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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Traditional Latin High Mass: 10:30 AM

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

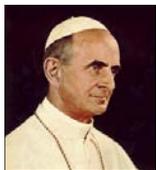
Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

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)

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*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.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

Rita Kerivan

Lucinda Seago and Children (former parishioners at
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes)

Jerry Barbato, Month's Mind



FRONT COVER

**The stained-glass window of the Death of St. Joseph in our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. St. Joseph, who died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, is the Patron of a Happy Death, i.e., a death in the state of grace.
(PHOTO by Paul Eldridge.)**

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH



THE POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2017: "Support for Persecuted Christians: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church."
(PHOTO: Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)

Pastor's Note

THE STORY OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS: CONFERENCE I MARCH 3rd, A.D. 2017

The theme for this year's Parish Lenten Mission is entitled: *The Story of the Seven Holy Founders*. It is the story of the founding and early years of one of the five great mendicant orders in the Catholic Church—the Order of the Friar Servants of Mary, O.S.M., the "Servites". They were founded in the early 13th Century by seven wealthy Florentine men. It was not until the late 1800s that they received formal canonization. In 1887 Pope Leo XIII "raised them to the altars" in the 50th year of his priesthood.

Initially their feast-day was appointed for **February 11th**, which was the day on which in 1304 the Servites received their first definitive approval from the Church. Later, when Pope Pius X made February 11th the Feast of the Apparition of Mary Immaculate at Lourdes, the Seven Servites feast was translated to February 12th. In the 1970 Calendar Reform of Pope Paul VI the Servites feast was moved yet once again to February 17th, which is the date-of-death for the last of the Seven Holy Founders, Brother Alexis Falconieri, who died at the age of 110.

Their remarkable story begins in the year 1225 A.D. in the city of Florence. At this time Brother Francis of Assisi was still alive and the religious revival inspired by his example had led many men and women from wealthy families to radically renounce their riches and live espoused to "Lady Poverty", as Francis called it. Also at this time Father Dominic de Guzman the founder of another group of mendicant friars, the Order of Preachers, had recently died. He had preached by word and example against the terrible heresy of the Cathars whose power base was in the southwest of France (the town of Albi, hence the association of heresy with the place-name: the *albigensis*, the Albigensians).



Painting: "The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites", by Matteo Roselli (1578-1650)

PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2017
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
Each Friday evening during Lent, 7:30 PM
March 3rd-April 7th

Our special parish spiritual exercise during the Lenten Season is the traditional Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) each Friday during Lent, with a Sermon, Holy Communion outside of Mass and Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Fr. Higgins' sermon series for this year is entitled:

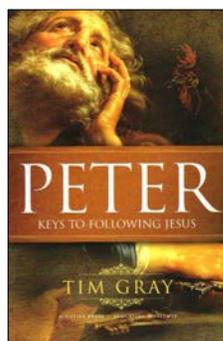
"THE STORY OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS"

The service lasts about 1 hour. All welcome.
MAIN CHURCH



Come join us for a Lenten Soup Supper after the Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, Lower Church

LENT IN THE PARISH



Lenten Book Study

David Allen, our pastoral associate, will be leading a five week character study on St. Peter for the Lenten Season. We will use Dr. Tim Gray's excellent and newly-published book, *Peter: Keys to Following Jesus*. Dr. Gray's rich reflections on the person and office of St. Peter in the Gospels and Acts offer compelling lessons that will help us to keep a holy Lent. David will supplement the book with reflections on Petrine spirituality contained in the Collects and other prayers of the Roman Missal. Please join us!

Dates and Time: the first five Sundays of Lent (March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2) at 12:30 P.M., following the 10:30 A.M. Latin Mass.

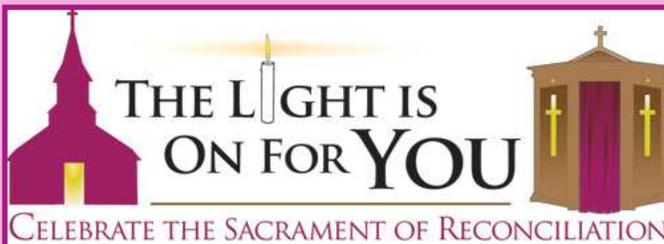
Location: Rectory dining room. Please enter the rectory from the front door.

Refreshments will be provided

Books are available in the rectory office.

A donation of \$15.00 for the book is recommended.

Note: Please read chapters 1-2 for the first class



Confessions heard Wednesday nights during
Lent in the Main Church: 6:30-8:00 PM

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The Franciscans and the Dominicans had a profound influence on the Catholic life of their day. The currents of spiritual renewal associated with them had their good effect on many devout Catholics who were seeking to live more perfectly for God. This is where we find the seven young men who will become known to the Church as the Seven Holy Founders.

They are Florentines, each from among the most prominent families in this great merchant city. Let us list them: *Buonfiglio Mondaldo*, who was the eldest of the seven and became their leader, *Alessio Falconieri*, *Benedetto dell' Antella*, *Bartolomeo Amidei*, *Ricovero Uguccione*, *Gerardino Sostegni*, and *Giovanni Buonagiunta*. These seven joined a Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary known as the *Laudesi* (the "Praisers") for the "Praisers of Mary".

What kind of men were they? It would appear they were already friends before they become brothers in the *Laudesi*. They had led lives of innocence from their childhood. None of them had taken part in any blood feud, which was a terrible social evil going on despite it being a professedly Christian society.

Now it came to pass over several years together in this Confraternity that the Seven became more and more detached from the world. They all came to the realization that God was calling them to renounce their riches as St. Francis of Assisi had. But how to do it? And what would happen after? Guided by their spiritual director Father Giacomo de Poggibonsi they decided to pray to Our Lady for the matter to become clear.

On the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, August 15th, 1233 A.D., they were gathered together in prayer in the Chapel of their Confraternity. That was when the miracle happened: *"The Mother of God appeared to each of them...when they were praying fervently...and exhorted them to embrace a more perfect life."* (Divine Office). Thus illuminated the Seven were resolved to withdraw from the world into a solitary place and live from then on for God alone.

Fr. Higgins

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: SAINT JOSEPH MARCH 12th, A.D. 2017 PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we continue our study of the Collects for the Feast of St. Joseph (celebrated on March 19) according to the MR 1970. Below is the official ICEL translation of the Prayer over the Offerings in the third typical edition of the Roman Missal (2010):

"We pray, O Lord, that, just as Saint Joseph served with loving care your Only Begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary, so we may be worthy to minister with a pure heart at your altar. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Broken down into its five-part structure, the Collect looks like this:

1. O Lord (address),
2. n/a (usually, an ascription of God),
3. we pray that we may be worthy to minister with a pure heart at Your altar (petition),
4. just as St. Joseph served with loving care Your Only Begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary (hoped-for outcome of imitating St. Joseph),
5. Through Christ our Lord (concluding doxological formula).

Re-fashioned into a syllogism, we may interpret the Collect like this:

- A. If St. Joseph served Jesus with loving care,
- B. And if the Church serves Jesus now in the Liturgy,
- C. Then the Church needs the same dispositions as St. Joseph in order to serve Jesus worthily.

As we saw last week in our meditation on the principal Collect for the Feast of St. Joseph, so too with this prayer, there exists a correspondence between St. Joseph and the Church in relation to their care of Christ. The Prayer over the Offerings describes St. Joseph's loving care with the verb *deserviit*, which is another form of the same verb used in the Principal Collect describing the Church's watchful care over the mysteries (*servet*). This would again imply that St. Joseph and the Church share the office of *custos*, or guardian of Christ.

Since the Church's ministry at the altar is her preeminent exercise of the office of *custos*, (i.e., her watching over the mysteries of salvation, in the words of the Principal Collect), she looks to St. Joseph, the premier guardian, and asks for his intercession.

The Prayer over the Offerings appears to present St. Joseph as a priest, for the Church's petition to serve worthily at the altar is cast in terms of the ideal care he lovingly rendered to Jesus. The Maronite Rite makes this designation explicit in its yearly commemoration of St. Joseph: "*Since Mary is God's pure temple, you will serve [Jesus] like a high priest.*" What is it about St. Joseph that made him the ideal priest? In our Prayer over the Offerings under consideration here, the Church asks specifically for purity of heart as the virtue that will render our liturgical service worthy. This virtue is what made St. Joseph the ideal priest.

This petition would appear to propose a correlation between St. Joseph's chastity in his service to Christ and Mary, and the purity necessary for the Church's service of Christ at his altar. His chastity indicates his purity of heart, even as it is a necessary component to the doctrines of the Virgin Birth and the Perpetual Virginity of Mary. Herein lies his supreme fitness for lovingly caring for Christ and Our Lady, for serving them as priest. Hence, the Collect presents this correlation: as St. Joseph's chastity is to his worthy execution of the office of *custos*, so is the Church's purity of heart to her worthy ministry at the altar. As we continue in our Lenten struggle, may God grant us the purity of St. Joseph to serve Christ worthily.

(David Allen)

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



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BAPTISMS



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and
Mrs. Patrick and Michaela (Corso)
Torney on the christening of their
daughter KEIRA MARIE TORNEY at
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church
on Sunday, March 5th, A.D. 2017. Her godparents
are Patrick Harrington and Kathryn Mary Torney.
Keira Marie is their THIRD CHILD.

IRAQI CATHOLICS



The Iraqi Catholic community
is now under the Chaldean-rite
Eparchy of St. Thomas and is
awaiting a new priest for
the pastoral care of their
Mission. Here are some photos
from the apostolic visit of His
Excellency Bishop Francis
Khalabat to Mary Immaculate
of Lourdes on February 20th.



Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

Second Sunday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps. 27(26):8-9

"Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me."
(ST. MEINRAD booklet, Page 18)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

(Kyrie, Credo*, Sanctus, Agnus Dei)

Offertory Antiphon: Cf. Ps. 25(24):6, 2, 22

"Remember Your compassion, O Lord, and Your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress."
(ST. MEINRAD, Page 19)

Communion Antiphon: Mt. 17:5

"This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

Post Communion Hymn

Our Lady of Sorrow (Mainz, 1628)

Recessional Hymn:

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair
(Worship II, No. 215)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

Processional Hymn

God So Loved the World
(John Stainer, 1887)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Psalm. 24:6,3,22,1,2

"Reminiscere miserationum tuarum, Domine, et misericordiae tuae, quae a saeculo sunt."

Ordinary Prayers: Missa Brevis

(Kyrie, Credo I, Sanctus, Agnus Dei)
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, **Published 1570**

Gradual: Psalm 27:17,18

"Tribulationes cordis mei dilatatae sunt: de necessitatibus meis eripe me, Domine. Vide humilitatem meam, et laborem meum: et dimitte omnia peccata mea." **Tract: Psalm 105:1-4**
CONFITĒMINI Dómino quóniam bonus: quóniam in saeculum misericórdia ejus. V̇. Quis loquétur poténtias Dómini: audítas fáciat omnes laudes ejus? V̇. Beáti qui custódiunt iudícium et fáciunt justítiam in omni témpore. V̇. Memento nostri, Dómine, in beneplácito pópuli tui: vísitá nos in salutári tuo.

Offertory Verse: Psalm. 118:47,48

"Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quae dilexi."

Offertory Hymn: In Monte Oliveti

(Giovanni Croce, 1557~1609)

Communion Hymn: Tristis Est Anima Mea

(Giovanni Croce, 1557~1609)

Communion Verse: Psalm 5:2-4

"Intellige clamorem meum: intende voci orationis meae, Rex meus, et Deus meus: quoniam ad te orabo, Domine."

Recessional Hymn:

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair
(Worship II, No. 215)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT: Psalm 24: 6, 3, 22 Remember, O Lord, Thy depths of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. *Psalm 24: 1-2* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT: O God, who seest that we have no power whatever from ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may hurt the soul. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-7 Brethren: We pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus that, as you have received from us, how you ought to walk and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach nor circumvent his brother in business: because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: Psalm 24: 17-18 The troubles of my heart are multiplied: deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. *V.* See my abjection and my labour, and forgive me all my sins. **TRACT:** Psalm 105: 1-4 Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. *V.* Who shall declare the powers of the Lord: who shall set forth all His praises? *V.* Blessed are they that keep judgment and do justice at all times. *V.* Remember us, O Lord, in the favour of Thy people: visit us with Thy salvation.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9 **At that time** Jesus taketh Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as He was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 118: 47, 18 I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

SECRET: Peacefully look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon these sacrifices, that they may both increase our devotion and contribute to our salvation. Through our Lord.

Preface of Lent

COMMUNION: Psalm 5: 2-4 Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that we whom Thou hast strengthened with Thy sacraments, may henceforth serve and please Thee in worthiness of life. Through our Lord.

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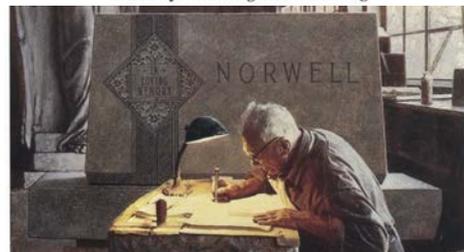
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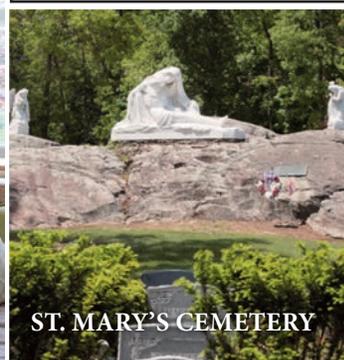
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