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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

## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes

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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)

#### + FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY+

#### Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

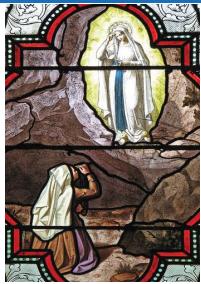
#### THE APPARITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT LOURDES: OUR PARISH PATRONAL FEAST

Today our Sunday Mass is the Mass for the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate at Lourdes, observed in its External Solemnity. The actual feast-day falls on February 11th, Thursday of this coming week.

The Patronal Feast of a parish church is one of the most important days of the year and deserves a great deal of attention being brought to it. The wonderful events at Lourdes in 1858 were a further confirmation of the Catholic dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception, solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854. The underground spring coming up from under the great rock of the Massabielle (the "Lourdes spring") was another important sign that was given.

It is not sufficiently appreciated how much the Apparitions at Lourdes correlate to the Church's baptismal catechesis of Lent. This year 2021, the Temporal Cycle lines up exactly as it did in 1858 so that we are able to see it clearly as we live Lent. On our Catechesis page in our weekly parish bulletin I would like set forth the way in which this correlation works in a series entitled "The Lourdes Catechism". Since the on-going pandemic will prevent us from having our customary Parish Lenten Mission with the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights, I want to offer you this series in its place as material for your own Lenten spiritual reflection.

An artificial distinction is all too often made in discussing Apparitions between theology and the devotion of people's faith. Marian Apparitions like Lourdes, it is alleged, are for people's personal experiential faith whereas theology is the "official religion" of the priests. The priests therefore try to impose the



FRONT COVER:
Bernadette imitating
the way in which
Our Lady shows her
how to properly
make the Sign of the
Cross. Between
February 11th and
July 16th, 1858,
Bernadette
Soubirous received
18 Apparitions of
Mary Immaculate at
Lourdes, Frances.

"official religion" on the free-floating

experience of ordinary people around what is essentially undefinable and unknowable. Hence the effort to recover the "real" Lourdes from the clerical Lourdes. It is interesting to note the parallel between contemporary efforts to assert a "real" free-floating early Christianity as against the orthodox Christianity of dogmatic definitions and bishops' authority.

As I hope to demonstrate in this "Lourdes Catechism" such an assertion is itself an artificial academic exercise. The more we scrutinize the Apparitions at Lourdes the more clearly we discern the pattern of the Church's baptismal catechesis which gives shape to the liturgies of Lent.

As our Blessed Lady has no office apart from bringing people closer to her Divine Son Jesus Christ, so she is a most brilliant and direct catechist when she appears on earth to give a message.

**OF LISIEUX (+1897)** 



"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

February 7th, A.D. 2021





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# PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO CIRCUMVENT THE UNIVERSAL FACE-MASK MANDATE:

Over the past week we have had several unpleasant incidents of belligerence and emotional upset from people in church who did not like being asked to wear a face-covering or to make sure it was properly worn over the nose and mouth. The face-mask requirement is a public health mandate: it is prescriptive and not directive. Therefore, we have no discretion on how to apply it. Complaints have been lodged against us with the city and state Public Health departments for precisely this—lax enforcement of the face-mask mandate. Gov. Baker's directive on Houses of Worship allows the imposition of \$500 fines for each and every violation. Boards of Public Health can order the closure of a House of Worship based on lax enforcement of the face-mask mandate alone. In the interests of protecting the common good of the whole parish, individuals who are unable for whatever reason to comply with the face-mask mandate cannot come here into church until the contagion controls are lifted.



# THE CHURCH PROTECTS THE REVEALED MESSAGE

"THE FUNDAMENTAL IDEA WITH WHICH ST.
ATHANASIUS STARTS IN THE CONTROVERSY IS A DEEP SENSE OF THE AUTHORITY OF TRADITION, WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO HAVE A DEFINITIVE JURISDICTION

EVEN IN THE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE, THOUGH AT THE SAME TIME HE SEEMS TO CONSIDER THAT SCRIPTURE, THUS INTERPRETED, IS A DOCUMENT OF FINAL APPEAL IN INQUIRY AND IN DISPUTATION ... ACCORDING TO HIM, OPPOSITION TO THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH, SEPARATION FROM ITS COMMUNION, PRIVATE JUDGMENT, OVERBEARING THE AUTHORIZED CATECHETICAL TEACHING, THE FACT OF A DENOMINATION, AS MEN NOW SPEAK, THIS IS A SELF-CONDEMNATION."—ST. JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN (+1890)

RAISED TO THE ALTARS. OCTOBER 13TH. 2019

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

#### The LOURDES CATECHISM

Following his Pilgrimage to Lourdes in August, 1908, the Fiftieth Jubilee of the 1858 Apparitions, Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson, a prominent Catholic convert in his day, wrote: "Lourdes, as a whole, is an excellent little compendium of Catholic theology and Gospeltruth." (Lourdes) This is an astute observation, even more so when we consider the sequence of these Eighteen Apparitions to the seer Bernadette Soubirous.

The Apparitions map out a significant correlation with the Church's Easter Cycle of the Year. Each year, beginning with Septuagesima Sunday, the Church begins her renewal in anticipation of the Easter Feast. According to the older form of the Roman Rite, which was in place until the Pauline Reform of 1970, Ash Wednesday was preceded by three Sundays of pre-Lent. The readings of the Mass and Divine Office laid out the framework for Christ's Redemptive Act. Then, with Ash Wednesday the Forty Day fast of Lent began, culminating with the celebration of the Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Eve).

The daily Masses during Lent, especially in the traditional Roman Missal, reflect what was the Baptismal Catechesis for those catechumens preparing for Baptism at Easter. In the 4th and 5th Centuries A.D. the Catechumenate was flourishing as large numbers of people sought to become baptized Christians. In the city of Rome, the people gathered with the Pope for daily Mass at specific churches during Lent, which changed according to

the different days. The Mass formulas were directed towards those on the Catechumens' benches, both re-enforcing what they had been learning over their earlier periods of preparation (catechumenates were typically years-long) and giving them new knowledge. Many of the faithful accompanied the catechumens to the Lenten daily Masses. Although already baptized the faithful too benefited from hearing the lessons and deepening their own conversion to Christ.

Besides the catechumens, there was another group of people who were the object of the Lenten daily Mass. These were the *penitents*, baptized Christians who had grievously and publicly sinned after their Baptism and so were excommunicate. At the same time as the catechumens were preparing for Baptism over 40 days, the people who were bound to do public penance as a condition of re-admission to Communion carried out that penance over 40 days.

So in the patrimony of the Church's Lenten liturgies which has been handed down to us we see three layers of liturgical development, directed variously at the catechumens, the penitents and the faithful. In the Roman Rite it is all mixed in together but we can discern its shades and hues.

In the timing of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate to Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, the First Apparition (February 11th, 1858) was on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday; the Second Apparition (February 14th) was Shrove Sunday; the Third (February 18th) was on Thursday after Ash. The "Fortnight" of Apparitions began on the Friday after Ash and lasted through March 4th, Thursday of the Second Week in Lent (Apparitions 4-15). The Sixteenth Apparition, March 25th, was the Feast of the Annunciation and also Thursday in Passion Week. The Seventeenth Apparition was on Easter Wednesday. Thus 17 of the 18 Apparitions run parallel to the Church's Easter Catechesis.

#### Calendar of Masses

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

		1	L L	• 11
SUNDAY February 7th	4:00 PM (Vigil)	Robert Maguire	Memorial	Stephen Miller
EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF THE APPARITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT LOURDES	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM (11:15 AM)	Pro Populo Cara Gavin Daniel & Ellen Miller Anthony & Dorothy Boyle Geraldine Jean-Pierre John Colamero Intention of the Donor	Special Intention Memorial Memorial Birthday Intention Memorial	Geoff & Meg Wade Kasper Family Kasper Family Belmonte Family
SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY		Geraldine Ann McGowan Marie Hong Tran Robert Tower Harvey	Memorial Memorial Birthday Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Mary Tran Laura Harvey
FIFTH SUNDAY PER ANNUM	5:30 PM	Our Priests & Bishops Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. LeBlanc	Special Intention Special Intention	Donor Fr. Stephen LeBlanc
MONDAY February 8th St. Jerome Emiliani/	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
St. John of Matha	12:30 PM	James Nyhen	11th Anniversary	Maureen Nyhen
TUESDAY February 9th Feria	7:30 AM	Joseph F. Fresolo, Sr.	Memorial	Dorothy Fresolo
WEDNESDAY February 10th St. Scholastica	12:30 PM	Patrick Leonard	Health of the Sick	Diane Leonard
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Alice Drew	Memorial	Jean Johnson, Rose DelGrosso,
February 11th APPARITION OF THE BL. VIRGIN MARY AT LOURDES	5:30 PM	Pro Populo		Mary Mulhern
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	Anne Marie Coffey	Memorial	William P. Brearley
February 12th The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes	Thanksgiving	Choy Family

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

SATURDAY February 13th Mass of Our Lady

9:00 AM All Souls

Marie Hong Tran
Intention of the Donor
Mary Rose Belmonte

Arthur Buckley

Julie Miller, Eliza Miller &

Stella Miller Bill Steltemeier Austin Maher

4:00 PM Richard Johnson

Memorial Memorial

Memorial

Camille Arcidi Mary Tran

Mass of the Angels Memorial

Special Intention

Meegan Family Joanne Meegan Stephen Miller Laura Harvey

**Belmonte Family** 

Special Intention Provencher Family

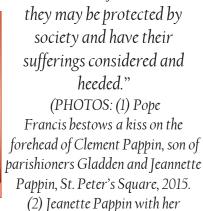
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# THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2021:

"VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that

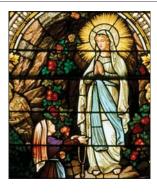




children
Clement and
Marie-Thérèse
(ages 7 & 8),
Thanksgiving.
2020.
(3) Fr. Salako's
audience with
Pope Francis,
2019.)



#### "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:

Betty Whitney, Irlanda Nuñez, Carl & Helen DePrima, Ida Goffredo, Cara Gavin, Deb Andrew, Laura Langston, Eliza Miller, Suze Jean Pierre, George Cupak, Bethie Jean Michel, Richard Lempitski, Jerome Rusnack, Hannah Strom, Erika da Silva, William Leavey, Tanguy du Halgouët, Margie Bibbo, Maria & John Centofanti, Teresa Lee, Catherine Kwash, Alexander Louis Post, Bob Quinn, Sunny McCloskey, Dorothy Fresolo, Lita O'Laoghaire, Mary Downey, 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



#### LATIN MASS PROPERS: APPARITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AT **LOURDES**

INTROIT: Apocalypse 21. 2, Psalm 44. 2 I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Psalm. My heart hath uttered a good word; I speak my works to the King. 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. — I saw...

COLLECT: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin didst prepare a worthy habitation for Thy Son; we humbly beseech Thee, that we who celebrate the feast of the Apparition of the same holy Virgin, may obtain health of both soul and body. Through our Lord ...

EPISTLE: From the Apocalypse of St. John 11. 19., 12. 1, 10 And the temple of God was opened in heaven; and the ark of His testament was seen in His temple, and there were lightnings and voice, and an earthquake and great hail. And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying: Now is come salvation and strength and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ.

GRADUAL: Canticle of Canticles 2. 12, 10, 14 The flowers have appeared in our land, the time of pruning is come, the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. V. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come; my dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hollow places of the wall. TRACT Judith 15. 10, Cant. 4. 7 Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people. V. Thou art all fair, O Mary, and there is no stain of original sin in thee. V. Truly happy art thou, O holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all high praise; for with thy virgin foot thou hast crushed the serpent's head.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke 1. 26-31 At that time, the angel Gabriel was sent from God into a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David: and the Virgin's name was Mary. And the angel being come in, said unto her: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Who having heard, was troubled at his saying and thought with herself what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said to her: Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son: and thou shalt call His name Jesus.

OFFERTORY: Luke 1. 28 Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women.

SECRET: May the sacrifice of praise, which we offer Thee, O Lord, by the merits of the glorious and Immaculate Virgin, rise up to heaven as a sweet savour: and may it obtain for us that physical and moral health which we desire. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 44. 10 Thou hast visited the earth, and hast plentifully watered it; thou hast in many ways enriched it.

POSTCOMMUNION: May the right hand of Thine Immaculate Mother raise up those, O Lord, whom Thou hast fed plenteously with food from heaven, that through her help we may come to our everlasting home.

Who livest and reignest ...



# Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

#### **External Solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes**

Prelude: Violin Sonata No.7, Op.1, No.3

**HWV 371** 

I. Affettuoso

(George Frederick Handel, composed c.1749~1750)

Introit: Isaiah 61:10

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for He has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

> Offertory Ave Maria (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

Communion: Luke 1:46

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Communion: Violin Sonata No.3

**BWV 1005** 

III. Largo

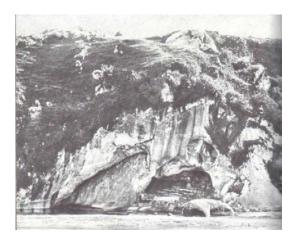
(Johann Sebastian Bach, composed in 1720)

Recessional: Tota Pulchra Es (Chant)

Postlude:

The Bells of The Angelus

BERNADETTE'S SONG



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

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Prelude: Violin Sonata No.7, Op.1, No.3

**HWV 371** 

I. Affettuoso

(George Frederick Handel, composed c.1749~1750)

Asperges (11:00 Mass)

Introit: Apocalypse 21: 2 Vidi civitátem sanctam, Jerúsalem novam, descendéntem de cælo a Deo, parátam sicut sponsam ornátam viro suo. (Ps 44: 2) Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego ópera mea Regi. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

> **Offertory:** Ave Maria (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

Communion: Psalms 64:10 Visitasti terram et inebrasti eam, multiplicasti locupletare eam.

> **Communion:** Panis Angelicus (César Franck, Published 1860)

Communion Meditation: Violin Sonata No.3

**BWV 1005** 

III. Largo

(Johann Sebastian Bach, composed in 1720)

Recessional: Tota Pulchra Es (Chant)

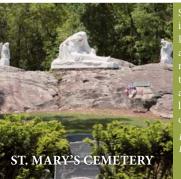
Angelus (Chant)

**Postlude:** 

The Bells of The Angelus

BERNADETTE'S SONG





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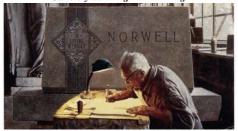
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