**Mass and Confession Schedule**

(in MIT Chapel)

- **Sunday**: 9:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM
- **Monday & Wednesday**: 7:30 PM
- **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**: 12:05 PM
- **Confession after Mass - except Mon.** (7 PM)

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Sun 11:30 AM-1 PM)

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tcc.mit.edu/www/register.html

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**Winter Weather Closings:** Whenever MIT closes, or whenever the roads are unsafe for Fr. Moloney to make it into campus, it is likely that Mass or other activities will be cancelled. To receive notice that Mass is cancelled, it is important that everyone subscribe to TCCM@mit.edu, our main mailing list. To add yourself to the list go to:

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** Masses are held Friday, Dec. 7 at 5:15pm (Vigil) and Saturday, Dec. 8 at 12:05pm in the MIT Chapel.

**Immaculate Conception Party:** Celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the end of the semester with free food, fellow Catholics, and cookie decorating! All are welcome! Dec. 7, 6:15pm (after the 5:15pm Vigil Mass) in the Student Center - West Lounge (2nd floor).

**SEEK:** Ever been to an international Catholic conference? Want to experience Catholic fellowship with over 15,000 college students during winter break? Then SEEK is for you! SEEK is a 5-day Focus conference that will be held from January 3rd-7th in Indianapolis, Indiana this year. The theme of the conference is “What are you seeking?”, and the conference is designed to facilitate an encounter between you and Christ. If you are not Catholic, are interesting in becoming Catholic, or just want to learn more about your faith, then this conference is for you! A link to the site is www.SEEK2019.com. For questions, email Gregory Giangiordano, one of the Focus missionaries, at gregory.giangiordano@focus.org.

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**Melchizedek Group for Priestly Vocations / Women's Discernment Group for Religious life:** Fr. Moloney will lead a reading and discussion group about the nature of the priestly vocation / celibacy in religious life, and how to discern if God is calling us.

- **Men:** Mondays 5-6PM. If interested, contact Kyle James (kbcj2711@mit.edu). Books “To Save a Thousand Souls” are available in the office in W11.
- **Women:** First Wednesday at 5 PM. If interested, contact Mariah Mullen (mmullen@mit.edu). Copies of the book Discerning Religious Life are available in the office in W11-012

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Course in the Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith:**
Fr. Moloney is offering a class in the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith on Sundays from 2:45-3:45 PM in the Small Dining Room in W11. For more info contact Fr. Moloney dmoloney@mit.edu.

**“What do I live for?”:** Reflect on our daily experience and on our values/needs. Italian food will be provided! Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm @ the Student Center, Private Dining Room #3. For more info: Elisa: elisa@mit.edu

**Grad Student Group dinner followed by Adoration:** Wednesdays 7:30 PM in PDR #3/W20-303 or meet inside W20 doors at 7:15 to grab some food. If you can’t find us, call Aileen at 925-852-1882.

**Interested in joining a Bible Study?**
- Undergraduate: Contact bsu.drusciello@focus.org for women and gregory.giangiordano@focus.org for men to get connected to the right study for you.
- Graduate: Contact Brandon Roach at roachb@mit.edu for men and Charlotte Ong at cxyong@mit.edu for women.

**Want to join the Choir?** For details, visit bit.ly/mit-icc-choir or email Piotr Suwara (suwara@mit.edu).

**BBMSK (Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen):** We serve homeless communities in Back Bay and Cambridge giving out socks, sandwiches, and a friendly presence to folks we come across on the street. When? 6:00 PM on Tuesdays at W11 or 6:00 PM on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays in front of St. Clement’s Shrine. For more info, visit bbmsk.org

**Song & Stillness:** Taizé @ MIT at 8 pm Sunday evenings in the MIT Chapel. Taizé prayer is a contemplative evening prayer service, including readings from scripture, candlelight, meditative singing, and time for silence. All are welcome!

**Integrity@MIT:** Do you have trouble staying chaste? Are you tired of confessing sexual sins again and again? Join a peer support group of Catholic men struggling for chastity. Contact integrity@mit.edu for more information and times of weekly meetings.

**The Sisters of St. Joseph:** You are INVITED TO JOIN WITH THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH at their Motherhouse chapel on Monday, Dec 3, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, for an Advent Evening: Setting the Tone for this Holy Season.” They are located at 637 Cambridge St. in Brighton. This evening promises to be an opportunity, to pause, pray, ponder and prepare ourselves for welcoming the Light. Presenters: Maryann Enright, CSJ and Rosemary Mulvihill, CSJ To register call 781-227-4730 or spiritual.ministries@csjBostom.org.
St. Alphonsus Liguori on Recollection and the Presence of God

To be ready for the Second Coming of Christ, to be like the wise virgins who are prepared for the coming of the Lord, we need to be constantly vigilant. St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787) taught that the secret to this spiritual readiness was to have one’s heart “recollected” rather than dispersed into many different things of the world.

THINKING OF GOD: In order to remain united to God, we must endeavor to keep alive within us a vivid recollection of Him and of the immeasurable goods He bestows on those who love Him. By constant intercourse with the world, spiritual truths are apt to become obscured in the maze of earthly thoughts and considerations, and piety vanishes from the heart. Worldly-minded people shun solitude, and it is quite natural for them to do so; for it is in retirement that they are troubled with qualms of conscience. They seek the society and excitement of the world so that the voice of conscience may be drowned in the noise that reigns there. Those, on the contrary, whose conscience is at rest, love solitude and retirement; and when at times they are obliged by circumstances to appear in the noisy world, they are ill at ease and feel altogether out of their element... Now, in order to find this delightful solitude it is not necessary to withdraw into a desert and live in a cave; you can find it in your home and in the midst of your family. Busy yourself with the outside world only in as far as the duties of your state, obedience, or charity require, and you will be living in that solitude that best accords with your circumstances and that God requires of you... “A soul that is free from earthly attachments,” says St. Peter Chrysologus, “finds solitude even on the streets and in public places.” … In what does solitude of the heart consist? It consists in banishing from the heart all desires and inclinations that are not for God, and in performing our actions simply with God’s good pleasure in view… In one word, the solitude of the heart consists in being able to say: “My God, You alone do I desire and nothing else.”

THE PRESENCE OF GOD: A powerful aid in preserving recollection is the remembrance of the presence of God. Not only does it conduce to recollection of spirit, but it is also one of the most effective means of advancing in the spiritual life; it helps us to avoid sin; it spurs us on in the practice of virtue, and it brings about an intimate union of the soul with God. There is no more excellent means of quieting the passions and of resisting the temptation to sin than the thought of the presence of God. St. Thomas says: “If we thought of the presence of God at all times we would never, or very seldom, do anything to displease Him.” … St. Ambrose tells us that during a sacrifice which Alexander the Great was offering in the temple, a certain page who held a lighted torch allowed it to burn his hand rather than be guilty of irreverence by letting it fall. And the holy Doctor adds: If respect for the presence of the king could overcome the impulse of nature itself in this boy, how much more ought not the thought of the presence of God to prevail with a faithful soul in overcoming temptations and in suffering every imaginable torture rather than offend God before His very eyes. Men fall into sin because they lose sight of the presence of God. “The cause of all evil,” says St. Teresa of Avila, “lies in the fact that we do not think of the presence of God, but imagine Him far away from us”... [On the other hand,] union of the soul with God is the happy result of walking constantly in His presence. Love is always strengthened by the presence of the object loved. If this is the case with human beings, in spite of the many defects their presence must needs reveal, how much more so will it be between the soul and God. The more we walk in the presence of God, the better we recognize those beautiful qualities that are calculated to increase and strengthen His love in our hearts.

HOW TO FOSTER AWARENESS OF GOD’S PRESENCE: Now a good means of walking in God’s presence is to picture Our Lord as present with us wherever we may happen to be. We may think of Him at times as a little babe in the crib of Bethlehem; as a poor exile on His way to Egypt; as an apprentice in the workshop of Nazareth; a man of sorrows who was condemned a criminal to suffer and die; as scourged and crowned and crucified... Another and better means of walking in the presence of God is based on the truths of holy faith. It consists in seeing God with the eyes of faith and being thoroughly persuaded that He is present and a witness of our actions... This is an easy practice and is not tiring to the mind. It is sufficient to make little acts of faith such as the following: “My God, I firmly believe that Thou art here present.” With this may be joined acts of love, of conformity and of good intention. Still another beautiful practice is that of seeing God in His creatures. The beauties of nature such as the rising and setting of the sun, a magnificent landscape, a majestic river, a garden of beautiful flowers are so many reflexes of the beauty of the Creator. The thought of a learned or handsome or holy person can lead us to admire the wisdom and beauty and sanctity of God and return Him thanks for permitting His creatures to share in His holy attributes. The most perfect method, however, of keeping alive the thought of God’s presence consists in beholding God within our very selves. It is not necessary to ascend to Heaven to find the Lord God; we need only to recollect ourselves, and we shall find Him within us. He who, at prayer, pictures the Lord at a great distance from him is preparing for himself a source of abundant distractions. St. Teresa says: “I never really knew what it meant to pray well until the Lord Himself taught me the proper way to converse with Him. I entered within my very self and found this practice exceedingly profitable for my soul.”