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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.**

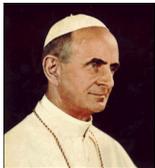
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"YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE
EXAMPLE OF MARY: That

young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world." (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: *Baptism of Christ* by Paolo Veronese (1267-1337), a copy of which hangs in the alcove of our Lady Altar, looking down on our parish church's baptismal font.



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."

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



Pastor's Note

THE MAGISTERIAL TEACHINGS OF POPE SAINT PAUL VI

As we launch out into this New Year 2019, I would like to dedicate a significant space in our weekly bulletin to highlighting some of the magisterial teachings of Pope Paul VI, who was canonized a Saint of the Catholic Church a few months ago. We will begin with the *Credo of the People of God* which was proclaimed at the close of the Year of Faith, June 29th, 1968.

In the words of Fr. John Hardon, S.J.:

Its purpose was to offer to the Christian world, after the Second Vatican Council, a profession of the principle articles of the Catholic Faith. It is no mere summary, however, but a carefully assembled synthesis of those revealed truths which today are either most challenged or that especially need to be understood by the faithful. It incorporates all the familiar doctrines of the Nicene Creed but goes beyond them in occasionally updating the verbal expression and showing how these mysteries are to be lived by the Christian believer.

Fr. Higgins

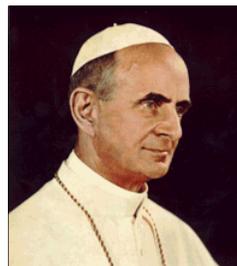
CATECHESIS: ON-GOING INSTRUCTION IN THE PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIANITY

THE CREDO OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

(The SOLEMN PROFESSION OF FAITH)

1. With this solemn liturgy We end the celebration of the Nineteenth Centenary of the Martyrdom of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and thus close the Year of Faith. We dedicated it to the commemoration of the Holy Apostles in order

1. *(continued...)* that we might give witness to our steadfast will to *guard the deposit of faith* from corruption, that deposit which they transmitted to us, and to demonstrate again our intention of relating this same faith to life, at this time when the Church must continue her pilgrimage in this world.
2. We feel it Our duty to give public thanks to all who responded to Our invitation by bestowing on the Year of Faith a splendid completeness through the deepening of their personal adhesion to the Word of God, through the renewal in various gatherings of the Profession of Faith, and through the testimony of Christian life. To Our brothers in the episcopate especially, and to all the faithful of the Holy Catholic Church, We express our appreciation and we grant Our blessing.
3. Likewise, we deem that We must fulfill the mandate entrusted by Christ to Peter, whose successor We are, the last in merit; namely to confirm Our brothers in the faith. With the awareness, certainly, of Our human weakness, yet with all the strength impressed on Our spirit by such a command, We shall accordingly make a Profession of Faith, pronounce a formula which begins with the word *Credo, I believe*. Without being strictly speaking a dogmatic definition, it repeats in substance, with some developments called for by the spiritual condition of our time, the Creed of Nicaea, the Creed of the immortal tradition of the Holy Church of God.



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**THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION
FOR 2019 IN THE YEAR OF GRACE
(The Announcement of Easter and the
Moveable Feasts:)**

**Know, dear brethren, that as we have
rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we
announce to you also the joy of His
Resurrection who is our Savior:**

**The Sunday of Septuagesima is the 17th
Day of February.**

**On the 6th Day of March will fall Ash
Wednesday, and the beginning of the Fast
of the most sacred Lenten Season.**

**On the 21st Day of April you will
celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal
Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**On the 30th Day of May will be the
Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**On the 9th Day of June, the Feast of
Pentecost.**

**On the 20th Day of June, the Feast of
Corpus Christi.**

**On the 1st Day of December, the First
Sunday of the Advent of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, to whom is honor and glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE STUDY

COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2019:

Baptism of the Lord: Missale Romanum 1970

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider today's Collect for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (MR '70). Below is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the third typical edition of the *Roman Missal* (2010):

"Almighty ever-living God, Who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, solemnly declared Him Your beloved Son, grant that Your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to You. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."

Our Collect's petition affirms that the faithful have become God's adopted children by His divine action in Baptism. As St. John tells us in his First Epistle, "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (cf. 1 Jn. 3:1, RSV).

Consequently, the baptized truly share in the very same benediction which the Father gave to Christ at the Jordan: "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased" (cf. Mt. 3:17, RSV).

Accordingly, our petition begs God for the grace of always abiding in this benediction. How does this come about? Fortunately, it is *God Himself* who has already (and permanently) rooted us in this filial identity. Our principal vocation, then, is simply to cooperate with this grace (this is the correct sense of the petition).

The Sacrament of Baptism imprints upon the soul an indelible *character*, a seal, or a mark. In Biblical terms, sacramental character indicates that we are related to God in an eternal and irrevocable covenant (this is wondrously good news!). The principle Old Testament prototype of (cont. on pg. 6)

(continued from pg. 5...) baptismal character is circumcision, the permanent mark in the flesh that indicated Israel's belonging to God in the Abrahamic covenant.

Here is what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says on the subject of sacramental character:

1272: "Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated."

1273: "Incorporated into the Church by Baptism, the faithful have received the sacramental character that consecrates them for Christian religious worship. The baptismal seal enables and commits Christians to serve God by a vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise their baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy lives and practical charity."

1274: "The Holy Spirit has marked us with the seal of the Lord ('Dominicus character') 'for the day of redemption.' 'Baptism indeed is the seal of eternal life.' The faithful Christian who has 'kept the seal' until the end, remaining faithful to the demands of his Baptism, will be able to depart this life 'marked with the sign of faith,' with his baptismal faith, in expectation of the blessed vision of God - the consummation of faith - and in the hope of resurrection."

1121: "...This configuration to Christ and to the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible, it remains for ever in the Christian as a positive disposition for grace, a promise and guarantee of divine protection, and as a vocation to divine worship and to the service of the Church..."

Of chief importance in these paragraphs is the point that the sacramental character of Baptism is ordered to divine worship. In other words, Baptism gives the children of God the supernatural power to participate in the Sacrifice of the Mass, and so, to offer to God the divinely revealed worship that He desires and commands of His creatures, i.e., the Holy Eucharist (cf. Lk. 22:19-20; Jn. 4 and 6). Rendering such worship is possible for us because Christ "associates [His] Church" with His Offering on the Cross, of which His own Baptism is the

foreshadowing (*Catechism*, nos. 536-7, 1070-1, 1073-4, 1085, 1089, 1115, 1119, 1141; Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*, 18-23; Bl. Marmion, *Christ in His Mysteries*, 20, 206).

Thus, the whole of Christian life rests squarely upon baptismal character. It orients us and all of life to divine worship and to growth in charity. This is how we "may always be well pleasing" to the Father.

(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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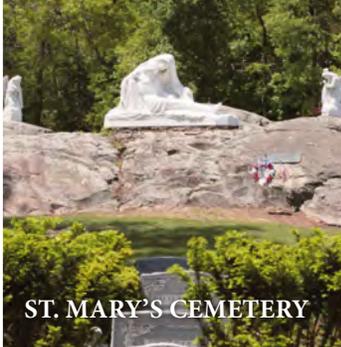
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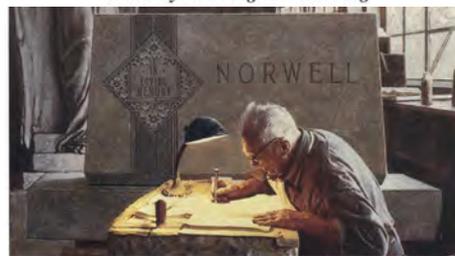
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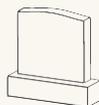
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