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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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 Mass : Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30
PM; Thu: 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)

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)
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THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2017:

"LAPSED CHRISTIANS: *That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may discover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.*" (PHOTO: Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)



*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.



**CONGRATULATIONS to
Mr. and Mrs.
SAM & MARISSA (PROIA)
WILLIAMS who celebrated their
wedding with a Nuptial Mass at Mary Immaculate
of Lourdes on Saturday, June 22nd, 2017.**

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: JULY 30th, A.D. 2017 SAINT MARTHA

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect for the Feast of St. Martha (July 29). This seems appropriate since we looked at the Collect for her sister St. Mary Magdalene last week. Below is the official ICEL translation of the Collect for St. Martha's Feast in the third typical edition of the *Roman Missal* (2010):

"Almighty ever-living God, whose Son was pleased to be welcomed in Saint Martha's house as a guest, grant, we pray, that through her intercession, serving Christ faithfully in our brothers and sisters, we may merit to be received by You in the halls of heaven. Through our Lord."

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

1. Almighty ever-living God (address),
2. Whose Son was pleased to be welcomed in Saint Martha's house as a guest (ascription),
3. Grant, we pray, that we may merit to be received by You in the halls of heaven (petition),
4. a) Though her intercession (motive for the petition), b) serving Christ faithfully in our brothers and sisters (motive for the petition),
5. Through our Lord, etc. (concluding doxological formula).

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

- A) If Christ is pleased to accept the service of His saints, such as St. Martha,
- B) And if, strengthened by St. Martha's prayers, we serve Christ in others, according to His command in the Gospel,
- C) Then He Himself will serve us as He receives us into the halls of heaven.

When we think of St. Martha, we rightly think of the two Gospel passages where she speaks with Christ. In Luke 10:38-42, she, along with her brother Lazarus and her sister Mary (Magdalen) host Christ at their home in Bethany (not far from Jerusalem). Martha testily petitions Jesus to get Mary to help her with the serving, instead of letting her sit at His

feet listening to Him teach. Jesus replies with the famous words, "*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her*" (vv. 41-42, RSV). Without expounding this passage in depth, it is often rightly interpreted as a commendation for prioritizing prayer. In her other prominent appearance in John 11:17-27, Martha shares with Jesus her sorrow over her brother Lazarus' death, and makes a profession of faith in Christ as the Son of God.

Today's Collect refers to the former passage, but only in the ascription clause. The prayer, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, leads us to concentrate on two *different* passages in the Gospel. Can you guess which ones, by looking at terms B and C in the syllogism? They are Matthew 25:31-46 and Luke 12:35-40, respectively. How do these passages relate to St. Martha?

In Matthew 25, Jesus teaches the parable regarding the Last Judgment in which the good and bad are to be separated on his right and left hands. To the surprise of all, the criterion for meriting heaven or hell is how well or badly they served Jesus Himself in "*one of the least of these My brethren*" (v. 40, RSV). In our Collect, one of the two motives for the petition is that we observe Christ's criteria in Mt. 25 for entering heaven, namely, that we serve Him faithfully in our brethren. In other words, to enter heaven, we must serve others as diligently as St. Martha served Christ in the flesh when He was her house guest in Bethany, for in so doing, we are serving Jesus Himself.

The petition evokes another parable of Jesus in Luke 12:35-40, which concerns His Second Coming. For the faithful servants who vigilantly wait for their master's return, the master rewards them by offering them hospitality. Our attentive expectation for His coming (a metaphor for virtuous and godly living), will lead to our consequent reception into heaven as honored guests, where Jesus Himself will welcome and serve us as a delighted Host. Like St. Martha, then, we must be attentive and devoted to Our Lord, ready to welcome Him when he comes again, and eager to be received by Him in the halls of heaven.

(David Allen)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INTROIT: Psalm 47:10-11. 2 We have received Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy temple. according to Thy name, O God, so also is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of justice. Ps. Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised in the city of God, in His holy mountain V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Grant us, we pray, Lord, in Thy goodness, the spirit to think and to do always what is right, so that we, who cannot exist without Thee, may be able to live according to Thy will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE: Romans 8:12-17. Brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh; for if you live according to the flesh, you shall die; but if by the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live. For whosoever are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again in fear, but You have received the spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba (Father). For the Spirit Himself giveth testimony to our spirit, that we are the sons of God; and if sons, heirs also; heirs indeed of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

GRADUAL: Psalm 30, 3; 70, 1. Be Thou unto me a God, a protector and a place of refuge, to save me. V. In Thee, O God, have I hoped, let me never be confounded. **ALLELUIA:** Psalm 47, 2. Alleluia, alleluia. V. Great is the Lord, and exceedingly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 16, 1-9. **A**t that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods; and he called him, and said to him: ‘How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship, for now thou canst be steward no longer.’ And the steward said within himself: ‘What shall I do, because my lord taketh away from me the stewardship? To dig I am not able: to beg I am ashamed. I know what I will do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’ Therefore calling together every one of his master’s debtors, he said to the first: ‘How much dost thou owe my lord?’ But he said: ‘A hundred barrels of oil.’ And he said to him: ‘Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.’ Then he said to another: ‘And how much dost thou owe?’ Who said: ‘A hundred quarters of wheat.’ He said to him: ‘Take thy bill, and write eighty.’ And the lord commended the unjust steward, for as much as he had done wisely: for the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. And I say unto you: Make unto yourselves friends of the mammon of iniquity, that when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.”

OFFERTORY: Psalm 17: 28, 32. Thou wilt save the humble people, O Lord, and wilt bring down the eyes of the proud; for who is God but Thee, O Lord?

SECRET Receive, Lord, we pray, the offerings which we make to You, of what You Yourself have given us, so that by the power of Your grace these holy mysteries may sanctify our present life and bring us to everlasting joys. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION: Psalm 33: 9. Taste and see that the Lord is sweet: blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.

POSTCOMMUNION: May this heavenly mystery, Lord, restore us both in soul and in body, so that we may feel within us the power of the sacrament which we celebrate. Through our Lord.

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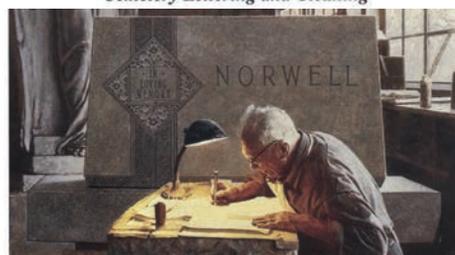
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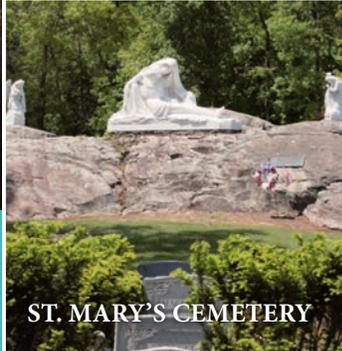
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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at 781-235-1841.
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