting a Fall Décor Presentation on Wednesday, **September 24th** from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall across from the Cathedral. Vicki from Griffin's Greenhouse will be sharing ideas for Fall/Thanksgiving. The cost is FREE. Light refreshments will be provided as well as a draw for a door prize. Everyone welcome! (See poster on our bulletin board for more information.)
- 2) Also, the Cathedral CWL will be hosting an indoor Garage Sale on Saturday, **September 27th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Everyone welcome! If you would like to be a vendor and reserve an 8-foot table, the cost is \$30. Please contact Patricia at 1-647-545-3078 for more information or to reserve a table. (See poster on our bulletin board.)

Financial Corner - August

We appreciate your continued support to get us out of this unsustainable position!

Offertory Income: \$13,844.75 | **Expenses:** \$16,026.75 | **LOSS:** \$2,182

Abnormal expenses this month:

- Four new chairs for rectory offices (\$540)
- Fix rectory washing machine (\$300)
- Diocesan charge for our portion of the Annual Priest's Retreat (\$850)



You can see that the "abnormal" expenses listed above are not that significant, which means that this month, our monthly offertory is still about \$500 short from covering our "normal" expenses.

"God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand-in-hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward." —Pope Leo XIV