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# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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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)

March 14th, A.D. 2021

# **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

(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)
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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)

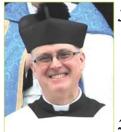


"GRATITUDE IS THE THING THAT BRINGS US THE MOST GRACE...I HAVE LEARNT THIS FROM EXPERIENCE; TRY IT AND YOU WILL SEE. I AM CONTENT WITH WHATEVER

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

#### + MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH+

# Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

## LENTEN GREETINGS FROM FR. SALAKO IN AFRICA

**f**ather Desiré Salako, S.M.A, recently sent us greetings from

his mission, along with pictures, which  $\bar{I}$  am happy to share with you:

Bonjour, Père:

Warm greetings to you all! I hope you are all fine and that life continues over there as usual despite the Pandemic that the entire world is facing.

I hereby acknowledge the reception of the sum of **\$52,142.50** you sent for our mission. It is of utmost help for the many needs that we have here. I am indeed grateful to you, your friends, your relatives; and I am touched especially by the generosity and solidarity of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish.

I join the song of Our Lady and Mother Mary to say "My soul glorifies the Lord!" because of your love and generosity to us. And I continue with the singing the song by saying "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior," for your names are all written in heaven because of your good deeds.

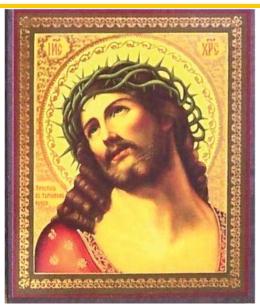
I believe in the words of Our Lord that says, "Whatsoever you do to the least of My brethren, that you do unto Me."

The money will be used appropriately to help the needy in our mission.

May the message of Christ in all its richness be spread everywhere in the world; and may the Lord continue to send generous people like you, so that together we can spread the Good News.

May the Lord bless and keep you, may He shine His face upon you, and be gracious to you, and grant you His peace and love. Amen.

Yours in Christ Jesus, Fr. Desiré Salako, Provincial



**FRONT** COVER: Icon of Christ with the Crown of Thorns. Today's Laetare Sunday gives us a foretaste of Easter before we descend into the mourning of Passiontide.









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"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

## 2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Annual Archdiocesan Appeal by Cardinal Seàn

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# THE CHURCH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE

"IT ITS TRUE, THERE HAVE BEEN SEASONS WHEN, FROM THE OPERATION OF EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL CAUSES, THE CHURCH HAS BEEN THROW INTO WHAT WAS ALMOST A STATE OF DELIOUIUM: BUT HER

WONDERFUL REVIVALS, WHILE THE WORLD WAS TRIUMPHING OVER HER. IS A FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE ABSENCE OF CORRUPTION IN THE SYSTEM OF DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP INTO WHICH SHE HAS DEVELOPED ... SHE PAUSES IN HER COURSE, AND ALMOST SUSPENDS HER FUNCTIONS; SHE RISES AGAIN, AND SHE IS HERSELF ONCE MORE; ALL THINGS ARE IN THEIR PLACE AND READY FOR ACTION. DOCTRINE IS WHERE IT WAS, AND USAGE AND PRECEDENCE, AND PRINCIPLE, AND POLICY; THERE MAY BE CHANGES, BUT THEY ARE CONSOLIDATIONS OR ADAPTATIONS; ALL IS UNEQUIVOCAL AND DETERMINATE, WITH AN IDENTITY WHICH THERE IS NO DISPUTING."—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

### **Baptismal Regeneration**



In the course of the wonderful events at Lourdes in 1858 two signs were given to the world: 1) the appearance of the underground spring flowing out of the side of the great rock (February 25th), and 2) the self-identification of Mary with her privilege of the Immaculate Conception, "I am the Immaculate Conception",

(March 25th). At the time, the revelation of the name after Bernadette's pleading—"Would you be so kind as to give me your name?"—was hailed by Church authorities as heavenly confirmation of the solemn dogmatic definition of Mary's Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX only four years' before, in 1854. It alone was weighed as the confirmation of the authenticity of Bernadette's visions. The first authorization for liturgical worship around the Apparitions of Lourdes was for a Mass in Honor of Mary Immaculate. The Lourdes feast-day on February 11th reflects the Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8th. It is tantamount to a Second Feast of the Immaculate Conception on the Sanctoral Calendar.

This emphasis on the second sign, however, has been to the detriment of fully bringing out the impact of the first sign—the water flowing

from the side of the great rock of the Massabielle. Rather than it being a concession to pre-Christian popular ideas of enchanted nature-religion, the Lourdes spring, in the context of the Church's Lenten liturgies, is steeped in the Ancient Church's presentation of the Mysteries of Baptismal



Regeneration. It is a further example of a biblical "water lesson" analogy used for the catechumens.

In the Old Testament, during the long sojourn in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt, the people were without water. God therefore told Moses to strike a rock with his staff. "And when Moses had lifted up his hand, and struck the rock twice with his rod, there came forth water in great abundance, so that the people and their cattle drank." (Numbers 20) Both Moses and the rock are treated as figures of Christ. The water flowing from the side of the rock in the desert is an image of the Water and Blood which flowed from Christ's side on Good Friday, which John the Apostle saw: "But one of the soldiers with a spear opened up His side: and immediately there came out Blood and Water." (John 19:34)

Just so, the Lourdes spring, flowing from the side of the Massabielle at the exact point where Our Lady told Bernadette to drink even though it was at that moment still only dirt, is also an image of the Water and Blood flowing from Christ's side on Good Friday. The image of St. Faustina's Divine Mercy, with its two beams of light, one white, one red, and the image of the Lourdes spring are iconic of the same Mystery of the Baptismal Regeneration. The Water is Baptism, the Red is the Holy **Eucharist: Baptism begins the supernatural** life, Holy Eucharist matures it. Together they are the one Baptismal Regeneration and Easter Sacrament.

#### LATIN MASS PROPERS: LAETARE SUNDAY

INTROIT: Isaias 66: 10, 11 Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. *Psalm 121: 2* I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds justly deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Galatians 4: 22-31 Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Galatians. Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman and the other by a free woman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh: but he of the free woman was by promise: which things are said by an allegory. For these are the two testaments. The one from Mount Sinai, engendering unto bondage: which is Agar: for Sinai is a mountain in Arabia, which hath affinity to that Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But that Jerusalem which is above is free, which is our mother. For it is written: Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not: break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her that hath a husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born according to the flesh persecuted him that was after the spirit: so also it is now. But what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. So then, brethren, we are not the children of the bondwoman, but of the free: by the freedom wherewith Christ has made us free.

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 121: 1, 7 I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord. *V.* Let peace be in Thy strength: and abundance in Thy towers. **TRACT:** Psalm 124: 1-2 They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion: he shall not be moved for ever that dwelleth in Jerusalem. *V.* Mountains are round about it: so the Lord is round about His people, from henceforth now and for ever.

GOSPEL: John 6: 1-15. At that time Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias: and a great multitude followed Him, because they saw the miracles which He did on them that were diseased. Jesus therefore went up into a mountain: and there He sat with His disciples. Now the pasch, the festival day of the Jews, was near at hand. When Jesus therefore had lifted up His eyes, and seen that a very great multitude cometh to Him, He said to Philip: Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat? And this He said to try him: for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him: Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, saith to Him: There is a boy here that hath five barley loaves and two fishes: but what are these among so many? Then Jesus said: Make the men sit down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down: in like manner also of the fishes, as much as they would. And when they were filled, He said to His disciples: Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost. They gathered up therefore, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which remained over and above to them that had eaten. Now those men, when they had seen what a miracle Iesus had done, said: This is of a truth the prophet that is to come into the world. Iesus therefore when He knew that they would come to take Him by force and make Him king, fled again into the mountain. Himself alone.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 134: 3, 6 Praise ye the Lord, for He is good: sing ye to His name, for He is sweet: whatsoever He pleased, He hath done in heaven and in earth. SECRET Look down mercifully upon These sacrifices, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that they may lead to our devotion and salvation. Through our Lord. COMMUNION: Psalm 121: 3-4 Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together: for thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise Thy name, O Lord. POSTCOMMUNION Grant us, we beseech Thee, O merciful God, ever to celebrate with sincere worship, and receive with faithful hearts Thy holy mysteries, of which we continually partake. Through our Lord.

# Calendar of Masses

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

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SUNDAY Marah 14th	4:00 PM	Mary Frances Ballard	Memorial	Sotell Family
March 14th  LAETARE SUNDAY	(Vigil) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM (11:15 AM)	Pro Populo Nell Kenny John & Sarah Boyle Jude Kasper John Anthony Giroux Anna Gianfrancesco Christine Nicoloro Francis Nicoloro Mary K. Murphy Ida Goffredo Rusnack/Booth Family Drohan/Bambrick Family Gemma/Savage Family	Health of the Sick Memorial Birthday Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Mother's Day (Ire.) Month's Mind Living & Deceased Living & Deceased Living & Deceased	Catherine Kenny Wu Kasper Family Kasper Family Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Bill Leavey Bill Leavey Kenneth Murphy Goffredo Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family
		Marie Hong Tran Julie, Eliza & Stella Miller Carmelita Cath. Olahan Evelyn Daniels Kevin Donohue Our Priests & Bishops "Christine"	Memorial Special Intention 3 Months Memorial Memorial 25th Anniversary Health of the Sick 8th Anniversary	Mary Tran Stephen Miller Monahan Family Horan Family Donohue Family Donor Maria Pia Sarikos
MONDAY	5:30 PM 7:30 AM	Jeff Pino  Purgetorial Society of	Memorial	Nick & Janet Pino
MONDAY March 15th Lenten Feria	7.30 AW	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memoriai	
	12:30 PM	Maureen Nyhen	Special Intention	Kumar Family
TUESDAY March 16th Lenten Feria	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		
WEDNESDAY March 17th ST. PATRICK'S DAY	12:30 PM	Valerie Bronstein	Special Intention	Stephanie Whiting
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Special Intention		Provencher Family
March 18th Lenten Feria	5:30 PM	Norman Hobbib	Memorial	Hobbib Family
FRIDAY March 19th ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE B.V. MARY	7:30 AM Health of the Sick	Farris Jaber	Special Intention	Maria Jaber
	12:30 PM	Special Intention		Leblanc Family

March 14th, A.D. 2021

Laetare Sunday

# **SATURDAY** March 20th

8th Anniversary of the Installation of Pope Francis



9:00 AM

All Souls Marie Hong Tran Intention of the Donor Mary Rose Belmonte Julie, Eliza, Stella Miller Helen Donoghue William Sullivan Michael Nicoloro **Duong Family** 

In Honor of St. Joseph

Memorial Memorial Camille Arcidi Mary Tran

Mass of the Angels Special Intention

Memorial

Memorial Special Intention Special Intention

Joanne Meegan Bill Leavey

**Belmonte Family** 

Stephen Miller

Joseph Jonathan Duong

In Thanksgiving **Choy Family** 

4:00 PM

William Hasson

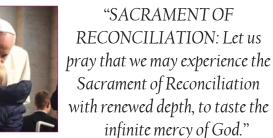
Memorial

David DeVito

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



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





(PHOTOS: (1) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeanette 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.)



"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)** 



"I REJOICE TO BE LITTLE, BECAUSE ONLY CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THEM WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE HEAVENLY BANQUET"—ST. THERESE **OF LISIEUX (+1897)** 



EASTER MEMORIAL envelopes are available at the entrance tables to the church. Envelopes may be placed in the

Offertory basket together with the parish weekly collection. The names memorialized will be placed on the altar for all of our parish Masses from Caster Week to Corpus Christi.

# Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

#### Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

#### **Laetare Sunday**

**Prelude:** Ave Maria (Giulio Caccini, 1551~1618)

#### Introit: Isaias 66:10-11 Laetare Jerusalem

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and satisfied at her consoling breast.

Offertory Jesu, Salvator Mundi
(Attr. to B. Cordans + 1757)

Jesus, Saviour of the world,
come to the assistance of Thy children,
whom, through Thy blood,
Thou hath saved.

#### <u>Communion</u>: Psalm 121:3-4 Jerusalem, quae aedificatur

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

#### Communion:

Laudate Dominum (Charles Gounod, Published 1878)

Ave Regina Caelorum (Charles Gounod, Published 1878)

Recessional: Parce Domine II. (Chant)

#### Postlude:

I Bind Unto Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breastplate by Cecil Frances Alexander)



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

#### **Laetare Sunday**

**Prelude:** Ave Maria (Giulio Caccini, 1551~1618)

Asperges (11:00 Mass)

Introit: Isaias 10, 11, Psalm 121.1 Laetare, Jerusalem: et conventum facite, omnes qui diligitis eam: gaudete cum laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis: ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestra. Ps. 121:1. Laetatus sum in his, qua dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saculorum. Amen.

Offertory: Jesu, Salvator Mundi
(Attr. to B.Cordans + 1757)

Jesus, Saviour of the world,
come to the assistance of Thy children,
whom, through Thy blood,
Thou hath saved.

Communion: Psalm 121. 3-4 Jerusalem, quae aedificatur ut civitas, cujus participatio ejus in idipsum: illuc enim ascenderunt tribus, tribus Domini, ad confitendum nomini tuo, Domine.

#### **Communion:**

Laudate Dominum (Charles Gounod, Published 1878)

Ave Regina Caelorum (Charles Gounod, Published 1878)

**Recessional:** Parce Domine II. (Chant)

Angelus (Chant)

#### Postlude:

I Bind Unto Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breastplate by Cecil Frances Alexander)

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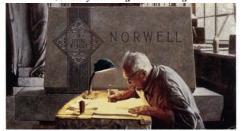
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