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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Mass Schedule

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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.”

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

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**THE POPE'S INTENTION
FOR THE MONTH OF
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TURE OF THE VERY YOUNG:**

*That every country determine to
take the necessary
measures to make the
future of the very young,
especially those who suffer,
a priority."*

*(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. (below) Clement Pappin, summer of 2019,
aged 6)*

**FRONT COVER: Mary Immaculate of
Lourdes Church at Christmastide
(PHOTO by Tatiana Blanco)**



**"IF YOU ARE WILLING TO
SERENELY BEAR THE TRIAL
OF BEING DISPLEASING TO
YOURSELF, THEN YOU
WILL BE FOR JESUS A
PLEASANT PLACE OF
SHELTER."—ST. THERESE OF
LISIEUX (+1897)**

COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL



David Allen

ST JOHN OF DAMASCUS

(*Missale Romanum* 1970)

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect for the feast of St. John of Damascus, Priest and Doctor of the Church, celebrated in the new calendar on December 4. Below is the 2010 ICEL translation of this Collect in the third typical edition of the *Roman Missal* (2010):

"Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may be helped by the prayers of the Priest Saint John Damascene, so that the true faith, which he excelled in teaching, may always be our light and our strength. Through our Lord, etc. Amen."

St. John of Damascus lived from the middle of the seventh century through the middle of the eighth century, a critical time in Church history which saw the rising tide of Muslim invasion of Christian lands, and the mushrooming of the heresy of iconoclasm (literally, the "breaking of icons"). This heresy equated the veneration of images of Christ and the Saints with idolatry, and consequently, incited many to destroy such images and ban them from liturgical and devotional use.

The Seventh Ecumenical Council, which met under the Byzantine Empress Irene at Nicaea in 787 A.D. (also known as Nicaea II), flatly condemned the heresy of iconoclasm. Its teaching is indebted to the writings of St. John of Damascus, among others, which is why he is one of the Doctors of the Church. St. John's teaching centers on the Incarnation, and consequently, man's ability to see and worship the face of God in Christ.

Consider paragraphs 515 and 476-477 from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which explain these truths:

515 "...[Christ's] humanity appeared as 'sacrament,' that is, the sign and instrument, of His divinity and of the salvation He brings: what was visible in His earthly life leads to the invisible mystery of His divine sonship and redemptive mission."

476 "Since the Word became flesh in assuming a true humanity, Christ's body was finite. Therefore the human face of Jesus can be portrayed; at the seventh ecumenical council (Nicaea II in 787) the Church recognized its representation in holy images to be legitimate."

477 "At the same time the Church has always acknowledged that in the body of Jesus 'we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.' The individual characteristics of Christ's body express the divine person of God's Son. He has made the features of His human body His own, to the point that they can be venerated when portrayed in a holy image, for the believer 'who venerates the icon is venerating in it the Person of the one depicted.'"

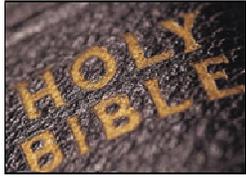
In our Collect, we ask that this very teaching may be our *light* and our *strength*. We are asking, firstly, that our minds may be enlightened with the true faith in regard to the mystery of the Incarnation, namely, that Christ is fully God and fully man. This mystery is inestimably rich [pick up a copy of Blessed Marmion's *Christ in His Mysteries* and you will see why!] Articulating this mystery precisely is necessary for our salvation, for a *false* understanding of the Person of Christ and His two natures distorts the reality of His saving mission, and consequently, negates our salvation. Secondly, we pray that this consoling truth of God's love in Christ may fortify us for living the life of grace [i.e., keeping the commandments and growing in charity]. One may become a saint only by sharing the divine life of the God-man, a "wondrous exchange" which Christ makes possible by his Incarnation and Nativity (cf. Marmion, *Christ in his Mysteries*, ch. 7).



"CONSCIENCE IS A STERN MONITOR, BUT IN THIS CENTURY IT HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED BY A COUNTERFEIT, WHICH THE EIGHTEEN CENTURIES PRIOR TO IT NEVER HEARD OF, AND COULD NOT HAVE MISTAKEN FOR IT, IF THEY HAD. IT IS THE RIGHT OF SELF-WILL."

—SAINT JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)

RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019



WEEKLY THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Led by David Allen, THURSDAY mornings at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 AM Parish Mass.) Lower Rectory Conference Room.

This is an open group and all are invited to attend at any time.

CURRENT STUDY: EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS



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1st Sunday in Advent, December 1st: ADVENTIDE BAKE SALE

Please support our Advent Bake Sale today. Many thanks to all those who donated a bake-sale item.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

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: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTROIT: *Psalm 24. 1-4.* TO Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. *Ps. ibid. 4.* Show me, O Lord, Thy ways: and teach me Thy paths. *℟̄.* 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. — To Thee ...

COLLECT: STIR up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins, we may deserve to be rescued by Thy protection, and be saved by Thy deliverance: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans, 13. 11-14 BRETHREN, knowing that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL: *Psalm 24. 3, 4.* ALL they that wait on Thee shall not be confounded, O Lord. *℟̄.* Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me: and teach me Thy paths. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 84. 8* O Lord, hear my prayer; and let my cry come to Thee. Alleluia.

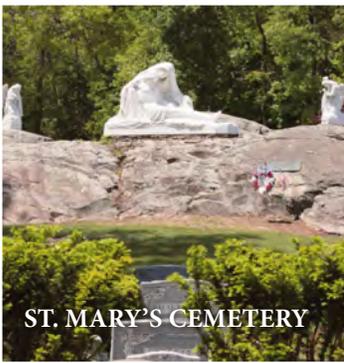
GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 21. 25-33 AT THAT TIME Jesus said to His disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves: men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved. And then they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a similitude: See the fig tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away. —

OFFERTORY: *Psalm 24. 1-3.* TO Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

SECRET: MAY these holy Mysteries, O Lord, cleanse us by their powerful efficacy, and enable us to come with greater purity to Him who is their foundation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

COMMUNION: *Psalm 84. 13.* THE Lord will give goodness: and our earth shall yield her fruit.

POSTCOMMUNION: MAY we receive Thy mercy, O Lord, in the midst of Thy temple: that we may with becoming honor prepare for the approaching solemnities of our redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...



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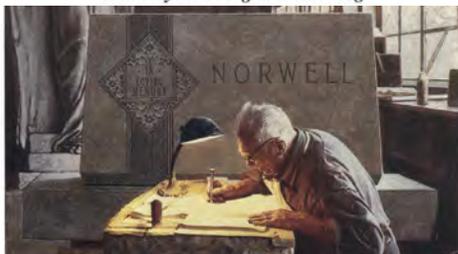
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