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January 31st, 2016 in the Year of Grace
Sexagesima Sunday and the
Fourth Sunday of the Year
(February 2nd, Candlemas Day)

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stmaryscemetery.com

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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 front parlor of the rectory, our Parish House, decorated for Christmas, the day of our Open House on January 10th, 2016, the Sunday after Epiphany. At the Open House Fr. Higgins renewed the house blessing for the New Year, signing the entrance to the rectory with the blessed Epiphany chalk. *“O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the Tempter’s power. O God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.* (This and other PHOTOS from the Open House by PAUL ELDRIDGE.)

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

NEW WEBSITE FOR PARISH CEMETERY: stmaryscemetery.com

Our parishioners Jan Paul and Lisa Von Wendt have designed a new website for our parish cemetery of St. Mary's, located across the Needham/Wellesley Town Line (about 1 mile from the parish church). Previous to this, the Cemetery has not had its own website. Here are some picture samples of the Cemetery's website. They have a new parish website ready to go, but they are still waiting on material from me. As soon as I am satisfied we have sufficient content, the website for the parish will be up and running as well. Our thanks to Jan Paul and Lisa for their excellent professional work which is also a work of love.

(Fr. Higgins)



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Tatiana Blanco

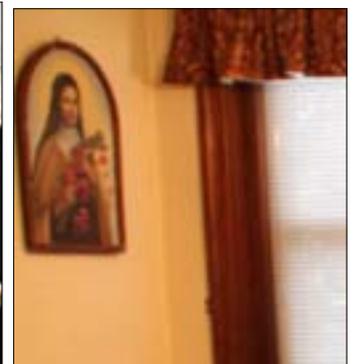
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Why Choose a Catholic Cemetery

A Catholic Parish Cemetery such as St. Mary's is an extension of the parish life, a bridge between this world and the next. The prayers of the living, joined to the Sacrifice of the Mass offered on the altar of the parish Church, come to the aid of the faithful departed, while the faithful departed come to the aid of the living in the manner which God allows through the Communion of Saints.

EPIPHANYTIDE OPEN HOUSE



SCRIPTURE STUDY

SUNDAY EPISTLES STUDY SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY 2 Cor. II:19-33; 12:1-9

Our Epistle reading from 2 Corinthians details many of St. Paul's sufferings during his ministry as the "Doctor of the Gentiles," as today's Collect calls him. Believe it or not, several of the trials St. Paul describes in this passage are actually *not* recorded in Acts. In October 2014, the renowned Catholic Answers apologist Jimmy Akin argued this point in a blog post he wrote for the National Catholic Register entitled, "What's missing from the book of Acts? More than you might think." According to Akin, a close reading of Acts reveals that St. Luke only records *one* of the things mentioned in 2 Corinthians II:24-25: being beaten with rods (cf. Acts 16:23). Akin also notes that one must also take account of the fact that 2 Corinthians was written prior to St. Paul's long custody in Jerusalem and Caesarea, as well as the awful shipwreck off the coast of the island of Malta (cf. Acts 21-28). Thus, he points out, the three shipwrecks referred to in today's passage are to be distinguished from the fourth one he endured en route to Rome!

Akin is mostly correct. In reality, there is actually a second event recorded by St. Luke in Acts which is referred to in v. 25: the stoning that occurs at Iconium in Acts 14 (Akin notes his error in the post's comment thread). Although Akin concentrates on the things listed in vv. 24-25 for the sake of his blog post, one could also point out that the more general list of adversities referred to in v. 26 are apparent in Acts. Certainly the incident referred to in vv. 32-33 wherein he was let down in a basket to escape the Damascus authorities- this also appears in Acts 9.

Why is the life and suffering of St. Paul so prominent in today's Mass in the pre-Lenten season? The end of today's Epistle provides the answer, and the collect echoes the point: the primacy of God's grace in and through our weaknesses and sufferings. In 12:8-9, St. Paul describes his struggle with a "*sting of my flesh.*" We do not know exactly what this refers

to (nor do we need to know). This metaphor indicates struggle and St. Paul highlights the need for grace in order to be victorious: "*Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness'*" (RSV).

No matter how rigorous our Lenten discipline is, or how much suffering we endure in life, we cannot diminish the primacy of God's grace. As the Collect explains, "*we put not our trust in any thing that we do.*" In other words, even our good resolutions and good works depend far more upon God's grace than upon our efforts. We are utter dust apart from grace. This, of course, is one of the many lessons of the ashes on Ash Wednesday. We cannot please God this Lent (nor any time of our lives) without repentant cooperation with his grace.

As we engage in the spiritual warfare of prayer and penance, and carry the crosses of our daily lives, we can find encouragement in the example of St. Paul's life, which was full of sufferings. We can likewise find encouragement in his loving prayers for us. This latter point is the subject of the petition in today's collect: "*Mercifully grant, that by the protection of the Doctor of the Gentiles we may be defended against all adversities.*" We may find ourselves going through a rough time with this or that problem, person, illness, temptation, or whatever, but the saints have done so, too, not the least St. Paul. He is praying for us this Lent in total solidarity, and these powerful prayers help to protect us in this season of spiritual combat. Let us think about this more regularly as we invoke St. Paul's prayers in the old *Confiteor* formula.

(David Allen)

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



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

Fourth Sunday of the Year

Entrance Antiphon: Ps. 106(105):47

“Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.”

ST MEINRAD Booklet, pg. 46

Ordinary Prayers:

English Chant

(Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus & Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Dominus Deus Noster (9:00 AM)

Giovanni Rovetta, c.1595~1668, Published: 1639

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps. 31(30):17–18

“Let Your face shine on Your servants. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.”

ST MEINRAD Booklet, pg. 46

Post Communion Hymn

Ave Maris Stella

1. Hail, O Star of the ocean, God's own Mother blest, ever sinless Virgin, gate of heav'nly rest.
2. Taking that sweet Ave, which from Gabriel came, peace confirm within us, changing Eve's name.
3. Break the sinners' fetters, make our blindness day, Chase all evils from us, for all blessings pray.
4. Show thyself a Mother, may the Word divine born for us thine Infant hear our prayers through thine.
5. Virgin all excelling, mildest of the mild, free from guilt preserve us meek and undefiled.
6. Keep our life all spotless, make our way secure till we find in Jesus, joy for evermore.
7. Praise to God the Father, honor to the Son, in the Holy Spirit, be the glory one. Amen.

Recessional Hymn:

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(Worship II Hymnal, No. 163)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

Sexagesima Sunday

Processional Hymn: Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

(Felix Mendelssohn C.1833)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 43:23-26,2

“Exsurge, quare obdormis, Domine? exsurge, et ne repellas in finem. Quare faciem tuam avertis, oblivisceris tribulationem nostram? adhaesit in terra venter noster: exsurge, Domine, adjuva nos, et libera nos. (Psalm)Deus, auribus nostris audivimus: patres nostris annuntiaverunt nobis.”

Ordinary Prayers: “Mass of St. Cecilia”

(Turner, Rev. J. Egbert d.1897)

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

Gradual: Ps. 82:19,14

“Sciant gentes, quoniam nomen tibi Deus: tu solus Altissimus super omnem terram. Deus meus, pone illos ut rotam, et sicut stipulam ante faciem venti.” Tract: Ps. 129:1-4 *“Commovisti, Domine, terram, et conturbasti eam. Sana contritiones ejus, quia mota est. Ut fugiant a facie arcus: ut liberentur electi tui.”*

Offertory Verse Ps. 16:5,6,7

“Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis, ut non moveantur vestigia mea: inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea: mirifica misericordias tuas, qui salvos facis sperantes in te, Domine.”

Offertory Hymn: Adoramus Te, Christe

(Francesco Rosselli, +1573)

Communion Verse: Ps. 42:4

“Introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam.”

Communion Hymn: Panis Angelicus

(Louis Lambillotte d.1855)

Recessional Hymn:

Laudate Dominum

(George Frideric Handel d.1759)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

INTROIT: Ps. 43. 23-26 Arise, why sleepest Thou, O Lord? arise, and cast us not off to the end. Why turnest Thou Thy face away, and forgettest our trouble? our belly hath cleaved to the earth: arise, O Lord, help us and deliver us. *Psalm 43.2* We have heard, O God, with our ears: our fathers have declared to us. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by the protection of the Doctor of the Gentiles we may be defended against all adversity. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians II. 19-33; 12. 1-9 Brethren: You gladly suffer the foolish: whereas yourselves are wise. For you suffer if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take from you, if a man be lifted up, if a man strike you on the face. I speak according to dishonour, as if we had been weak in this part. Wherein if any man dare (I speak foolishly), I dare also. They are Hebrews, so am I. They are Israelites, so am I. They are the seed of Abraham, so am I. They are the ministers of Christ (I speak as one less wise), I am more: in many more labours, in prisons more frequently, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. Of the Jews, five times did I receive forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once I was stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I was in the depth of the sea: in journeying often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils from my own nation, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils from false brethren: in labour and painfulness, in much watching, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness; besides those things which are without, my daily instance, the solicitude for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is scandalized, and I am not on fire? If I must needs glory, I will glory of things that concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is blessed forever, knoweth that I lie not. At Damascus the governor of the nation under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, to apprehend me: and through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and so escaped his hands. If I must glory (it is not expedient indeed) but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ about fourteen years ago, whether in the body I know not, or out of the body I know not, God knoweth, such a one caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man, whether in the body or out of the body I know not, God knoweth: that he was caught up into paradise, and heard secret words which it is not granted man to utter. For such a one, I will glory: but for myself I will glory nothing but in my infirmities. For, though I have a mind to glory, I shall not be foolish: for I will say the truth: but I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth in me, or anything he heareth from me. And lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me, there was given me a sting of my flesh, and angel of Satan, to buffet me. For which thing, thrice I besought the Lord that it might depart from me. And He said to me: My grace is sufficient for thee, for power is made perfect in infirmity. Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

GRADUAL: Psalm 82. 19, 14 Let the Gentiles know that God is Thy name: Thou alone art the Most High over all the earth. *V.* O my God, make them like a wheel, and as stubble before the wind. **TRACT:** Psalm 59. 4, 6 Thou hast moved the earth, O Lord, and hast troubled it. *V.* Heal Thou the breaches thereof, for it has been moved. *V.* That they may flee before the bow: that Thine elect may be delivered.

GOSPEL: Luke 8. 4-15 **At** that time, when a very great multitude was gathered together and hastened out of the cities unto Jesus, He spoke by a similitude: The sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon a rock: and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other some fell among thorns, and the thorns growing up with it choked it. And other some fell upon good ground: and being sprung up yielded fruit a hundredfold. Saying these things, He cried out: He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him what this parable might be. To whom He said: To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY (continued)

... but to the rest in parables: that seeing they may not see, and hearing may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And they by the way side are they that hear: then the devil cometh and taketh the word out of their heart, lest believing they should be saved. Now they upon the rock are they who, when they hear receive the word with joy; and these have no roots: for they believe for a while, and in time of temptation they fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who have heard and, going their way, are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and yield no fruit. But that on the good ground are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience.

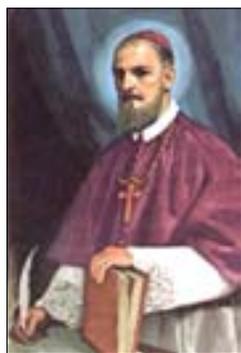
OFFERTORY: Psalm 16: 5, 6-7 Perfect Thou my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps be not moved: incline Thy ear, and hear my words: show forth Thy wonderful mercies, Thou who savest them that trust in Thee, O Lord.

PREFACE OF THE HOLY TRINITY

SECRET May the sacrifice offered unto Thee, O Lord, ever quicken and protect us. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 42: 4 I will go in to the altar of God, to God who giveth joy to my youth.

POSTCOMMUNION We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God to grant that they whom Thou refreshest with Thy sacraments may serve Thee worthily by a life well pleasing unto Thee. Through our Lord.

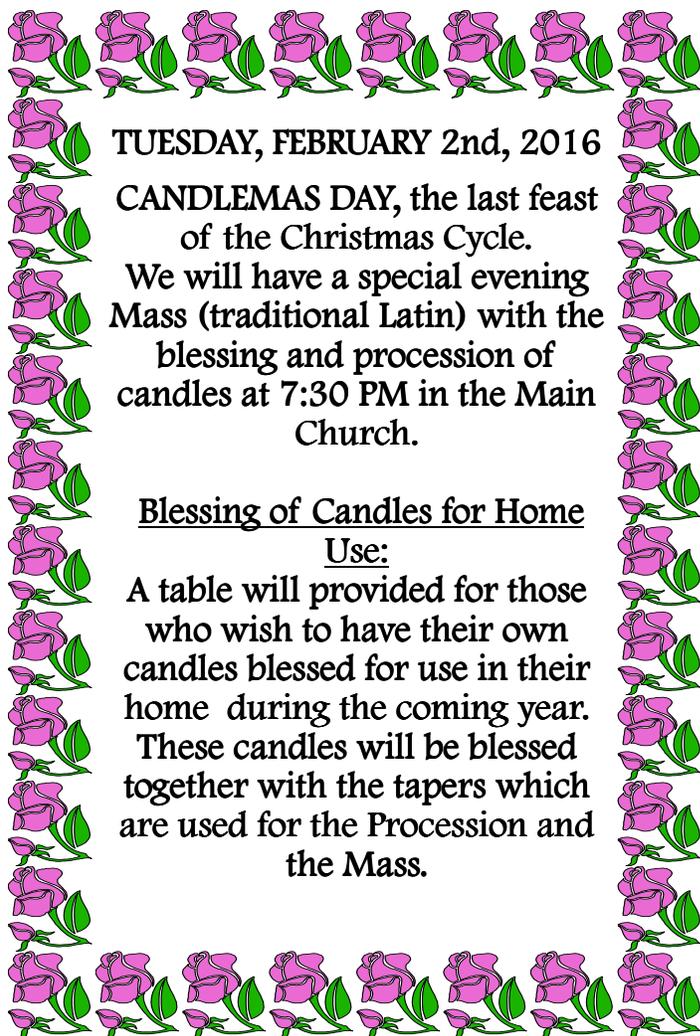


Lenten Book Study*

David Allen, our Pastoral Associate, will be leading a six week study on *The Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*.

Delivered in 1622, these sermons are a comprehensive treatment on Lenten spiritual themes. St. Francis offers us timely wisdom for keeping a good and holy Lent. Please join us!

Dates and Time: Quinquagesima Sunday and the first five Sundays of Lent (February 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 6, 13) 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 are available in the rectory office. A donation of \$20.00 for the book is recommended. **Note: Please read chapters 1-2 for the first class**



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2016

CANDLEMAS DAY, the last feast of the Christmas Cycle.

We will have a special evening Mass (traditional Latin) with the blessing and procession of candles at 7:30 PM in the Main Church.

Blessing of Candles for Home Use:

A table will provided for those who wish to have their own candles blessed for use in their home during the coming year. These candles will be blessed together with the tapers which are used for the Procession and the Mass.

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