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### Mass Schedule

<u>Sunday:</u> Novus Ordo 4:00 P. M. (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 A. M. Traditional Latin 11:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

<u>Weekdays:</u>

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)

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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 within its parish mission. The *Missale Romanum* of 1962 is 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, EITHER ON-LINE OR BY USING THE PAPER REGISTRATION FORM IN THE PAMPHLET RACK IN THE FRONT VESTIBULE OF THE MAIN CHURCH.



#### 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) Newton/Needham, Massachusetts Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman Catholic Parish

Immaculate Conception Chaldean-Rite Mission at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church: Mass offered according to the Chaldean-Rite on designated Sundays at 1:30 P.M. Deacon Sermed Ashkouri

### 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.

PENANCE: 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.

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

#### Communion of the Sick for the Homebound

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

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### + DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY+

## **Pastor's Note**



#### Fr. Híggíns NEW RELICS FOR THE **PARISH HIGH ALTAR:** THE MARTYRDOM OF **FATHER RAGHEED** GANNI

Last Sunday I presented the background to three of the Iraqi Christian martyrs in the new reliquaries on our parish High Altar. Today I relate the background of the fourth martyr: Fr. Ragheed Ganni, Chaldean Catholic priest of the Holy Spirit parish and secretary to the Bishop of Mosul, the martyr Archbishop Faraj Radho. My source material is taken from an article by Rody Sher, A Priest and Martyr for the Faith: The Cause for the Beatification of Father Ragheed Ganni. (Erbil, Iraq, August 19th, 2022, CNA).

Father Ganni, considered one of the most influential marturs of the Catholic Church in Iraq, was killed by fanatical terrorist on June 3rd, 2007, after celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mosul ... Father Ragheed was born in Mosul in 1972, where he complete his university studies, graduating with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. *He had loved the Church since* childhood and learned its liturgical rites and melodies. He decided to devote his life to the Church in the sacred priesthood ... Bishop Georgios Jarmo sent him to Rome in 1996 to begin his priestly formation journey. He studied at the Irish Institute and continued his studies in theology at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas-the Angelicum.

*He had a strong desire to return to Mosul and* serve the believers and members of his Church who were in tribulation due to the persecution of extremist Islamic groups since 2003. His wish was granted; he returned to Mosul and committed himself to serving its people, in addition to teaching at the Babylon College of Philosophy and Theology, in 2004.

During this period, the city of Mosul suffered from campaigns of intimidation, kidnapping, and killing of Christians, in addition to bombing many churches and monasteries. Many people were forced to seek refuge and escape to other cities and villages in northern Iraq, and many families were forced to migrate to other countries, fearing for their lives and their faith.

These challenges were not an obstacle to Father Ragheed, who continued all pastoral activities, celebrated Masses in the various churches in his diocese, and provided moral and spiritual support to his church children even in the most challenging times.

Father Ragheed constantly said: "The terrorists want to end our lives, but the Eucharist gives us life. When I hold the cup of the Eucharist in my hands, I say: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. I feel His power overwhelm me. I hold the cup in my hand, but He is the One who holds me and us all, defying the terrorists and making us united in His boundless love."

He emphasized more than once in his conversation with those close to him that he would continue to spread the message that obligated him to be a missionary in the name of Christ, saying: "The terrorists think that they are killing us physically or scaring us spiritually with their brutal methods. Many Christian families have fled because of the abuses committed against them, but the paradox is that we have come to realize,



**"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)** 

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through the violence of the terrorists, that the dead and risen Christ gives us life. This gives us hope and helps us survive every day."

The threats directed at Father Ragheed continued because of the various activities he led with the youth of the Church. His ministry angered the terrorist groups in Mosul, and death threats began to emerge.

The terrorists arrested him after he celebrated the Divine Liturgy with three deacons: Basman Yusef Daoud, Waheed Hanna Isho, and Ghassan Essam Bidawid. At that time, the terrorists asked him: "Did we not ask you not to open the church for prayer?" He replied, "How can I close the House of God in the face of worshippers?" These were the last words uttered by Father Ragheed Ganni, days before he became a martyr for Christ and His Church.

Father Ragheed Ganni realized that the Islamic terrorists would not let him live, given his disobedience to their orders and his continued celebration of the liturgy in Mosul, so he wrote his last prayer on October 12, 2006:

"Lord, I don't think they will look at my prayer/Although it was a pessimistic prayer, everyone knew me as an optimist./And perhaps, for a moment, they forgot. They wondered why I was so optimistic,/ They have seen me smiling, braver and stronger in the most difficult situations,/ But, when they remember the times of troubles I lived, and the hardships I've been through,/ The ones that showed how weak I am and how capable You are./ You revealed how fragile I am and how strong You are,/ They will know that I, my Hope, have always spoken of You/ Because I knew You, and You were the reason for my optimism/ Even when I knew my death was near,/ But let me be with You now,/ May I please put it before You,/ You know better than I what time we are living./ I am a human being and know how weak a person is./ I want You to be my strength so that I will not allow

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## **STEWARDSHIP**





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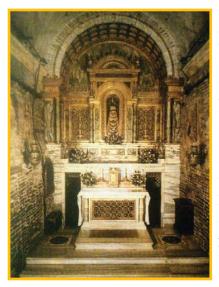
"Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as He has given, and as generously as your hand has found. For the LORD is the One who repays, and He will repay you sevenfold."—Sirach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

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#### Calendar of Masses (Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SUNDAY	4:00 PM
December 18th	(Vigil)
Station at the Church of the	7:30 AM
Twelve Apostles	9:00 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF THE LORD, also known as	11:00 AM
RORATE SUNDAY	



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#### **Mass** Intentions

Each week the 11:00 AM Sunday Latin Mass and the Saturday 9:00 AM daily Latin Mass are collective intention Masses. This is done in accordance with the permissions laid out by Cardinal Sean. All other Masses are reserved for one petitioner at a time, although that petitioner can ask for 1 Mass to be said for multiple persons. The requested offering for an intention Mass, announced or unannounced, is \$10.00.

5:30 PM

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MONDAY December 19th Greater Advent Feria	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Maria Botsolis	Memorial Memento: +Eunice Twitchell, Year's Mind 17th B/day Inten.	Botsolis Family
TUESDAY December 20th Greater Advent Feria	7:30 AM	Mary (Maisie) McCullen		McCarthy Family
WEDNESDAY December 21st St. Thomas, Apostle	12:30 PM	Douglas Pollander	Birthday Memorial	Kurt Pollander
THURSDAY December 22nd Greater Advent Feria	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston Janet Crapo Harvey	Memorial Birthday Memorial	Laura Harvey
FRIDAY December 23rd Greater Advent Feria	7:30 AM Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor Carolyn Ward	Memorial	Hobbib Family

SATURDAY December 24th Vigil of Christmas

### No Mass until the First Mass of Christmas, 4:00 PM, Christmas Eve (Church building open for private prayer from 12 Noon)



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

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

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

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 2022: 4:00 PM (Novus Ordo) 6:30 PM (Chaldean-Rite) 12 Midnight (Traditional Latin) *MIDNIGHT MASS* 

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 2022: 7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo) 11:00 AM (Traditional Latin) <u>NO</u> 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2023: 4:00 PM (December 31st), 7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

11:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2023: Special Evening Mass, 7:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (Sunday observance) 4:00 PM (Sat.), 7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Traditional Latin) (..continued from Page 5)

anyone to insult me in the priesthood that I hold./Help me not to weaken and surrender myself in fear for my life./ Because I want to dies for You, to live with You and with You./ Now I am ready to meet You;/ Help me not to lose time for trial/ Because I told You that I knew man, but I also said that I knew You,/ O my Strength, my Power, my Hope."





Our Christmas Collection is taken up for the support of the Sick and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you for the generous support of your priests!



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## 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.

#### (7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

**Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus** Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108. Credo I (English)

> Offertory: The Angel Gabriel (Basque Carol)

<u>Communion</u>: Isaiah7:14 Ecce Virgo Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and His name will be called Emmanuel.

> Communion Meditation: Magnificat (9:00 AM) (Francesco Feroci, composed in 1699)

#### Recessional Hymn:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Worship II Hymnal, **No.195**)

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



### Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent Rorate Sunday

11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.) **Prelude:** Of the Father's Love Begotten (Chant)

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass): Veni, Veni Emmanuel (Chant) Asperges Me, Parish Book of Chant, no. 22/pg. 34 Introit: Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 18:2 Rorate, coeli, desuper, et

nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. (**Psalm**) Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum.

#### (11AM)

#### **Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus**

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei: Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108. Credo I, Parish Book of Chant, no.117/pg. 110.

<u>Gradual</u>: Ps. 144:18,21 Prope est Dominus omnibus invocantibus eum: omnibus qui invocant eum in veritate. Laudem Domini loquetur os meum et benedicat omnis caro nomen sanctum eius. <u>Alleluia</u>: Alleluia, alleluia. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare: relaxa facinora plebis tuae Israel. Alleluia.

Offertory: (11AM) Luke 1:28,42 Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.

**<u>Communion</u>: Isaiah 7:4** Ecce Virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

<u>Communion Meditation: (</u>11:00 AM) Magnificat (Francesco Feroci, composed in 1699)

> <u>Recessional Hymn</u>: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Worship II Hymnal, **No.195**)

> > Angelus

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

### 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 **P**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 Lord, that with the frequentation of the mystery, the work of our salvation may increase. Though our Lord.

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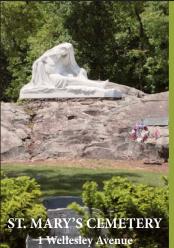
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