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November 29th, 2015 in the Year of Grace
First Sunday in the Advent of the Lord



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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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***Website:** A new official Parish website is in progress and will soon be on-line. In the mean time, for Mass times and Parish Bulletins, please visit www.bostoncatholic.org and type-in "Mary Immaculate of Lourdes".

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Telephone: 781-235-1841

Mass Schedule

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

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; 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, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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,
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

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.

ABOUT OUR PARISH

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. We are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME
TO FILL OUT A PARISH
REGISTRATION FORM.**



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.”

(Blessed Pope Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)



FRONT COVER: The Advent Wreath in the Sanctuary of our Parish Church on Christmas Eve, 2011. The violet and rose candles of Advent are replaced with white candles on Holy Night and the “Christ Candle” in the center of the wreath signifies that Christ is born for us.
(PHOTO by Paul Eldridge.)

**THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN IS
ABBREVIATED DUE TO THE EARLY
DEADLINE FOR THANKSGIVING
WEEK.**



Tuesday, December 8th, 2015
**THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Holy Day of Obligation

SCRIPTURE STUDY

SUNDAY EPISTLES STUDY FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT: ROMANS 13, 11-14

As we begin another liturgical year, our weekly Scripture meditations will now center on the Epistles of the lectionary of the 1962 Roman Missal (a lectionary is the collection of all the Scripture readings for Mass). These Sunday readings are printed in our weekly bulletin, and so, they are handy for all parishioners, regardless of what form of the Mass they may attend from week to week. Studying the Scriptures used in Mass has a deep rationale, rooted in the Apostolic tradition: encountering Jesus in His word prepares us to encounter Him fully in the Sacrament. We saw this two weeks ago in the encounter of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus (cf. Luke 24:13-35). Do you want a richer and more worthy reception of Holy Communion? Listen to, relish, and act upon the words of Jesus and his Apostles proclaimed at each Mass.

Today's selection from Romans is a privileged reading, because it contains part of the very passage that an angelic voice directed St. Augustine to read when he hit rock bottom, and which opened him up to his conversion. God indeed speaks to our needs and our sadness through the Scriptures! Given this example from the lives of the saints, it is a fitting reading for beginning Advent, because a worthy celebration of Christmas demands worthy repentance on our part. Only sober conversion yields authentic Christmas joy, the joy of Jesus' love for us sinners.

In order to unlock the meaning of today's passage, it is helpful to know first how this passage is linked to what St. Paul is saying immediately before. In 13:8-10, he is exhorting the Roman Christians to observe the command to love one's neighbor. As he explains, *"The commandments...are summed up in this sentence, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law"* (cf. 13:9-10, RSV). It is this idea, namely, that loving one's neighbor fulfills the law, which St. Paul uses to justify the continuation of his

argument, which is where today's passage begins. Today's reading begins with, *"knowing that it is now the hour,"* but the lectionary omits two important words which link this passage to the previous one: *"Et hoc,"* literally, *"And this,"* which precede the word *"knowing."* *"And this"* refers back to the command to love one's neighbor, which St. Paul says is critically important in view of the present *"hour."* This is the sense in which the New American Bible translates v. 11: *"And do this [that is, loving your neighbor] because you know...it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep."* What is this hour for which we need to be awake?

St. Paul directs our eyes toward the Second Coming: *"For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed"* (v. 11, RSV). The time within which Christ could come at any moment is already here, so we need to be occupied with loving our neighbor. This message fittingly matches the Gospel for today's Mass from St. Luke, which centers on the Second Coming. We are also mindful of Jesus' words from St. Matthew's Gospel: *"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes will find so doing"* (cf. Mt. 25:45-46, RSV).

Thus, St. Paul prompts us to *"rise from sleep,"* that is, from the sleep of sin, and examine whether or not we are *"walking honestly, as in the day."* While daytime here is a metaphor for upright behavior, we can interpret it further as referring to the Day of Jesus' Second Coming and the Last Judgment. Are we ready for *this* Day? Are we striving to be saints? St. Paul helps us to examine our conscience by providing a list of sins, *"the works of darkness,"* which we are to *"cast off,"* including *"rioting, drunkenness, chambering ('promiscuity' in the NAB), impurities, contention, envy"* (v. 13). These are all ways in which one is decidedly *not* loving one's neighbor.

In contrast, St. Paul tells us to *"put on the armor of light,"* by which he means, *"put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ"* (vv. 12, 14). By this, he means we are to immerse ourselves in Him and His grace. As the commentary in the Ignatius Study Bible notes, the language of *"putting on Christ"* is a way of expressing a *"renew[al]"* of the original *"putting on"* of Christ in Baptism. As Catholics, we have the distinct

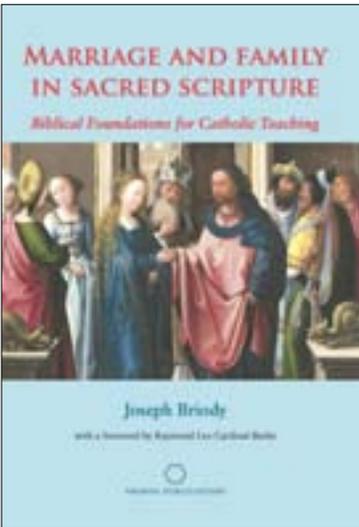
privilege of having weekly and even daily opportunities through the sacraments for doing this very thing. Before Christmas, let us all make a good confession. Let us immerse ourselves in the embrace of Jesus' forgiveness, which restores and strengthens the grace of our Baptism.

(David Allen)

Mr. David Allen, M.T.S., is the lay Pastoral Associate for our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.



EPISTLE: Romans 13: 11-14 Brethren, knowing that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.



David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, will be leading a four week study on the book, *Marriage and Family in Sacred Scripture*, by Fr. Joseph Briody, of St. John's Seminary in Brighton. Fr. Briody is a good friend of our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, having substituted regularly this past summer for the weekday Latin Mass. This book is a profoundly rewarding study of the "*biblical foundations for Catholic teaching*" on marriage, as the subtitle of the book explains. Fr. Briody's excellent scholarship, clear presentation, and faithful Catholic exegesis make this book a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas. This is a study you will not want to miss. Please join us! **Dates and Time: The four Sundays of Advent (November 29, and December 6, 13, 20)** at 12:30 P.M., following the 10:30 A.M. Latin Mass. **Location:** Rectory dining room. Please enter the rectory from the front door.

Refreshments will be provided

Books will be available soon in the rectory office. A donation of \$7.00 for the book is recommended.

****Note: Please read introduction and Chapters 1-2 for the first class****

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****Advent Book Study****

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

First Sunday in Advent

Introit

Psalm 25 (24):1-3 **Ad te levavi***

"To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame."

Kyrie

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory

Psalm 25:1-3 **Ad te, Domine, levavi**

"Unto You, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God I trust in You, let me not be put to shame; do not allow my enemies to laugh at me; for none of those who are awaiting You will be disappointed."

Mass Setting:

Sanctus (English)

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

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei

Communion*

Psalm 85 (84):13 **Dominus dabit benignitatem**

"The Lord will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase."

Post Communion Hymn

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

Recessional Hymn:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(Worship II Hymnal No.195)

*** The music for the assembly to sing the INTROIT (ENTRANCE) and COMMUNION Antiphons is in the "SAINT MEINRAD Entrance and Communion Antiphons for the Church Year" booklet found in the pews.**

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

First Sunday in Advent

Processional Hymn: Creator Alme Siderum

(Gregorian Chant, Mode VI)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 24:1,3,4

"Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te exspectant non confundentur. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus

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

Gradual Ps. 24:3,4 *Universi, qui te exspectant, non confundentur, Domine. Vias tuas, Domine, notas fac mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me. Alleluia: "Alleluia, alleluia. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis. Alleluia."*

Offertory: Ps. 24:1-3

"Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te exspectant non confundentur."

Offertory Hymn: Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

Communion Verse: Ps. 84:13

"Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum."

Communion Hymn: Adoro Te

(Gregorian Chant)

****Panis Angelicus**

(Claudio Casciolini, 1760)

****Ave Maris Stella**

(William Byrd, d.1623)

Recessional Hymn:

Veni Veni Emmanuel

(Parish Hymnal No.15)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
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