

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)

Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish



June 17th, 2012 in the Year of Grace
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
and the Eleventh of the Year

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ON THE PARISH CALENDAR....

Sunday, June 17th:
FATHER'S DAY, USA

Father's Day Coffee Hour after the 9 a.m. Mass,
parish gardens

Lay Dominicans, 1:00 p.m., Monthly Meeting,
lower rectory conference room

Sunday, June 24th:

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
The "Summer Christmas"

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving for
Fr. William Blazek, S.J.

Reception and First Blessing to follow in the lower
church hall



One of our youngest parishioners Guillaume du Halgouet (right) watches on the porch as the Corpus Christi Procession comes out of the church.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF
OUR PARISH

*"What return can I make to the Lord for all His
kindness to Me?"*



**OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY,
JUNE 10th, \$4,550.00 + \$456.00
(OTHER OFFERINGS) =
\$5,011.00**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK,
JUNE 24th:
HOLY FATHER'S "PETER'S PENCE"
COLLECTION**



**FATHER WILLIAM
BLAZEK'S
FIRST MASS, SUNDAY,
JUNE 24th, A.D. 2012.**

**Ordained to the
Priesthood , June 9th, 2012,
in St. Paul, Minnesota.**

**Sunday, June 24th, he will celebrate his
first Mass of Thanksgiving with us at
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes as the
celebrant for the 10:30 a.m. Latin Mass.
We will expand our usual Coffee Hour
into a reception for Fr. Blazek and will
have the opportunity to receive
Father's First Blessing.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

III. Stewart Rainey and Noel Cowburn

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JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



(Front Cover: The outdoor Parish Procession for Corpus Christi last Sunday, June 10th, 2012. A Royal Procession for Christ the Eucharistic King, the Holy Name men carry the canopy over the monstrance wherein is placed the Blessed Sacrament. Photos of Corpus Christi by parishioner Paul Eldridge.)

“TO MAKE OF ALL MY LIFE A MASS...”

Many years ago, a priest friend of mine sent me a holy card from France to greet me on my anniversary of priestly ordination. The holy card, which I have reproduced here, shows a priest elevating a ciborium of hosts for the consecration of the Mass. The French phrase translates as: ***“To make of all my life a Mass and of the Mass all my life.”*** This phrase has obvious meaning for a priest who has given his



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et de la Messe toute ma vie.

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life to offer prayer and sacrifice to God on behalf of the People of God through the celebration of Mass. The priest who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders gives himself over to Jesus Christ in order for Christ to act through him in the representation of the one sacrifice on Mount Calvary. In truth, there is only One Priest who ever says Mass: that One Priest is Jesus Christ, Who is at once both Priest and Victim on the altar. All of the men ordained priests are sharers in this One Priesthood of Christ. This is the meaning behind the expression that the priest acts *in persona Christi (i.e., in the person of Christ)*. It is a theologically factual statement. How then could a priest **not** make the Eucharist the center of his life?

But this beautiful phrase: ***“To make of all my life a Mass and of the Mass all my life”***, has a wider application to every baptized Christian, male and female, who also have a sharing in Christ’s priesthood, albeit not to the same extraordinary degree of an ordained priest. It is lamentable that in our time some within the Church have invoked the “priesthood of the faithful” in such a way as to diminish the significance of the “priesthood of the ordained.” At the same time, we do not want to defend the priesthood of the ordained by minimizing or obscuring the significance of the priesthood of the faithful either.

The essence of the Mass is the self-giving, sacrificing love of God in Jesus Christ poured forth upon the world. Our response to it as a “priestly people” is to reciprocate as much as we can with a love which is also self-giving and self-sacrificing. When assisting at Mass we consciously, with grateful love, offer ourselves to Christ on the altar—all that we are, all that we have. And when we go out about our business in the world that spirit of self-less charity goes out with us to give shape and purpose to our lives.

(Fr. Higgins)

LATIN MASS TEXTS

Traditional Propers

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Vestments: Green

INTROIT Psalms 24: 16, 18

Look Thou upon me, O Lord, and have mercy on me: for I am alone and poor. See my abjection and my labor; and forgive me all my sins, O my God. -- (Ps. 24. 1, 2). To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. *V.*: Glory be to the Father . Look Thou upon me . . .

COLLECT

O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, multiply Thy mercies upon us; that having Thee for our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not those which are eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost...

EPISTLE I Peter 5: 6-11

Dearly beloved: Be you humbled under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in the time of visitation; casting all your care upon Him, for He hath care of you. Be sober and watch, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist ye, strong in faith; knowing that the same affliction befalls your brethren who are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto the eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will Himself perfect you, and confirm you, and establish you. To Him be glory and empire for ever and ever. Amen.

GRADUAL Psalms 54: 23, 17, 19

Cast Thy care upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee. *V.*: When I cried to the Lord He heard my voice, from them that draw near to me. Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* (Ps. 7. 12). God is a just judge, strong and patient; is He angry every day? Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 15, 1-10

At that time, the publicans and sinners drew near unto Jesus to hear Him: and the Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying: This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them. And He spoke to them this parable, saying: What man is there of you that hath a hundred sheep, and if he shall lose one of them, doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which was lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, lay it upon his shoulders, rejoicing, and coming home, call together his friends and neighbors, saying to them: Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost? I say to you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance. Or what woman having ten groats, if she lose one groat, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it? And when she hath found it, call together her friends and neighbors, saying: Rejoice with me, because I have found that groat which I had lost? So I say to you, there shall be joy before the angels of God upon one sinner doing penance.

OFFERTORY Psalms 9: 11, 12, 13

Let them trust in Thee, all who know Thy Name, O Lord: for Thou hast not forsaken them that seek Thee: sing ye to the Lord, who dwelleth in Sion: for He hath not forgotten the cry of the poor.

SECRET

Favourably regard, O Lord, the offerings of Thy suppliant Church, and grant to Thy faithful receiving them, that they may avail unto salvation. Through our Lord.

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION Luke 5: 10

I say to you: there is joy before the angels of God upon one sinner doing penance.

POST COMMUNION

May the sacrament which we have received quicken us, O Lord: and atoning for our sins, prepare us to share everlastingly Thy mercies. Through our Lord.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

June 17th, A.D. 2012, Saturday vigil, 4 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Prelude: Faith of Our Fathers
(Worship II Hymnal No.75)

Introit: Ps 27 (26): 7, 9

*"Hearken, O Lord, unto my voice which has called out to You;
deign to be my help, forsake me not, do not despise me, O God my
Savior."*

Kyrie – Chant

Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Ps 16 (15): 7, 8

*"I will bless the Lord who has given me understanding. I have set
the Lord always in my sight; since He is at my right hand, I shall
not be shaken."*

Mass Setting: Mass VIII Missa De Angelis

Sanctus(English)

*"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam
resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias"*

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion: Ps 27 (26): 4

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after; that I
may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."*

Post Communion Hymn

Salve Regina (Gregorian Chant Mode V)

Recessional Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(Parish Hymnal No.122)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

June 17th, A.D. 2012 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Processional Hymn: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us
(Felix Mendelssohn C.1833)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 24:16-18,1,2

*"Respice in me, et miserere mei, Domine, quoniam unicus et
pauper sum ego vide humilitatem meam, et laborem meum: et
dimitte omnia peccata mea, Deus meus. (Psalm) Ad Te, Domine,
levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in Te confido, non erubescam."*

Ordinary Prayers:

Missa Brevis In G Major KV 140

(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus
and Agnus Dei)

(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart d.1791)

Gradual: Ps. 54:23,17,19

*"Jacta cogitatum tuum in Domino: et ipse te enutriet. Dum
clamarem ad Dominum, exaudivit vocem meam ab his qui
appropinquant mihi. **Alleluia:** Ps. 7:12*

*"Alleluja, alleluja. Deus judex justus, fortis et petiens, numquid
irascitur per singulos dies? Alleluja"*

Offertory Verse: Ps. 9:11,12,13

*"Sperant in te omnes, qui novērunt nomen tuum, Domine:
quoniam non derelinquis quærentes te: psallite Domino, qui
habitat in Sion: quoniam non est oblitus orationem pauperum."*

Offertory Hymn: Ave Maria

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina d.1594)

Communion Hymn: Panis Angelicus

(César Franck, d.1890)

Communion Verse: Lk. 15:10

*"Dico vobis: gaudium est Angelis Dei, super uno peccatore
poenitentiam agente."*

Recessional Hymn: Laudate Dominum

(George Frideric Handel d.1759)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY LATIN MASS

June 18th-23rd, A.D. 2012

Monday, June 18th: 12:30 p.m.

St. Ephrem the Syrian, Deacon, Confessor & Doctor

Tuesday, June 19th: 5:30 p.m.

St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin

Wednesday, June 20th: 12:30 p.m.

Ferial Day

Thursday, June 21st: 5:30 p.m.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Confessor

Friday, June 22nd:

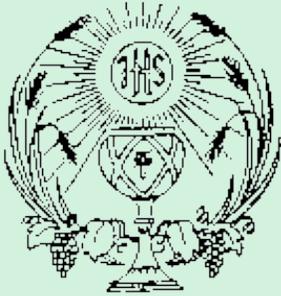
12:30 p.m.

St. Paulinus, Bishop & Confessor

Saturday, June 23rd:

9:00 a.m.

*Vigil of the Nativity of St. John
the Baptist*



**TIME AFTER
PENTECOST**

**CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD SUNDAYS
BEFORE AND AFTER THE
10:30 LATIN MASS**



**WE INVITE EVERYONE
TO JOIN US FOR
COFFEE HOUR
DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY
AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.**

WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT
FATHER BLAZEK WITH A GIFT FROM THE
PARISH OF AN ALTAR MISSAL AND A SET OF
MASS VESTMENTS. ANYONE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PARISH GIFT,
WE INVITE YOU TO PLACE THE
CONTRIBUTION IN THE OFFERTORY,
MARKED "FR. BLAZEK'S GIFT" OR SEND IT
DIRECTLY TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.

**A Blessed and Happy Father's Day to all of
our fathers present at Mass this Sunday.**

FATHER'S DAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS TODAY

Please join us outside in the parish gardens for
refreshments and a time of fellowship
immediately after today's 9 a.m. Mass.

Our Mass intention for the 9 a.m. Mass today is
for all Fathers, both living and deceased.



ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC FAMILY FESTIVAL:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2012,
12 Noon-8:00 p.m.**

Boston College High School, Boston. The
day will feature a Cultural Gala with over
twenty dance and music groups from our
ethnic communities, and International
Food Festival. Our Archbishop Cardinal
Sean will be the celebrant at Mass. All are
invited to attend this free event. The
schedule is as follows:

12 Noon: Registration

1:00-4:00 p.m.: Cultural Gala

4:30 p.m.: Line-up for Procession of
Nations into Mass

5:00 p.m.: Mass with Cardinal Sean

6:30-8:00 p.m.: International food and
music festival

www.CatholicCulturalDiversity.com



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William and Angela Kasper who were married with a Solemn High Nuptial Mass at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes on June 8th. (The Bride's uncle Fr. John Rizzo, FSSP, officiated.)

The photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Kasper during Sunday's Corpus Christi Procession. The bridal couple offered a souvenir holy card to their guests with a picture of the Wedding Feast at Cana on one side and the following prayer on the other:

Heavenly Father,

through the intercession of the Holy Family, help us treasure the gift of marriage that reflects the love of Christ for the Church, where the self-giving love of husband and wife unites them more perfectly and co-operates in Your plan for new life created in Your image.

Help us support men and women in their vocation of marriage, especially in difficult times when they join their sufferings to the Cross. Help us uphold the institution of marriage in our society as the place where love is nurtured and family life begins. Help us acknowledge that our future depends on this love and on Your providential care for us. Amen.

Please pray daily for the vocation of marriage.

*A donation has been made in your honor to
Priests for Life*

**Angela & William
June 8th, 2012**

JOB OPENING

**We are presently seeking someone to work in the parish office as a part-time Administrative Assistant Book-keeper. If interested, please contact Fr. Higgins for more information.
617-244-0558**

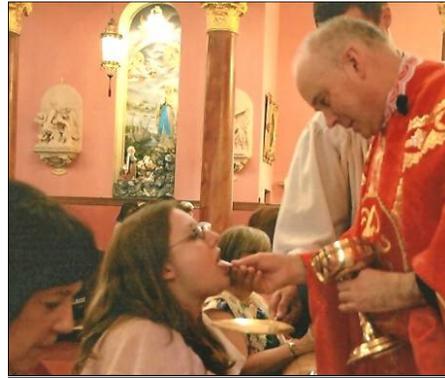


Photo: Parishioner Noel Cowburn receives her First Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday, after having received Baptism and Confirmation on the Vigil, the day before.

MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... *Sgt. Dennis Geary, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; 2nd Lt. Richard S. Pluta, deployed to Iraq; Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC;*

IN THANKSGIVING for the return of Command Sgt. Major Gregory Widberg and his I-182 Infantry Regiment, from Kabul, Afghanistan. During their deployment they suffered two casualties—1 dead, 1 wounded.

(Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

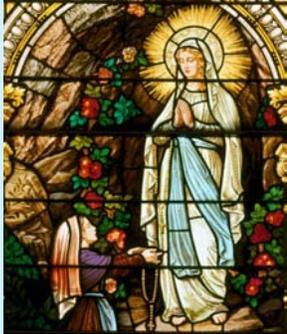


HEALTH OF THE SICK

“In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice.”

—Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Gerry Mazzarella, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary Trombetta,



Helen Reid, Brenda Winegarner, Jean Johnson, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Jack Shaughnessy, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Missy Ochsner, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O’Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O’Brien, Evelyn Donovan, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Bill McIlheny, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Karen Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffmann, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Annie Procopio, Marie

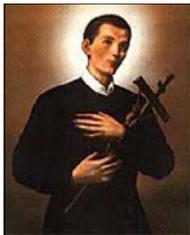
Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, WandaLempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Marie Goodwin, JoeBellino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan, Fred Strom.



“I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next”—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858

SPECIAL INTENTION: *For all the expectant mothers of our parish family.*

“St. Gerard Majella, pray for us”



*Prayer for Motherhood:
O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and*

Wonderworker of our day, I call upon thee and seek thy aid. Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God’s designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.

“On this Father’s Day, there are many fathers denied the privilege of raising a child because of abortion. ‘Abortion leaves indelible footprints in the texture of masculinity, in the recesses of a man’s heart, and in his reproductive history. A father is a father forever, even of a dead unborn child.’ These fathers need healing prayers. (The Hollow Men: Male Grief and Trauma Following Abortion”, pamphlet by Vincent M. Rue, Ph.D.)

**PRAYER LINE OF THE
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Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by:)

SATURDAY June 16th	4:00 p.m.	Dominic, Phyllis & John Morrone	Memorial	Janet Rigoli
SUNDAY June 17th	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo		
3rd Sunday after Pentecost and the Eleventh Sunday of the Year	9:00 a.m.	All Fathers, Living & Deceased		
(Father's Day, USA)	10:30 a.m.	James A. Donovan Rose Dinon Meghan Gallagher Mary Mae Mullins Anthony Demmin Bill Welker Louis Post Nora Powers	Memorial 21st Memorial Birthday Memorial Memorial Return from Quatar Memorial Memorial Memorial	Frances, Teresa, Elizabeth & Martha Catherine E. Dinon Davulis Family Mary Cafarella
				Bennett Family Post Family Mary Cafarella Elizabeth Bellino
	5:30 p.m.	Cheryl Nickerson	Memorial	
MONDAY June 18th	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	Memorial	
TUESDAY June 19th	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	5:30 p.m.	Julianna Davulis	Birthday Intention	Davulis Family
WEDNESDAY June 20th	7:30 a.m.	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	Deceased members of the Kwash, Rulnick, Steinkrauss and Rizzo Families	Memorial	
THURSDAY June 21st	7:30 a.m.	Joe Bellino	Special Intention	Elizabeth Bellino
	5:30 p.m.	Dorothy Dolan	Healing	Catherine E. Dinon
FRIDAY June 22nd	7:30 a.m.	Rose Bellino	Special Intention	Elizabeth Bellino
	<i>Health of the Sick</i>			
	12:30 p.m.	Denise McNamara	Memorial	Jim McNamara
SATURDAY June 23rd	9:00 a.m.	Brigid MacKenzie Junior Seau Pro Life Joyce Higgins	Birthday Intention Memorial Special Intention	MacKenzie Family Bennett Family Annie Procopio Maria Centofanti
Vigil of St. John the Baptist (Midsummer's Eve)	4:00 p.m.	Martha Crimlisk	Birthday Memorial	Janet Crimlisk

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Parish Staff

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Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, Needham

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Welcome, New Parishioners and Sunday Visitors

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish is a Canonically open parish of the Archdiocese of Boston, which has a Traditional Latin Mass apostolate. Both the ordinary form of the Roman Rite (1970 Missal) and the extraordinary form (1962 Missal) are celebrated here with the blessing of His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston. We encourage new parishioners to please register in the parish and to introduce yourselves to the Pastor, and we are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

June 17th, A.D. 2012

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; Tues. & Thurs.,
5:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 &
7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 9 AM & 12:30 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM

Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass,
First Fridays (before the 12:30 p.m. Mass)

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.



Parish Mission Statement

“What then is a parish? It is the smallest section of the one universal flock which has been entrusted to Peter by the Lord. Under the authority of a responsible priest who has received the care of souls from his bishop, the parish is, within the Church of Jesus Christ, the first community of Christian life; it is a community cut to human dimensions, in which the shepherd can know his flock and the flock can know their shepherd ... At the heart of this area, we find the parish church with its bell-tower, its baptistery, its confessional, its altar and tabernacle, a symbol of unity and the centre of community life.”

(Pope Paul VI)