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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Novus Ordo

4:00 P. M. (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 A. M. *Traditional Latin* 11:00/(11:15) A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

Weekdays:

Novus Ordo

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 A. M. Traditional Latin

Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 P. M. Sat 9:00 A. M.

Holy Days

Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter); Assumption of Our Lady (August 15th); All Saints Day (November 1st); December 8th (Immaculate Conception of Our Lady)

If falling on Mon-Fri—

Novus Ordo, 7:30 A. M. & 5:30 P. M.

Traditional Latin, 12:30 & 7:30 P. M.

If falling on Saturday—

Novus Ordo, 7:30 A.M.

Traditional Latin, 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and January 1st, as announced)

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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SACRAMENTS

<u>BAPTISM</u>: The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please contact the Parish Office (617-244-0558) to request a date.

<u>PENANCE</u>: Confessions regularly heard— SUNDAY, 10:00-11:00 A.M., 5:00-5:30 P. M. MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, before and after the 12:30 P. M. Mass.

THURSDAY, before and after the 5:30 P.M. Mass.

SATURDAY, 8:00-9:00 A. M./ 3:30-4:00 P. M.

<u>MATRIMONY</u>: 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 SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, also known as EXTREME UNCTION

Communion of the Sick for the Homebound

Please contact Father Higgins at the Parish Office (617-244-0558)



"GRATITUDE IS THE THING THAT BRINGS US THE MOST GRACE...I HAVE LEARNT THIS FROM EXPERIENCE; TRY IT AND YOU WILL SEE. I AM CONTENT WITH WHATEVER

GOD GIVES ME, AND I SHOW HIM THIS IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS."—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

+ DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY+

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

ADVENT AND THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

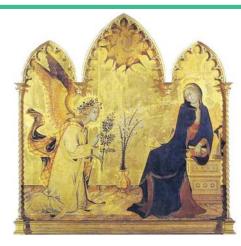
In the interaction of the temporal and sanctoral cycles of

the liturgy we often find that the sanctoral cycle (the cycle of Saints' feasts) intensifies and complements the mysteries recalled in the time-cycle of the Year (i.e. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost.) This is true to an excellent degree with the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8th.

This dogmatic feast celebrates the singular privilege of Mary as immaculately preserved from all stain of sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of Christ and on account of her other singular privilege of being the Mother of God. In the Incarnation Christ took his human flesh entirely from His mother Mary. Through the Immaculate Conception, the God-Man Jesus is born of flesh unstained by any sin.

These are the two privileges of Mary: the Immaculate Conception and the Divine Maternity. All of the honors, all of the trust we place in Mary's intercession, all of the further theological teaching the Church has developed regarding the "Marian dimension" of Christianity—all of it derives from these two privileges. Understand that and the whole of the Church's Marian life makes perfect sense. It is no exaggeration to say, as St. Bernard of Clairvaux says: "De Maria, numquam satis" (Of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one can never say enough.)

Take away the dogmatic underpinning of Mary, and it dissolves very quickly into sentimentality. Christ Our Lord and *Maria Immaculata* Our Lady are not to be sentimentalized and rendered as something icky-sweet, something ornamental for a commercialized season emptied of its



FRONT COVER: The Annunciation by Simone Martini and Lippo Memmi, Florence, A.D. 1333

Faith-content. God became Man, the-Wordmade-flesh, in order to take

upon Himself the sin-guilt of the whole world. The Redemption accomplished once-and-for-all upon the Cross, its merits are now continually applied to individual human souls and the world they live in, throughout all the generations in this, the Last Age of the world. At some point—unforeseen and unforeseeable by us, when the mysterious number of elect souls has been reached—Christ will return to earth in His Second Advent. The Kingdom of God will then have come in all its fullness.

In the economy of salvation Mary thus has an indispensable role, as Mother and Mediatrix of Grace, Co-redemptrix, Advocate. There is the marvelous phrase associated with St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort which encapsulates the great mystery: *Ad Jesum per Mariam*, "To *Jesus through Mary*".

The celebration of the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception helps us to concentrate our understanding of the Mystery of the Incarnation and to embrace more fully its saving power in our lives.



"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)





SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH MISSION

"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"

SUNDAY OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 2020: \$7,109.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS: \$468.00 = \$7,577.00



SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS: \$2,832.00

"Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as He has given, and as generously as your hand has found. For the LORD is the One who repays, and He will repay you sevenfold."—Sirach 35



FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
DECEMBER 8th
(TUESDAY of this
week)
Patronal Feast of the
United States of
America

HOLY DAY MASSES AT MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES: 7:30 AM (Novus Ordo). 12:30 PM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM (Novus Ordo) & 7:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

The Collection taken up will go to the support of our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

ROMAN STATIONAL CHURCH SECOND SUNDAY IN THE ADVENT OF THE LORD: CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS AT JERUSALEM

"In Palestine Christians gather today in Jerusalem for the celebration of holy Mass. In Rome, they proceed to the stational Church "Holy Cross at Jerusalem" which serves to give the atmosphere of the Holy City...The Jerusalem of our souls is sanctifying grace. This city too must be adorned and prepared, for the King will want to enter. That is our present task.

—-Dr. Pius Parsch, The Church's Year of Grace, Volume I, "First Sunday of Advent" (A.D. 1957)



Calendar of Masses

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

			1	ı	• 11
	SUNDAY December 6th	4:00 PM (Vigil)	Jerry Higgins	41st Anniversary	
	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF THE LORD	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM (11:15 AM)	Pro Populo Jorge Soto Francesca Belmonte Marie Hong Tran	Baptism Anniv. Memorial	Ana Betancourt Belmonte Family Mary Tran
	St. Nicholas Day	(11.137114)	Joanne Funicello Drs. Marcus Laux Sr./Jr. Family	6th Anniversary Living & Deceased Memorial	Stephen Miller Laura Harvey
	5:30 PM		Barbara Nyhen Chris Hurley In Thanksgiving United States of America	Special Intention Special Intention	Laura Harvey Laura Harvey Annie & Mike Procopio Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		5:30 PM	Pasquale Angelucci Ellen Mary Mellet Thomas Reid	Special Intention Special Intention Anniv. Memorial	Anhtony & Victoria Angelucci Christine Mallet Joanne Meegan
	MONDAY December 7th St. Ambrose	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
		12:30 PM	Antonio Jimenez	Memorial	Ana Betancourt
	TUESDAY December 8th	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	+Memento: Thomas Reid	
	IMMACULATE	12:30 PM	PARISH		
	CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY	5:30 PM	HOLY DAY INTENTIONS		
		7:30 PM			
	WEDNESDAY December 9th DEDICATION OF ARCHDIOCESAN CATHEDRAL	12:30 PM	James Conroy	Memorial	Mary McCarthy
	THURSDAY December 10th	7:30 AM	John Birch	Year's Mind	
	Holy House of Loreto	5:30 PM	Annie O'Donnell	Special Intention	Christine Mallet
	FRIDAY December 11th	7:30 AM Health of the Sick	Cynara Stephanie Ferrao	Memorial	Marybeth McCarthy
	Pope St. Damasus	12:30 PM	Norman Hobbib	Memorial	Marc Gendreau

"Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand."
—St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars

SATURDAY December 12th **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**



9:00 AM All Souls

Marie Hong Tran Intention of the Donor Mary Rose Belmonte

Bertha Zapato

In Honor of Our Lady of

Guadalupe

4:00 PM Fr. James Skehan, S.J. Memorial Memorial

Camille Arcidi Mary Tran

Mass of the Angels Memorial

Belmonte Family Ana Betancourt

In Thanksgiving

Choy Family

Memorial Jane & Bob Brearley



THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF **DECEMBER, 2020:** "FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER: That our personal relationship with Jesus

Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer."

(PHOTOS: (1) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015. (2) Jeanette Pappin with her children Clement and Marie-



Thérèse (ages 7 Thanksgiving. 2020. (3) Fr. Salako's audience with Pope Francis, 2019.)

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

+Janet Wade, aged 92 (Mother and mother-in-law of parishioners Geoff & Meg Wade)





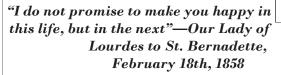
HEALTH OF THE SICK

"In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice."—Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list for the sick, especially for:

Ida Goffredo, Cara Gavin, Deb Andrew, Anne-Marie O'Neill, Laura Langston, Eliza Miller, Suze Jean Pierre, George Cupak, Bethie Jean Michel, Richard Lempitski, Jerome Rusnack, Hannah Strom, Erika da Silva, William Leavey, Ophelia Tobio, Tanguy du Halgouët, Margie Bibbo, Maria & John Centofanti, Teresa Lee, Catherine Kwash, Alexander Louis Post, Bob Quinn, Sunny McCloskey, Shirley Bibbo, Dorothy Fresolo, Lita O'Laoghaire, Mary Downey, Joseph

Gamache, Kathy Quinn, Nick & Janet Pino, Mary Duhaime...



IDA GOFFREDO—cancer diagnosis ANNE-MARIE O'NEILL—new-born, cardiac ICU LAURA LANGSTON—cancer diagnosis SUZE JEAN PIERRE—cancer diagnosis

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTROIT: Isaias 30, 30; Psalm 79. 2 People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations: and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. *Psalm*. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. \tilde{V} . 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. — People of Sion, behold ...

COLLECT: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son; that through His coming we may deserve to serve Thee with purified minds. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans, 15. 4-13 Brethren, What things soever were written, were written for our learning: that, through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one towards another, according to Jesus Christ; that with one mind and with one mouth you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: but that the Gentiles are to glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to Thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and will sing to Thy Name. And again He saith: Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again: Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles, and magnify Him, all ye people. And again, Isaias saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and He that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing: that you may abound in hope, and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

GRADUAL: Psalm 49. 2-3, 5 Out of Sion the loveliness of His beauty: God shall come manifestly. Gather ye together His saints to Him, who have set His covenant before sacrifices. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. Psalm 121. 1 I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go unto the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew II. 2-10 At that time, when John had heard in prison the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples, he said to Him: Art Thou He that art to come, or look we for another? And Jesus making answer, said to them: Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them: and blessed is he that shall not be scandalized in Me. And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 84. 7-8 Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life, and Thy people shall rejoice in Thee: show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation.

SECRET: Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and sacrifices of our humility: and where merits of ours to plead for us are lacking, do Thou by Thine aid assist us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

COMMUNION: Baruch 5. 5; 4. 36 Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that cometh to thee from thy God.

POSTCOMMUNION: Filled with the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly entreat Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this Mystery, Thou wouldst teach us to despise the things of earth, and to love those of Heaven. Through our Lord ...

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude: A Message Came To a Maiden Young (Traditional Basque Carol)

Introit: Isaiah 30:30 Populus Sion

People of Zion behold, the Lord is coming to save all nations; and the Lord shall cause you to hear his majestic voice for the joy of your heart.

Offertory

Sub Tuum Praesidium (Gregorian Chant VII)

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;

Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always
from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

<u>Communion</u>: Baruch 5:5 Ierusalem, surge

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high; and behold the joy that shall come to you from your God.

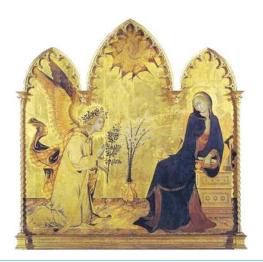
Communion

Rorate Caeli (Gregorian Chant I)

Recessional: Tota Pulchra Es (Gregorian Chant I)

Postlude:

Behold! Behold He Cometh (S. Webbe)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal) 11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude: A Message Came To a Maiden Young (Traditional Basque Carol)

Asperges (11:00 Mass)

Introit: Isaiah 30:30; Ps. 79:2 Populus Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suae in laetitiae cordis vestri. (Psalm) Qui regis Israel intende: qui deducis, velut ovem, Ioseph. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Populus Sion ...

Offertory

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We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God;

Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always
from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Communion: Baruch 5:5

Ierusalem, surge, et sta in excelso, et vide iucunditatem, quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo.

Communion

Rorate Caeli (Gregorian Chant I)

Recessional: Tota Pulchra Es (Gregorian Chant I)

Angelus (Chant)

Postlude: Behold! Behold He Cometh (S.Webbe)



CATECHESIS: ON-GOING INSTRUCTION IN THE FULLNESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

2020 Jubilee 2021 YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST



<u>MYSTERIUM FIDEI</u> ("MYSTERY OF FAITH", ENYCLICAL LETTER OF POPE PAUL VI)

Exhortation to Promote the Cult of the

Eucharist
(continued)

May the all-good Redeemer who shortly before His death prayed to the Father that all who were to believe in Him would be one even as He and the Father were one, deign speedily to hear out most ardent prayer and that of the entire Church, that we may all with one voice and one faith, celebrate the Eucharistic Mystery and, by participating in the Body of Christ, become one body, linked by those same bonds which He Himself desired for its perfection.

And we turn with paternal affection also to those who belong to the venerable Churches of the Orient, from which come so many most illustrious Fathers whose testimony to the belief of the Eucharist we have so gladly cited in our present letter. Our soul is filled with intense joy as we consider your faith in the Eucharist, which is also our faith, and as we listen to the liturgical prayers by which you celebrate so great a mystery we rejoice to behold your eucharistic devotion, and to read your theologians explaining or defending the doctrine of this most august Sacrament.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary from whom Christ Our Lord took the flesh which under the species of bread and wine "is contained, offered and consumed," may all the saints of God, specially those who burned with a more ardent devotion to the Divine Eucharist, intercede before the Father of mercies so that from this same faith in and devotion toward the Eucharist may result and flourish a perfect unity of communion among all Christians.

Unforgettable are the words of the holy martyr Ignatius, in his warning to the faithful of Philadelphia against the evils of division and schism, the remedy for which lies in the Eucharist: "Strive then," he said, "to make use of one form of thanksgiving for the flesh of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one and one is the chalice of in the union of His Blood, one altar, one bishop."

Encouraged by the most consoling hope of the blessings, which will accrue to the whole Church and the entire world from an increased in devotion to the Eucharist, with profound affection We impart to you, venerable brothers, to the priests, Religious and all those who collaborate with you and to all the faithful entrusted to your care, the apostolic benediction as a pledge of heavenly graces.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, the third day of September, the Feast of Pope St. Pius X, in the Year 1965, the third year of Our pontificate.

Paul VI, Pope

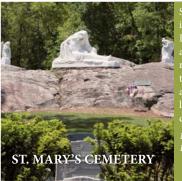


THE CHURCH PROTECTS THE REVEALED MESSAGE

"IF THE CHURCH, INITIATED
IN THE APOSTLES AND
CONTINUED IN THEIR
SUCCESSORS, HAS BEEN SET
UP FOR THE DIRECT OBJECT
OF PROTECTING,
PRESERVING, AND

DECLARING THE REVELATION, AND THAT BY MEANS OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND PROVIDENCE OF ITS DIVINE AUTHOR, WE ARE LED ON TO PERCEIVE THAT, IN ASSERTING THIS, WE ARE IN OTHER WORDS ASSERTING, THAT, SO FAR AS THE MESSAGE ENRUSTED TO IT IS CONCERNED, THE CHURCH IS INFALLIBLE."—SAINT JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)

RAISED TO THE ALTARS, OCTOBER 13TH, 2019



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"Jesus Wept." John 11:35



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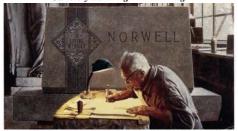
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