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# **Mary Immaculate** of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464 **Parish Staff** 

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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.

## **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.





"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."

(Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)
Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018

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# THE POPE'S EVANGELIZATION INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER,

**2018:** "IN THE SERVICE OF THE TRANSMISSION OF

FAITH: That the people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time." (PHOTO: (above) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)



#### FRONT COVER:

Stained glass window of the Nativity of Our Lord (Church unknown).

"O Antiphon" for December 23rd:
"O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster, expectatio gentium, et Salvator earum: veni ad salvandum nos, Domine Deus noster—O

Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord, our God!

#### + DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY+

### **Pastor's Note**



#### THE THREE STATION MASSES OF CHRISTMAS

PHOTO: Michael and Thomas Steinkrauss dressed as Magi King and Shepherd for the Shepherds' Procession on the Sunday after Epiphany, 2008. (PHOTO by Patti Strom.)

•ver the first three Sundays of Adventide the Station Churches of Rome trace out a beautiful theological lesson for us. The Church of the First Sunday of Advent, St. Mary Major, where the relic of Christ's Crib is kept in Rome, takes us to Bethlehem where Christ was born: the Church of the Second Sunday of Advent, the Church of the Holy Cross at Jerusalem, which houses a large relic of the Holy Cross, takes us to Jerusalem. The Church of the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, at St. Peter's in the Vatican, makes manifest the Kingdom of God. St. Peter's, built over the tomb of St. Peter who was martyred there, is a public testament to the Power of Christ victorious over the Pagan Power of Rome. Together then we have the Mystery of the Incarnation (Bethlehem), the Mystery of the Redemption (Jerusalem), and the Reign of the Kingdom of God—the Kingdom of God which, for us Christians, is already within us and without us. At the Second Advent of Christ that Final Victory of the Kingdom of God over all hostile powers will be absolute.

This is the preparatory exercise during Advent. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day it is repeated in the celebration of the Feast. There are three distinct Masses of Christmas: 1) the Mass at Midnight, 2) the Mass at Dawn, and 3) the Mass During the Day. At Midnight on Christmas Eve the Romans processed to St. Mary Major. Then, at dawn, the processed to the Church of St. Anastasia for a second Mass.

Finally, they went to St. Peter's (originally) for the third glorious Mass of Christmas in the bright light of day.

These Masses replicated the Processions of the Christians in the Holy Land. On Christmas Eve the Christians assembled at the Grotto of Christ's Nativity in Bethlehem. They consecrated the hour of the Lord's Birth by the celebration of Mass in the middle of the night. After their Midnight Mass they returned to Jerusalem, arriving at early dawn. In the Church of the Resurrection they then celebrated a second Mass, as the Shepherds had discovered Mary with her Child on Christmas morn. Later in the day, the Christians gathered in Jerusalem's main church for yet a third celebration of the Savior's Nativity. This is the origin of the "Three Masses" of Christmas in the Roman Liturgy.

As the Jerusalem custom was adapted to the City of Rome, the Midnight Mass was fittingly celebrated in the "Bethlehem" of Rome, St. Mary Major. The second Mass at dawn, the "Shepherds' Mass", was celebrated at the Church of St. Anastasia (the Greek word anastasis means "resurrection"). The Third Mass during the day was held at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. On the First Day of Christmas then the three Station Masses give us a sweeping view of the Christ-Life: the Mystery of the Incarnation, the Mystery of the Reign of the Kingdom of God and Christ's Second Advent.

In *The Church's Year of Grace* Pius Parsch draws out the *mysterium* to be found here:

The three Masses present a gradual intensification of the feast's theology. Something of Advent still lingers in the midnight service...at dawn, the divine Light that appeared on earth under cover of night now rises like the sun...With the third Mass Christmas theology unfolds to its maximum, an outpouring of divine wisdom and love unto all men upon the face of the earth.

(Fr. Higgins)

#### **ROMAN STATIONAL MASS FOR:**



December 26th, St.
Stephen: St. Stephen
Rotondo
December 27th, St.
John the Divine: St.
Mary Major
December 28th, The
Holy Innocents: St.
Paul Outside the Walls

# O Jesus Living in Mary St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort

O Jesus, living Mary:

Come and live in Thy
servants,
In the spirit of Thy
Holiness,
In the fullness of Thy might,
In the truth of Thy
virtues,
In the perfection of Thy ways,
In the communion of Thy mysteries.
Subdue every hostile power
In Thy spirit, for the glory of the
Father. Amen.



### **CATECHETICAL CORNER**



#### THE SCHOOL OF NAZARETH

(From an Address by Pope St. Paul VI, January 5th, 1964)

The home of

Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel.

The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning—at once so deep and so mysterious—of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn, even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.

Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above all is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of life among us, with its varied background of place, of time, of customs, of language, of religious practices—in fact everything Jesus made use of to reveal Himself to the world. Here everything is eloquent, all has a meaning in the world.

Here in, this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ.

How gladly I would become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the highest wisdom of divine truths.

(Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)
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# **SCRIPTURE STUDY**

# COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 2018:

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Missale Romanum 1970 **f**or our weekly meditation of the Collects of the Roman Missals, we turn today to the Collect for the feast of St. John the Apostle, which we celebrate in the Christmas Octave (12/27). The following is the official ICEL translation of this prayer in the MR'70:

"O God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of Your Word, grant, we pray, that we may grasp with proper understanding what he has so marvelously brought to our ears. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."

In its ascription clause, "John [has] unlocked for us the secrets of Your Word," the Collect very subtly alludes to St. John's posture at the Last Supper, reposing on the bosom of Jesus (cf. Jn. 13:23). In the dining habits of that culture, it was customary for those gathered at table to recline and to lean in towards the food by resting on their right arm. This posture also meant that one might comfortably, and not awkwardly- and certainly not in an untoward way- lean somewhat on the person to one's right. We might call the person at one's right their "bosom buddy."

As we see in John 13, it was Our Lord who was St. John's bosom buddy. Consequently, St. John's right ear was close to Christ's mouth, which meant that he could easily hear what He was saying, or engage in a semi-private conversation, and even hear "secrets," so to speak- unlike someone else reclining further away or on the opposite side of the table [this may be why St. Peter motions to St. John to ask Jesus who is going to betray Him, cf. 13:24].

This same imagery is partially behind St. John's words in the Prologue: "No one has ever seen God; the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has made Him known" (cf. Jn. 1:18, RSV, emphasis mine). Christ reveals the "secrets" of the Father, in the words

of the Collect, because He, being the divine Son, is in communion with the Father from all eternity, and indeed, is consubstantial with Him, as we say in the Creed [He himself affirms this several times in the Gospel].

Thus, St. John rests upon Jesus, who Himself rests upon the Father. This is the line of communication of divine revelation from heaven to earth. This introduces an important ecclesiological principle, namely, the indispensability of the Church.

St. Paul tells us the following about divine revelation and faith: "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ" (cf. Rom. 10:17, RSV). In other words, it is through the apostolic preaching that we hear Christ, as our Collect notes: "O God, who through the blessed Apostle John have unlocked for us the secrets of your Word…". The saving content of divine revelation contained in Scripture and Tradition is authoritatively handed onto us through the apostolic ministry of the Magisterium in the life of the Church (cf. Catechism nos. 74-95).

In view of this, we might argue that if we want to repose upon Christ's bosom, it is possible only by reposing upon the Church's bosom. In our Collect, the Church is represented by St. John, who "has so marvelously <u>brought to our ears</u>" this saving revelation by his apostolic preaching and writing. St. John, who represents the Church, is *our* bosom buddy.

We must stress that this mediation of the Church is *immediate*: in reposing upon the Church, we truly repose upon Christ himself, for the Church is his Body (cf. 1 Cor. 12). And since the Church is *Catholic* (universal), such reposing upon Christ is open to *all* who respond with faith and charity, as St. John so robustly argues in his First Epistle. Accordingly, if we hear and receive Christ's "secrets," His divine revelation, from the Father, we will receive eternal life: "But to all who received him, who believed in His name [i.e., Faith], he gave power to become children of God [i.e., Baptism]" (cf. Jn. 1:12, RSV).

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[Credit is owed to Fr. Peter Grover, OMV for his exegesis of Jn. 13:23 in connection with Jn. 1:18].

(David Allen

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# **BAPTISMS**



The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please contact our Pastoral Associate David Allen through the Parish Office during the week.



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.

#### Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

Antoinette "Toni" Connors (Mother of Fr. Bob Connors)



# CHRISTMAS FLOWER PONATIONS

Christmas Flower envelopes are at the entrance tables of the

church. Donations to help defray the extra costs of our Christmas Flower decorations are gratefully accepted. If you would like your donation to be a memorial gift, there are spaces for the names of loved ones on the envelopes. Christmas Flower envelopes may be placed in the basket at Offertory time or dropped off at the parish office in the rectory. The Flower Offering Envelopes with the Memorial names will be placed upon the altar at all of our parish Masses during the Christmas Season, through Candlemas Day, February 2nd.



#### LATIN MASS PROPERS: RORATE SUNDAY

**INTROIT: Isaiah 45:** 8 Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour. *Psalm 18:* 2 The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament declareth the work of His hands. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Stir up Thy power and come, we pray Thee, O Lord, and with great might succour us; that our deliverance, which our sins impede, may be hastened by the help of Thy grace and the forgiveness of Thy mercy. Who livest and reignest God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5 Brethren, let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by man's day: but neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of anything: yet am I not hereby justified, but He that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore, judge not before the time, until the Lord come; who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise from God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 144: 18, 21 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth. V. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. V. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1-6 **R**ow in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina, under the high-priests Annas and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins, as it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight His paths: every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

OFFERTORY: Luke 1: 28, 42 Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

SECRET Look down favourably upon these sacrifices, O Lord, we beseech Thee: that they may be profitable to our devotion and salvation. Through our Lord.

#### Preface of Advent

COMMUNION: Isaias 7: 14 Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son: and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

**POSTCOMMUNION** Having received Thy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that with the frequentation of the mystery, the work of our salvation may increase. Through our Lord.

# 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

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent RORATE SUNDAY

#### Prelude:

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

#### Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 45:8

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 7)

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a

#### **Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus**

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei Parish Book of Chant, no.107ff./pp. 107~108 Credo I (Laminated sheet in pews)

#### Offertory Antiphon: Isaiah 45:8

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 7)

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opend and bring forth a

Savjor

#### Communion Antiphon: Isaiah 7:14

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 7)

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and His name will be called Emmanuel.

#### **Communion Meditation**

The Angel Gabriel (Basque Carol)

#### **Recessional Hymn:**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Worship II Hymnal, No.195)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent RORATE SUNDAY

**Prelude:** O Virgo Virginum (Josquin des Prez, 1450-1521)

Asperges me (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

**Processional:** Veni, Veni Emmanuel Parish Book of Chant, no.230/pg. 234~236

Introit: Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 18:2 Rorate, coeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. (Psalm) Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat fimamentum.

#### **Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus**

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei Parish Book of Chant, no.107ff./pp. 107~108 **Credo I**: Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 110

<u>Gradual</u> Ps. 144:18,21 Prope est Dominus omnibus invocantibus eum: omnibus qui invocant eum in veritate. Laudem Domini loquetur os meum et benedicat omnis caro nomen sanctum eius. <u>Alleluia</u>: Alleluia, alleluia. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare: relaza facinora plebis tuae Israel. Alleluia.

Offertory Luke 1:28,42 Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.

**Communion Isaiah 7:4** *Ecce Virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.* 

#### **Communion Meditation**

Alma Redemptoris Mater a 8 (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)

#### **Recessional Hymn:**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Worship II Hymnal, No.195)

#### Postlude:

The Angel Gabriel (Basque Carol)

### Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

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SUNDAY December 23rd (FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF THE	4:00 PM (Sat) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM	Laura & Dominic Villella et alia Pro Populo William Kisil, Helen & Bill Slifka, Steve Slifka, Rita O'Loughlin, & Russ	Memorial	John O'Connor
LORD)	10:30 AM	Mountain Fr. Maccalli & Fr. Salako Catherine Blake Mary K. Bauer,	Memorial Special Intention Birthday Intention	Slifka Family David & Ellen Allen Kathy Blake
		Bauer/Mangan Family Antoinette Steinkrauss Agnes Starzynski Catherine Dinon Sharon Juhasz James Connolly Family Alex Hinton	Memorial Birthday Intention Year's Mind Special Intention Birthday Intention Liv/Dec Special Intention	Jean & Renae Boissoneault Kwash Family Monahan Family Diane Leonard Chris Juhasz & Children Laura Harvey Laura Harvey
*	5:30 PM	Rita & Louis Post, Bro. John Post Nyhen/Fitzgerald Family Gene Doherty	Memorial Liv/Dec Special Intention	Post Family Maureen Nyhen Mary Ann O'Brien
MONDAY December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00 PM 12:00 Midnight	Pro Populo Memento: Slifka Intentions Parish Holy Day Intentions Memento: Antoinette Steinkrauss		
TUESDAY December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Parish Holy Day Intentions Memento: Rita & Louis Post, Bro. John Post; Nyhen/Fitzgerald Family; Mary Bauer & Bauer/Mangan Family		
WEDNESDAY December 26th St. Stephen	12:30 PM	Samantha Cole	Special Intention	Diane Leonard
THURSDAY December 27th	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	John N. Battaglia	Memorial Special Intention	Provencher Family Kathy Blake
St. John the Divine		Jessica Perdominico	-	ŕ
FRIDAY December 28th Holy Innocents	7:30 AM Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	Patricia Lynch Francis McCarthy	Month's Mind Memorial	Eleanor Donovan  Mary McCarthy
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	All Souls (6)	Memorial	Donor
December 29th St. Thomas Beckett		William, Wilda & Pamela Druit Antonietta Covino	Special Intention Month's Mind	Laura Harvey Rosary Group
	4:00 PM	Matt Keady	Special Intention	Mary Ann O'Brien
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December 23rd, A.D. 2018 Fourth Sunday of the Advent of the Lord (Rorate Sunday)

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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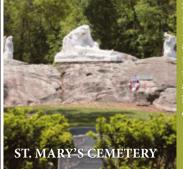






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