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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 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.

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

# SCRIPTURE STUDY

## THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: NOVEMBER 5th, 2017 STEWARDSHIP (I)

For the whole of November, I have decided to concentrate on four key Scripture texts that illuminate our individual and collective duty to the financial stewardship of our parish. This ongoing catechesis will demonstrate the Biblical basis for the fifth precept of the Church, "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." This is especially appropriate in view of our upcoming pledge-giving program for the next year, running from Advent 2017 through the anniversary of our parish's dedication, November 24th, 2018.

In Proverbs 3, we read about the virtues required for the son of the king. In 3:9, we read the following: "Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce" (3:9, RSV). This verse likely reflects the lesson enshrined in the story of Cain and Abel in Gen. 4:3-5: "Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel brought some of the firstlings of his flock...the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering He had no regard." (RSV; *Emphasis added*). God accepted Abel's offering, because it was worthy of divinity (it was the *best* that Abel could give to God), whereas Cain's sacrifice failed to communicate the same sentiment. Why is this?

Abel recognized that the firstlings were owed God, because the *whole flock* ultimately belonged to God before it belonged to him as its steward and shepherd. Cain also recognized that God was owed sacrifice, but it seems he did not think God was owed the *best* produce he could gather up, nor that he deserved the *first fruits of his own harvest* (his offering may not have represented the fruit of his own labor from his own field). Instead, God could take some left-overs laying around elsewhere. God was not pleased with this deficient sacrifice of Cain.

Thus, we can see how Proverbs 3:9 appears to allude to Abel as the model of one who offers sacrifice worthily when it says that God deserves the *first fruits*. Behind this injunction is the truth that the king's son was not to be

given credit in the first place for all the temporal blessings of his kingdom. Rather, he was obliged to give unqualified thanks to God for the temporal goods under his stewardship as king. He would honor God by giving a personal portion (substance) representing the best of his labor (first fruits).

The principle applies in a non-agrarian society like our own. God is owed the first fruits of our labors, i.e., our money, which represents our livelihood, our substance. Concretely, the first fruits means a *percentage portion* of our income being given over to God before we dispense with the rest. This is what the traditional Israelite "tithe," the 10% offering, meant. What was true for Israel is true for the Church, as we see in the Book of Acts.

In our day, a worthy tithe represents 5%-10% of our income. Obviously, the Church never asks us to give what we don't have [At the same time, we cannot forget how Christ commends the generosity of the poor widow who gives two coins in the Temple]. Most of us, however, are not in extreme circumstances, and yet the fifth precept of the Church is simply not being observed as it should be. According to this year's Annual Report only ten donor households accounted for 45% of the Year's donations to the parish. Imagine how different our balance sheet would look if tithing level giving were the norm. Our deficit would vanish instantly! You can afford to give a tithe, and you should. God deserves this, since our every breath is a gift. Our ability to earn is itself His gift. Tithing acknowledges God's lordship as fundamentally prior to our own derivative ownership (as well as that of the IRS).

A failure to give a legitimate sacrificial gift ultimately tells God that we view Him like Cain did, as an after-thought when it comes to the concrete things in life. Let us join with Abel, Abraham, and Melchizedek when we assist at Mass, as the Canon calls us to do, and offer our best to God (Walsh, *In Memory of Me*, pp. 128-130). Let us participate in the Mass more worthily by offering a tithe that is truly a first fruits gift of our substance during Offertory time.

*(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 Mass

## Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

### Thirty-first Sunday of the Year

#### Prelude: The Lord is My Shepherd (9 AM)

(Maurice Greene, 1695~1755)

#### Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 37:22-23

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 87)

*Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong  
salvation.*

#### Ordinary Prayers: English Chant

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

#### Offertory Antiphon: Psalm 15:11

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 87)

*You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in  
Your presence, O Lord.*

#### Communion Antiphon: John 6:58

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 88)

*Just as the living Father sent Me and I have life because  
of the Father, so who ever feeds on Me shall have life  
because of Me, says the Lord.*

#### Post Communion Hymn:

Salve Regina (Chant)

Dominus Deus Noster (9 AM)

(Giovanni Rovetta, Published:1639)

#### Recessional Hymn:

Hark! Hark! My Soul

(Extra Sheet)

## Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

### Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

#### Prelude: Arise, O Lord, And Have Mercy

(Thomas Tomkins, Musica Deo Sacra, 1668)

*The Asperges: the Sprinkling of Holy Water*

#### Processional Hymn: Vexilla Regis

(Extra Sheet)

**Introit: Psalm 129. 3,4** *Si iniquitates observaveris Domine, Domine, quis sustinebit? quia apud te propitiatio est, Deus Israel. Psalm. De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine: Domine, exaudi vocem meam. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. R. Amen. — Si iniquitates ...*

#### Ordinary Prayers: Missa Sanctorum

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

(Published:1594, Missae quinque, liber septimus, Rome)

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

#### Gradual: Psalm 132. 1-2

*Ecce quam bonum et quam  
jucundum habitare fratres in unum! V. Sicut unguentum in  
capite, quod descendit in barbam, barbam Aaron. Alleluia*

**Psalm 113. 11** : *Alleluia, alleluia. V. Qui timent Dominum  
sperent in eo: adjutor et protector eorum est. Alleluia.*

**Offertory: Esther 14. 12, 13** *Recordare mei, Domine, omni  
potentatui dominans: et da sermonem rectum in os meum, ut  
placeant verba mea in conspectu principis.*

**Communion: Psalm 16. 6** *Ego clamavi, quoniam exaudisti  
me, Deus: inclina aurem tuam et exaudi verba mea.*

#### Communion Hymn:

Ave Maris Stella

(Francesco Cavalli, Published:1656)

#### Recessional Hymn:

Hark! Hark! My Soul

(Extra Sheet)

#### Postlude (instrumental)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

## LATIN MASS PROPERS: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**INTROIT:** (Psalm 129. 3, 4) If Thou, O Lord, shalt observe iniquities; Lord, who shall endure it? for with Thee there is merciful forgiveness, O God of Israel. *Ps. ibid. 1.* Out of the depths have I cried to Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. *℟̄.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — If Thou ...

**COLLECT** O God, our refuge and strength, Author of all devotedness, give ear to the devoted prayers of Thy Church, and grant: that we may obtain in deed what we ask with faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Almighty and everlasting God, who in Thy beloved Son, the King of the whole world, hast willed to restore all things, mercifully grant that all the families of nations now kept apart by the wound of sin, may be brought under the sweet yoke of His rule: Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost ...

**EPISTLE:** From the Letter of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, 1. 6-11. Brethren, we are confident in the Lord Jesus that He, who hath begun a good work in you, will perfect it unto the day of Christ Jesus. As it is meet for me to think this for you all, for that I have you in my heart, and that, in my bands and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel, you are all partakers of my joy. For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the depths of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your charity may more and more abound in knowledge and in all understanding; that you may approve the better things; that you may be sincere and without offense unto the day of Christ; filled with the fruit of justice, through Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 132. 1-2 Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Like the precious ointment on the head, that ran down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron. **ALLELUIA** Psalm 113. 11 They that fear the Lord, let them hope in Him; He is their helper and protector. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 22. 15-21. At that time, the pharisees went and consulted among themselves, how to ensnare Jesus in His speech. And they sent to Him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that Thou art a true speaker, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man, for Thou dost not regard the person of men. Tell us therefore, what dost Thou think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not? But Jesus knowing their wickedness, said: Why do you tempt Me, ye hypocrites? Show me the coin of the tribute. And they offered Him a penny. And Jesus saith to them: Whose image and superscription is this? They saith to Him: Caesar's. Then He saith to them: Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

**OFFERTORY:** Esther 14. 12, 13 Remember me, O Lord, Thou who rulest above all power; and give a well-ordered speech in my mouth, that my words may be pleasing in the sight of the prince.

**SECRET:** Grant, O merciful God, that this saving rite may unremittingly free us from all personal guilt and fend off all misfortune. Through our Lord ...

**COMMUNION:** Psalm 16. 6 I have cried, for Thou, O God, hast heard me: O incline thine ear unto me, and hear my words.

**POSTCOMMUNION:** We have received, O Lord, the gifts of this sacred Mystery, and humbly beseech Thee: that what we do at Thy bidding in memory of Thee, may avail us in our weakness. Who livest and reignest ...





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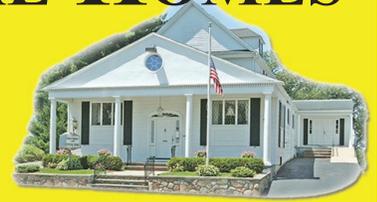
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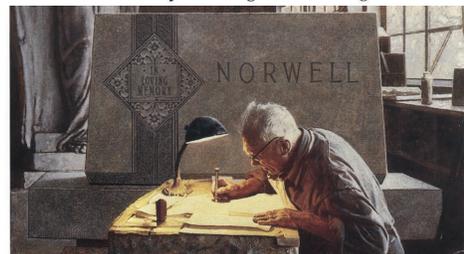
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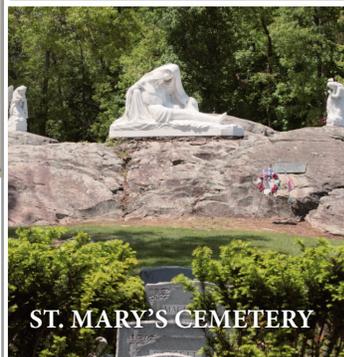
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