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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)

December 20th, A.D. 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate Sunday)

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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

BAPTISM: 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

THE TIME IS FULFILLED

The Fourth Sunday of Advent begins with another of Isaias's prophecies as the Introit: "Rorate caeli...Drop down dew,

ye heavens from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One. Let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior." (Is. 45:8)

St. John the Baptist, Herald of the Lord, calls to us in the Gospel (1962 Missal), invoking Isaias: "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."

And our Blessed Lady, Mary Immaculate, greets us in the Gospel Lesson for the 1970 Missal (St. Luke, the Annunciation) and at the Offertory for the 1962 Missal, with the Angelic Salutation of Gabriel: Ave Maria gratia plena... Hail, Mary, full of grace.

Our three "Advent Preachers" over these last Four Sundays—Isaias, John the Baptist, Mary Immaculate—come together to usher us into the joyful and light-filled days of the Christmas and Epiphany season now that we are completing our time of spiritual preparation.

The contrast between the lightsome mysteries of the Christmas celebration and the Present Trial, with its intensifying contagion, is stark indeed. We have to make conscientious effort not to let the things of eternity be displaced by passing tribulation. (For example, not reducing the Advent theme of Christ's coming to a metaphor for the arrival of a vaccine.)



FRONT COVER: Christmas poinsettias banked around the Advent wreath before the Mass of Christmas Eve, A.D. 2013. (PHOTO by parishioner +Paul Eldridge, R.I.P.)

Christ's Advent is not a metaphor for anything of this world. Rather, let the things of this passing world be construed to serve as imperfect metaphors which point us to the great and immutable truths contained in the Divine Revelation: *God in Jesus Christ appeared on earth in human flesh without becoming any less God.*

Let us pray on this Rorate Sunday for the intention of our parish's celebration of Christmas this year: in particular that we might continue to be protected from the spread of COVID in our midst and that we might be able to peacefully worship the good God in our beautiful parish church.



"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, DECEMBER 6th, 2020: \$6,586.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS: \$574.00 = \$7,160.00



CHRISTMAS MASSES COLLECTION: FOR THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

"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 SCHEDULE OF MASSES for CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY (December 24th-25th)

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 24th, 2020:
4:00 PM (Novus Ordo)
12 Midnight (Traditional Latin)
CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 25th, 2020:
7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)
11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)
11:15 AM Latin Mass in Lower Church

THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON DECEMBER 24th until the CHRISTMAS EVE MASS at 4 PM.



ROMAN STATIONAL

CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN THE

ADVENT OF THE LORD:

BASILICA OF THE TWELVE

HOLY APOSTLES

Here in an immense crypt lie the relics of two of the Twelve Holy Apostles, SS. Philip and James the Less, together with other martyrs' relics taken from the Catacombs. "The designs [on the crypt] invoke the early Christian imagery of the Good Shepherd, a major Christological symbol. Derived from the Greco-Roman representation of philanthropy; the shepherd imagery bespoke one man taking on another's financial or civic burdens. Christians adapted the image to illustrate Christ's shouldering the burden of the world's sin."

—Elizabeth Lev, <u>Roman Pilgrimage</u>: <u>The Station Churches</u> (with George and Stephen Weigel, 2013)

Calendar of Masses

	Calendar of Masses (Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)				
	SUNDAY	4:00 PM	Marie Geraci	4th Anniversary	Leo Geraci & Family
	December 20th		D D 1		
	FOURTH SUNDAY	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	Memorial	Tare Set Marrage Marrales Form
	OF THE ADVENT	9:00 AM	Janet Wade John Drohan, Jr.	9th Anniversary	Tom & Maryann Murphy Fam. Rusnack Family
	OF THE LORD	11:00 AM	Christopher Norwood	15th Anniversary	Rusnack Family
		(11:15 AM)	John F. Drohan	44th Anniversary	Rusnack Family Rusnack Family
	RORATE		Henry Bambrick, Sr.	57th Anniversary	Rusnack Family
SUNDAY		John Regan	Memorial	Rusnack Family	
		*	Father Michael Regan	Memorial	Rusnack Family
			Richard Hiller	Memorial	Rusnack Family
John Magu		20,200	Marie Hong Tran		Mary Tran
		John Maguire	Memorial	Reynolds Family	
			In Thanksgiving	1	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
			Carmella Gianfrancesco	Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
			Rita Post	Memorial	Post Family
		M	Roberto Villaneuva	Memorial	Angelica Avcikurt
		5:30 PM	Kevin Curtin	Memorial	Jan Paul & Lisa Von Wendt
	MONDAY December 21st Greater Feria of	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
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Advent / St. Thomas Apostle

TUESDAY December 22nd

Greater Feria of Advent

WEDNESDAY 12:30 PM December 23rd

Greater Feria of Advent

THURSDAY December 24th 4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

12:30 PM

7:30 AM

Maureen Nyhen

Walter Wawzyniak

Janet Crapo Harvey

No 7:30 AM Mass 12:00

MIDNIGHT

7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

Pro Populo December 25th Health of the Sick PARISH HOLY DAY **INTENTIONS**

PARISH HOLY DAY

INTENTIONS

Special Intention

Birthday Memorial Laura Harvey

Memorial

Mary Tornabene

Liz & Bill Hobbib



SATURDAY December 26th FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN 9:00 AM All Souls
Marie Hong Tran
Intention of the Donor
Mary Rose Belmonte

Memorial Camille Arcidi Memorial Mary Tran

Mass of the Angels Belmonte Family



4:00 PM Intention of the Donor

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 & 8),
Thanksgiving.
2020.
(3) Fr. Salako's
audience with
Pope Francis,
2019.)



"THE END OF ALL HUMAN ENDEAVOR IS TO BE HAPPY AT HOME."
—G.K. CHESTERTON



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:

Carl & Helen DePrina, 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...

"I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next"—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858



IDA GOFFREDO—cancer diagnosis LAURA LANGSTON—cancer diagnosis SUZE JEAN PIERRE—cancer diagnosis

IN THANKSGIVING: NEW-BORN ANNE-MARIE O'NEILL IS HOME WITH HER FAMILY

LATIN MASS PROPERS: RORATE SUNDAY (4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

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

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Rorate Sunday

Prelude: Of the Father's Love Begotten (Chant)

Introit: Isaiah 45:8 Rorate Coeli

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 Savior.

Offertory

Veni Redemptor Gentium (Chant)

- 1. Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest Thy virginbirth: let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all.
- 2. Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, Thou art still The Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to men displayed.
- 3. The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honor all unstained; the banners there of virtue glow; God in His temple dwells below.
- 4. Forth from His chamber goeth He, that royal home of purity, A giant in two-fold substance one, rejoicing now His course to
- 5 From God the Father He proceeds, to God the Father back He speeds; His course He runs to death and hell, Returning on God's throne to dwell.
- 6. O equal to the Father, Thou! Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now; The weakness of our mortal state with deathless might invigorate.
 - 7. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright And darkness breathe a newer light, Where endless faith shall shine serene,

 And twilight never intervene.

Communion: Isaiah7:14 Ecce Virgo

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

Communion: Alma Redemptoris Mater (English Chant, Solemn Tone V.)

Recessional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Chant, VIII)

Postlude: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Rorate Sunday

Prelude: Corde Natus Ex Parentis (Chant)

Asperges (11:00 Mass)

Introit: Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 18:2 Rorate, coeli, de super, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. (Psalm) Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat fimamentum. . Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Rorate, coeli, de super ...

Offertory

Veni Redemptor Gentium (Chant)

Communion: Isaiah 7:14

Ecce Virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

Communion

Alma Redemptoris Mater (Chant)

Recessional: Veni, Veni Emmanuel (Chant, VIII)

Angelus (Chant)

Postlude: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming (Michael Praetorious)



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

2020 Jubilee 2021 YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

ON ACCOUNT OF THE PANDEMIC CARDINAL SEAN HAS EXTENDED THE JUBILEE YEAR TO JUNE 2022



MIRACLES OF LOURDES AND THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson, an Anglican convert to Catholicism, made a pilgrimage to Lourdes on its 50th Jubilee Year, 1908. Here he describes watching the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament moving along the lines of very sick people and the miracles which occurred on that day.)

The first overwhelming impression that remained with me is this—that I had been present in my own body, in the twentieth century, and seen Jesus pass along the sick folk, as He passed two-thousand years before. That, in a word, is the supreme fact of Lourdes. More than once as I sat there that afternoon I contrasted the manner in which I was spending it with that in which the average believing Christian

Spends Sunday afternoon... As an Anglican clergyman, I used to teach in Sunday schools or preach to children. As a Catholic priest, I used occasionally to attend at catechism. At all times the miraculous seemed singularly far away; we looked at it across twenty centuries; it was something from which lessons might be drawn, upon which the imagination might feed, but it was a state of affairs as remote as the life of prehistoric man; one assented to it, and that was all. And here at Lourdes it was a present, vivid event. I sat at an ordinary glass window, in a soutane made by an English tailor, with another Englishman beside me, and saw the miraculous happen. Time and space disappeared; the centuries shrank and vanished; and behold we saw that which "prophets and kings have desired to see and have not seen!"

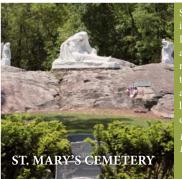


THE CHURCH PROTECTS THE REVEALED MESSAGE

"IN THE EARLIEST AGE, IT WAS SIMPLY THE LIVING SPIRIT OF THE MYRIADS OF THE FAITHFUL, NONE OF THEM KNOWN TO FAME, WHO RECEIVED FROM THE DISCIPLES OF OUR LORD, AND HUSBANDED SO WELL,

AND CIRCULATED SO WIDELY, AND TRANSMITTED SO FAITHFULLY, GENERATION AFTER GENERATION, THE ONCE-DELIVERED APOSTOLIC FAITH; WHO HELD IT WITH SUCH SHARPNESS OF OUTLINE AND EXPLICITNESS OF DETAIL, AS ENABLED EVEN THE UNLEARNED INSTINCTIVELY TO DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN TRUTH AND ERROR, SPONTANEOUSLY TO REJECT THE VERY SHADOW OF HERESY, AND TO BE PROOF AGAINST THE FASCINATION OF THE MOST BRILLIANT INTELLECTS, WHEN THEY WOULD LEAD THEM OUT OF THE NARROW WAY."—ST. JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)

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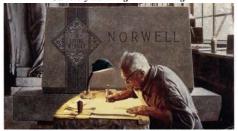
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