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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 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 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)
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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.

<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.

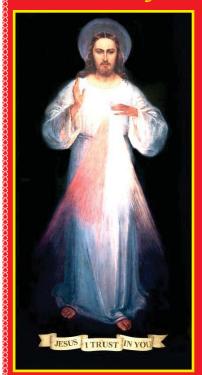
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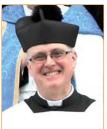
+ APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT+

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion



Please join us
for the
Recitation of
the Divine
Mercy Chaplet
at 3:00 PM, the
"Hour of
Mercy", today,
April 7th, in
the Main
Church.

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

PARISH LENTEN
MISSION FOR 2024:
BLESSED
CHARLEMAGNE AND
THE HOLY ROMAN
EMPIRE:

CONFERENCE VI: "O REX ORBIS TRIUMPHATOR"

##De have entitled our Lenten sermon series this year "*Blessed* Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire." Which provokes the question: Is Charlemagne really a Saint in the Catholic Church? The answer is "yes" but in a curious and distinct way.

When the Emperor died in 814, he was held as a Saint by the people and venerated as such. But

when a decree of Papal Canonization of Charlemagne came it was done by the antipope Paschal III in the Year 1165 at the behest of the German Emperor Friedrich Barbarossa. Therefore, the Holy See did not recognize this as a valid Papal Canonization. At the same time the Holy See gave official approval for the public veneration of Charlemagne to be continued wherever it was in place, which was throughout France and Germany. So, the Saint's *cultus* for Charlemagne belongs to the Catholic Church even though Charlemagne has not been given a Papal Canonization.

It so happens that one of our professional guest -singers here at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Jason McStoots, when he saw that we were doing a Lenten Mission on Charlemagne, presented me with a CD recording from 2006 which was the concert program of the rhymed Divine Office for the Feast-day Office of Blessed Charlemagne, performed at the Marienkirche in Aachen, Charlemagne's city and burial place. Jason was one of the singers in this musical ensemble.

Out of deference to the non-mention of Charlemagne in the Roman Martyrology, those Churches which have liturgically honored him keep his January 28th Feast under the simple title of "Blessed Charlemagne".



Weekly Holy Hours: <u>Fridays</u>, 6:30-7:30 AM 11:30 AM-12:30 PM <u>Saturdays</u>, 8:00-9:00 AM



"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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Bishop Jacques Bossuet (17th Century) described him in these words: "Charlemagne was valiant, wise, and moderate: he was a warrior without ambition, and led an exemplary life ... His prodigious conquests caused the kingdom of God to be spread, and, in everything he did he showed himself to be a perfect Christian." Five years before he died he had his son Louis crowned King and he devoted himself entirely to prayers and alms-deeds. To quote from another Antiphon of the Liturgy for Blessed Charlemagne, the saintly Emperor is addressed: "O hope of sufferers, terror of thine enemies, merciful to the conquered, model of virtue, example of justice, teacher of salvationreceive, O Charles! The devout prayers of thy clients."

With many twists and turns of history, we may say that Charlemagne's original Roman Empire perdured in the Holy Roman Empire under German Emperors (this is the German "Reich") until 1806—over a thousand years! In the 1930s when Adolf Hitler boasted that his Third Reich would last a thousand years, it was to Charlemagne's thousand-year Reich that he was comparing himself.

How did the Holy Roman Empire finally end? It was Napoleon Bonaparte, Emperor of the French, who precipitated it. Napoleon considered himself the New Charlemagne, "Because," he said, "I unite the Crown of France to that of the Lombards and my Empire marches with the East." Napoleon intended to oust the Emperor Francis II and assume the title of Holy Roman Emperor for himself, but Francis resigned the imperial dignity and so the

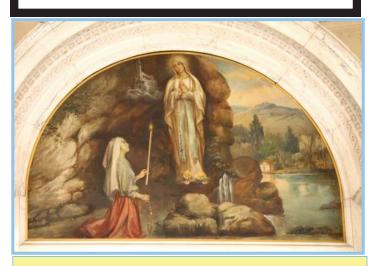
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"IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERENELY BEAR THE TRIAL OF BEING DISPLEASING TO YOURSELF, THEN YOU WILL BE FOR JESUS A PLEASANT PLACE OF SHELTER."—ST. THERESE

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Calendar of Masses

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

Memorial

SUNDAY April 7th	4:00 PM (Vigil)	+Joseph Johnson	Year's Mind	Jean Johnson
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		

+Charles Carroll

11:00 AM

9:00 AM





For the Preservation of		
the Free Exercise of		
the Latin Mass in the		
Life of the Church		
+Alexis Manuel Barboza		
Cisneros (5/12)	Memorial	Susana Barboza Herrera
Divine Mercy	In Thanksgiving	Choy Family
+Pino Family (Exten.)	Memorial	Nick Pino
Bernadette Kasper	Birthday Intention	Kasper Family
Veronica Kasper	Birthday Intention	Kasper Family
+Sharon Andrew	Memorial	Bennett Family
+Nancy Ryan	Memorial	Bennett Family
+Jim Fernald	Memorial	Laura Harvey
Fr. Charles J. Higgins	Birthday Intention	Donor
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+John Doogan	Memorial	Steinkrauss Family
All Seminarians		
(Jack M., Sean M., Sean W.)	Special Intention	Donor
John Nicoloro (5/12)	Special Intention	Nicoloro Family
Bill Cotter (13/20)	Special Intention	Stephanie Whiting
Dr./Mrs. Krasinski		
& Family (4/5)	Special Intention	Maria
John/Emily Krasinski &		
Family (4/5)	Special Intention	Maria
+Louis Fuda	Memorial	Belmonte Family
+Ellen Barrett	Birthday Memorial	Kathy Blake
+Suze Jean Pierre	Memorial	Geraldine Jean Pierre
Maureen Nyhen	Easter Spec. Inten.	Mary Tornabene
Pope/Priests/Bishops	Special Intention	MPA
Divine Will/Peace on		
Earth	Special Intention	MPA
Bishops & Priests		Donor

Susan Carroll



SUNDAY April 7th **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**



5:30 PM





MONDAY
April 8th
TĤE
ANNUNCIATION of

Purgatorial Society of 7:30 AM Mary Immaculate of Lourdes 12:30 PM

+Mary Anne Kent

Memorial

+Carolyn Ward Memorial Hobbib Family

TUESDAY April 9th Easter Feria

the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Stephanie Whiting (2/4)

Special Intention

Donor

WEDNESDAY 12:30 PM **MPA** April 10th

Special Intention Donor

Easter Feria

7:30 AM **THURSDAY** April 11th St. Stanislaus/Pope

5:30 PM

7:30 AM

Deceased Priests of Memorial the Archdiocese of Boston

> Month's Mind Christine Quagan

Leo Magnus **FRIDAY**

7:30 AM

Lily Abel

Special Intention Denise Botsolis

April 12th Easter Feria

12:30 PM

Susan & Rob Goeller Fam. Living/Deceased

Catherine Dinon

SATURDAY April 13th

9:00 AM +All Souls (9/13)

on Earth

Eric Procopio & Sarah

+Rev. Harry Kaufman

Special Intention

Memorial

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St. Hermenegild

Carden (2/3)+Joyce Marie Higgins Fr. Charles Higgins Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace

11th Anniv. Mem. Birthday Intention Special Intention

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Sheila Brady **MPA**

Special Intention MPA



Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Prelude:

(9:00 AM): Due Seraphim

(Tomás Luis de Victoria, first published in 1585)

Two seraphim cried to one another: Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth. The whole earth is full of his glory.

There are three who bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one. Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth. The whole earth is full of his glory.

Introit: I Peter 2:2 Quasi modo

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 70)

(7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass I Lux et Origo

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei: *Parish Book of Chant, no. 28ff./pp. 60-62*

Credo III (English)

Offertory: (9:00 AM) Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus (Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles, 1845~1929)

Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith): Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam Resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias.

("We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection until You come again.")

Communion: John 20:27 Mitte manum

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 129)

Communion Meditation: (9:00 AM)

Regina Coeli

(Robert White, Manuscript ca.1575)

Recessional Hymn:

Easter Glory Fills the Sky (Extra Photocopy Sheet) (composed by Charles Wesley in 1739)

Postlude:

Thine Be the Glory (George Frideric Handel)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Prelude: Due Seraphim

(Tomás Luis de Victoria, first published in 1585)

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass): Ego Sum Alpha

I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, who before the foundation of the world and unto ages of ages live for ever. I am your redemption; I am your King; I shall raise you up on the last day, alleluia, alleluia. (Chant)

Vidi Aquam, Parish Book of Chant, no. 24/pg. 35-36 Introit: I Peter 2. 2. Quasi modo géniti infántes allelúja: rationábiles, sine dolo lac concupíscite, allelúja, allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 80: 2) Exsultáte Deo adjutóri nostro: jubiláte Deo Jacob. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Quasi modo géniti infántes ...

(11AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass I, Lux et Origo

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei: Parish Book of Chant, no. 28ff./pp. 60-62

Credo III: Parish Book of Chant, no. 119/pg. 114

Gradual: Matthew 28. 7. Allelúja, allelúja. In die
resurrectiónis meæ, dicit Dóminus, præcédam vos in Galilæam.
Allelúja. Alleluia: John 20: 26 Post dies octo, jánuis clausis,
stetit Jesus in médio discipulórum suórum, et dixit: Pax vobis.
Allelúja.

Offertory: (11AM) Matthew 28. 2. Ángelus Dómini descéndit de Cælo, et dixit muliéribus: Quem quæritis, surréxit sicut dixit, allelúia.

<u>Communion</u>: John 20. 27. Mitte manum tuam, et cognósce loca clavórum, allelúja: et noli esse incrédulus, sed fidélis, allelúja, allelúja.

Communion Meditation: (11:00 AM)

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Regina Caeli

<u>Postlude</u>: (11:00 AM)

Thine Be the Glory (George Frideric Handel)

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Empire itself dissolved, just out of Napoleon's reach.

In the Roman Missal, however, the Prayer for the Roman Emperor remained although there was no longer any Emperor to pray for. For example, there is the prayer at the end of the Exsultet, the Blessing of the Paschal Candle. This prayer went as follows: "Look also upon our most devout Emperor, the desires of whose longing Thou, O God, know beforehand, and by the inexpressible grace of Thy kindness and mercy grant him the tranquility of lasting peace and heavenly victory with all his people."

In 1857, with another Bonaparte on the Throne of France, styling himself Napoleon III, Pope Pius IX allowed the French Emperor to be prayed for by name as "our most glorious Emperor Napoleon" in place of the prayer for the Roman Emperor during the Easter Vigil. Such was the practice when the Apparitions of Mary Immaculate at Lourdes occurred in 1858. It ended after Napoleon III was overthrown in 1870.

Still, the prayers for the Roman Emperor remained in the Roman Missal—never permitted to be used, but still there as a persistent reminder of Charlemagne's Imperial Crown. Finally, in the Missal Reform of 1955, Pope Pius XII removed them altogether. In its place, in the Easter Vigil, Pius XII placed a generic prayer for all civil authorities. That revision too was discarded in the 1970 Missal.

Does anything at all survive then of the Prayer for the Emperor in our current reformed Liturgy? There does. We may yet see its vestige in the prayers for those who govern and hold civil authority. We shall hear it soon in the Ninth of the Ten Solemn Prayers which are currently said in the Good Friday Liturgy, the Prayer for Those in Public Office:

Let us pray also for those in public office, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to His will for the true peace and freedom of all. Almighty ever-living God, in whose Hands lies every human heart and the rights of peoples, look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world, the prosperity of

peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may through Your gift be made secure. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."

So then, having heard these Conferences, hear that Solemn Prayer on Good Friday "For Those in Public Office" with a mind to the sweep of history in Blessed Charlemagne, that model Christian King, and pray God that, by whatever tender and merciful means His Providence can best devise, the ideals inspired by a Christianized Roman Empire may yet live on in the hearts of men.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR B)

Today's Missal, pp. 83-85

Lesson (First Reading):

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35 ("With great power the Apostles bore witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.")

Epistle (Second Reading):

I John 5:1-6

("Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?")

Gospel Lesson: The Doubt of Thomas

John 20:19-31

("Jesus said to Thomas: Have you come to believe because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.")

LATIN MASS PROPERS: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (LOW SUNDAY)

INTROIT: I Peter 2. 2; Psalm 80. 2 As newborn babes, alleluia, desire ye the rational milk without guile, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm. Rejoice to God our Helper; sing aloud to the God of Jacob. 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. — As newborn babes ...

COLLECT: Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the Paschal Feast, may, by Thy bounty, retain its fruits in our daily habits and behavior. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From the First Epistle of Blessed John the Apostle (I John 5. 4-10) Dearly beloved: Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory, which overcometh the world, our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit which testifieth that Christ is the truth. And there are three who give testimony in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that give testimony on earth: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three are one. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater: for this is the testimony of God, which is greater, because He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth in the Son of God hath the testimony of God in himself.

PASCHAL ALLELUIA: Matthew 28. 7; John 20, 26 Alleluia, alleluia. On the day of My Resurrection, saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. After eight days, the doors being shut, Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said: Peace be to you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John 20. 19-31 At that time, when it was late that same day, the first of the week, and the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came, and stood in the midst and said to them: Peace be to you. And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord. He said therefore to them again: Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. When He had said this, He breathed on them, and He said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them: and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days, again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace be to you. Then He saith to Thomas: Put in thy finger hither, and see My hands, and bring hither thy hand, and put it into My side; and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said to Him: My Lord and my God. Jesus saith to him: Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed. Many other signs also did Jesus in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, you may have life in His Name.

OFFERTORY: Matthew 28. 2, 5, 6 An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said to the women: He whom you seek is risen, as He said, alleluia.

SECRET: Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts of Thine exultant Church: and to whom Thou has given cause for so great joy, grant the fruit of perpetual happiness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

COMMUNION: John 20. 27 Put in thy hand, and know the place of the nails, alleluia; and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION: We beg Thee, O Lord our God, that these sacred and holy mysteries which Thou hast given us to safeguard our rebirth, may be for us a remedy both now and in the future. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son ...



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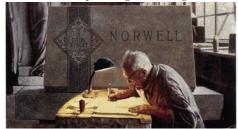
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