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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 as a major part its parish mission, under the auspices of the 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 1963-1978)
Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018
Feast Day: May 29th**

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
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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

**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)

+ DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY+



“In the first place, she exhorts us to make Christ the center and summit of our whole Christian life. She remains hidden, with supreme humility, so that the image of her

Son might appear to humanity with all its incomparable brightness. For this reason, true Marian devotion reaches its fullness and its most rightful expression when it is a path to the Lord and directs all its love toward Him, just as Mary knew how to do, so as to intertwine in one and



the same impulse the tenderness of a mother and the piety of a creature.” —
Pope St. Paul VI



**ROMAN STATIONAL CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN THE ADVENT OF THE LORD:
ST. PETER'S BASILICA**

“Today’s stational church is the burial place of the Prince of the Apostles, St. Peter...The

Introit [“*Gaudete*”] fulfills its purpose perfectly, i.e., it sets the tone for the Mass and for the day: ‘*Rejoice in the Lord; again I say, rejoice. For the Lord is near!*’ With these words the Church greets us as we enter. Again, it is a double-coming that we joyfully await—Christ’s coming in the flesh and His coming in glory, both of which are fulfilled at Mass. In response to these glad tidings, we sing Psalm 84, the ‘Psalm of Redemption’ (used three times today—at the Introit, Offertory, Communion—the three processions.)

—Dr. Pius Parsch, *The Church’s Year of Grace, Volume I, “First Sunday of Advent”* (A.D. 1957)



**In Thanksgiving for the life of Angelo Christopher Edward NICOLORO:
December 12th, 2019 -
June 19th, 2021**

“Through the intercession of Saint Angelo and all the Saints and Holy Angels, I humbly and earnestly his holy intercession in my time of

need and beg his friendship and protection all the days of my life and especially in this special request, be it God’s Holy Will and not detrimental to my soul. Through this baby Saint and the Immaculate Heart of Mary to Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.”
(From Angelo’s Memorial Card)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Weekly Holy Hours:

Fridays, 6:30-7:30 AM

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Saturdays, 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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DECEMBER 15th



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are
available to
you at the
entrance

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"IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERENELY BEAR THE TRIAL OF BEING DISPLEASED TO YOURSELF, THEN YOU WILL BE FOR JESUS A PLEASANT PLACE OF SHELTER."—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

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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

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY 4:00 PM Kevin M. Bowers Special Intention Barbara Bowers
December 15th (Vigil)

GAUDETE SUNDAY
in ADVENT

7:30 AM Pro Populo

Commemoration:

Octave Day of the 9:00 AM Mary C. Falardeau Special Intention Barbara Bowers

Immaculate Conception
of Our Lady 11:00 AM



For the Preservation of
the Free Exercise of
the Latin Mass in the
Life of the Church

Pino Family (Ext.)

+Conor Kelly (18/30)

All Seminarians

+Angelo Nicoloro

"In Thanksgiving for his life"

Jeong-Hee, Lee (19/24)

Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope/Priests/Bishops

Divine Will/Peace on

Earth

+Rita Post

+Mary Ramsdell (1/9)

Threads Prayer Group

+Vita Williams

+Nancy J. Wright/ Scott

Hines (18/30)

Maria

+Françoise Puech

Int. of the Donor (3/10)

Ai Duong

Henry Benoit

+Kwash/Rulnick Family

+Brian Capozzi

+Helen Wysocka (4/5)

+John Cloonan

+Carmela Gianfrancesco

+Joanna M. Angelucci

Christopher Pangborn

Jessica Perdomenico

Ronald Wakefield

+Leclair Joseph Sylvestre

Genevieve Kasper

Barbara Spellman

+Thomas Flynn

+Janka Izakovicova

Catherine Dinon

Ethan Jamacas

Living & Deceased

Special Intention

Special Intention

Mass of the Angels

Special Intention

Special Intention.

Birthday Intention

Memorial

Memorial

Special Intention

Mass of the Angels

Memorial

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Health of the Sick

Birthday Intention

Birthday Intention

Memorial

Birthday Intention

Healing

Memorial

4th Anniv. Mem.

Birthday Intention

Special Intention

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Nicholas Jude Houtmeyers

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Bob & Mary Tonelli

Williams Family

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Duong Family

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Kwash Family

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Anthony & Victoria Angelucci

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Bennett Family

Bennett Family

Izakovic Family

Kathy Blake

Williams Family



December 15th, 2024 A.D.

Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

SUNDAY December 15th <i>(GAUDETE SUNDAY)</i>	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance	Donor
	5:30 PM	Juliea Bowers	Special Intention	Barbara Bowers
MONDAY December 16th <i>Feria/St. Eusebius</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	+Mary C. Olsson	Memorial	Jacqueline & John Gill
TUESDAY December 17th <i>Greater Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Mary Ellen Stentiford	Healing	Brenda Arduino
WEDNESDAY December 18th <i>EMBER WEDNESDAY</i>	12:30 PM	Catherine Dinon	Birthday Intention	
THURSDAY December 19th <i>Greater Feria</i>	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Maureen Nyhen	Special Intention	Mary Tornabene
FRIDAY December 20th <i>EMBER FRIDAY</i>	7:30 AM	Christian Bowers	Special Intention	Barbara Bowers
	12:30 PM	Maureen Nyhen	Special Intention	Mary Tornabene
SATURDAY December 21st <i>St. Thomas, Apostle Ember Saturday</i>	9:00 AM	+All Souls Eric Procopio & Sara Carden	Memorial	Family Duong
		+Nancy J. Wright & +Scott Hines (21/30)	Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio
		Pope/Priests/Bishops	Memorial	Kathleen Nicoloro
		Divine Will/ Peace on Earth	Special Intention	MPA
		Francesca Curtin	Special Intention	Lisa Von Wendt
		Cooper Masso	Special Intention	Jacqueline & John Gill
	4:00 PM (Vigil)	Intention of the Donor		



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

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

Gaudete Sunday

Prelude (9:00AM) Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary. Rejoice! At this time of grace and longed-for blessing, Love faithfully offers a song of praise. Rejoice! Rejoice! God is made human in this wonderful birth: The world is cleansed through the rule of Christ. Rejoice! Rejoice! The gate of heaven now opens which to us was closed, Sending forth transforming light through which holiness is found. Rejoice! Rejoice! Therefore we meet in pure songs of joy; We bless the Lord, King of our Salvation. Rejoice! Rejoice!

Introit: Philippians 4:4-5

Gaudete in Domino

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 4)

(7:30 & 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 Of the Father's Love Begotten
(medieval plainchant)

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: Isaiah 35:4

Dicite pusillanimes

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and He will save us.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 114)

Communion Meditation (9:00 AM)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Tomás Luis de Victoria, first published in 1572)

Recessional Hymn: O Come, Divine Messiah

(Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Hymnal, No. 14)

Postlude (9:00 AM) Egipte Noli Flere

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published in 1584)

Weep not in Egypt, for thy master shall soon cometh unto thee. Before whose gaze the abysses shall quake, to deliver His people from the grasp of the mighty. Behold, the Lord of Hosts, thy God, cometh with great power, to rescue His people from the hand of the formidable.

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

Gaudete Sunday

Prelude (11:00 AM) Gaudete

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass) Corde Natus Ex Parentis

Asperges me, Parish Book of Chant, no. 22/pg. 34

Introit: Philippians 4:4-6; Ps. 84:2 *Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud eum. Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob. Glória Patri ...*

(11:00 AM)

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*

Gradual: Psalm 79:2,3,2 *Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim, excita potentiam tuam, et veni. Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem, Ioseph. Alleluia: Alleluia, alleluia. Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni ut salvos facias nos. Alleluia.*

Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 84:2,3 *Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.*

Communion: Isaiah 35:4 *Dicite: pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos.*

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Christmas & Epiphany at
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
2024-2025

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

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 24th, 2024:

4:00 PM (Novus Ordo Latin-Rite)

7:00 PM (Chaldean-Rite)

12 Midnight (Traditional Latin-Rite)
MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 25th, 2024:

7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)

NO 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2025:

7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
(Sunday observance)

4:00 PM (Sat.), 7:30 & 9:00 AM
(Novus Ordo)

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
11:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
MONDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2025:

7:30 AM (Novus Ordo)

12:30 & 7:30 PM (Traditional Latin)



SCRIPTURE
READINGS for the
THIRD SUNDAY of
ADVENT

Today's Missal, pp. 26-28

Lesson (First Reading):

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

*"Shout for joy, O Daughter Zion! Sing
joyfully, O Israel"*

Epistle (Second Reading):

Philippians 4:4-7

*"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it
again: rejoice!"*

Gospel Lesson: John the Baptist, Herald of
the Lord

Luke 3:10-18

*"John answered them all, saying: I am
baptizing you with water, but one
mightier than I is coming. I am not
worthy to loosen the thongs of his
sandals. He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is
in his hand to clear his threshing floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn, but
the chaff he will burn with unquenchable
fire."*



**"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)**

LATIN MASS PROPERS: GAUDETE SUNDAY

INTROIT: **Philippians 4. 4-6; Psalm 84. 2** REJOICE in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. *Ps. 84. 2.* Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity 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. — Rejoice ...

COLLECT: **INCLINE** Thine ear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our petitions: and, by the grace of Thy visitation, enlighten the darkness of our minds: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: **From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philippians, 4. 4-7** BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: **Psalm 79. 2-3, 2** THOU, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. *V.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: **Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John 1. 19-28** AT THAT TIME the Jews sent from Jerusalem Priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

OFFERTORY: **Psalm 84. 2-3** LORD, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

SECRET: **MAY** the Sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be continually offered up to Thee: may it both complete the institution of the holy Mysteries, and wondrously accomplish in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord ...

COMMUNION: **Isaias 35. 4** SAY: Ye fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come, and will save us.

POSTCOMMUNION: **WE** implore, O Lord, Thy mercy: that these divine helps may expiate our sins, and prepare us for the approaching Feast. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...



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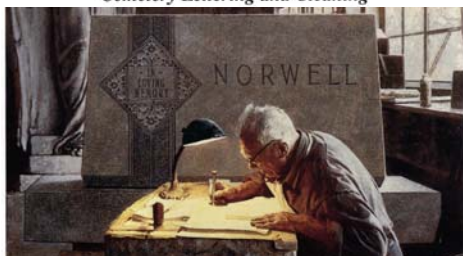
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