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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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## Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, Needham GUARDIAN ESTATE MANAGEMENT INC.

Mr. Ron Goguen,  
Superintendent .

Guardian Staff on-site for service hours Mon.-Fri.,  
9 AM—3 PM, April through November.

The Cemetery Office is located at the parish  
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open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Telephone: 781-235-1841

[saintmaryscemetery.org](http://saintmaryscemetery.org)

## 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)

May 4th, 2025 A.D.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

# 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**  
(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

**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)

# First Holy Communion

May 4th, 2025

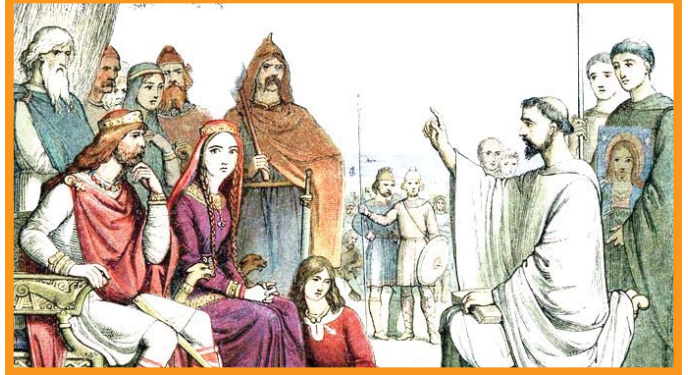
9:00 AM Mass:

Benjamin Patrick Curry

Ezra Clement Joliat



Please join us for the May Procession to the Parish Gardens at the end of the First Communion Mass where we will have the Crowning of Mary.



In last week's Conference we saw how the English Reformation was a top-down, four-part "Royal Reformation", encompassing the reigns of Henry VIII and his three surviving children Edward, Mary, and Elizabeth over a period of thirty years, from 1534-1564. Henry's Reformation was a "Rupture with Rome" over his desire to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon and marry his mistress Anne Boleyn. Henry declared himself "Supreme Head of the Church in England", broke off relations with the Pope, and brought the English clergy to heel, most dramatically and violently by suppressing all of the monasteries and religious houses.

Under the boy-King Edward VI, the radical Protestantization of England took place, led by Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury. When Edward died after only six years, Mary restored Catholicism. Mary's reign, however, was even briefer than Edward's: five years. Elizabeth pretended to be a Catholic to secure her claim to the Throne, but once she had done so she allied herself with the English Protestants and set about persecuting England's Catholics.

Elizabeth reigned nearly 45 years. Her long reign and the intensity of coercive measures to make all of her subjects submit to her established Church of England, with her as the Supreme Head, reduced the English Catholic population to a marginal minority. To use a contemporary expression, the Catholics were "other-ized" as a subversive element.

So began the period of the Penal Times and the Recusancy Lists. A "recusant" was someone

## Pastor's Note



*Fr. Higgins*

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION, 2025

*(Stations of the Cross, Friday nights during Lent, 7:30-8:30 PM)*

### CONFERENCE VI: ENGLISH CATHOLICISM, SURVIVAL AND REVIVAL (CONCLUDING CONFERENCE)

*(Conference given on April 11th)*

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



**Weekly Holy Hours:**  
**Fridays, 6:30-7:30 AM**  
**11:30 AM-12:30 PM**  
**Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 AM**



who “refused” (*recusare*) to follow the religious laws of the Elizabethan Settlement. Here, for example, is the wording of an Elizabethan Statute from 1593, entitled *An Act for restraining Popish Recusants to some certain place of abode*: “One who is convicted for not repairing to some Church, Chapel or usual place of Common Prayer to hear Divine Service there, but forbearing the same contrary to the tenor of the laws and statutes heretofore made and provided in that behalf.”

To be legally proscribed as a “Popish Recusant Convict” meant being subjected to ruinous fines and all kinds of civil disabilities. Non-payment of the fines coupled with a refusal to leave the realm was a capital crime, deserving of death. And many English Catholics did die, giving the Church many blood martyrs.

These penal laws were in force across Great Britain and Ireland. The lists of recusants was very great. Although not all recusants were Catholics they were by far the larger number. As with the persecution of the Early Church under the Roman Emperors, so it was with the enforcement of the Recusancy Laws in Protestant England. They varied over time and place from stringent to dormant. People could be lulled by the periods of non-enforcement to think that the worst was over, that the persecution was lifting... only to have things suddenly explode all over again!

Broadly speaking, we can identify the time between 1559-1700 as the worst period of active anti-Catholic persecution in Great Britain, Ireland and the British colonies of North America. After 1700, we can follow a trajectory of negative repression tending to gradual relaxation. In 1780, it was estimated that the Catholic population in England was at 60,000, which is a remarkably good-sized remnant when you think of all that had been set against it.

It was not until 1829, however, that the Penal Times definitively ended with Catholic Emancipation. In 1850, after almost 300 years, the Catholic hierarchy was re-established in England. The re-constituted Catholic dioceses in England, however, were not allowed to have

the same names as the historic dioceses: there could be no Catholic Bishop of London alongside a Protestant Church of England Bishop of London. The new Catholic hierarchy of England would have to preside over dioceses with entirely new names. Hence, the Catholic Bishop of London is the Catholic Bishop of Westminster, and so on.

It is now time to draw together some reflections on the subject of our Lenten Mission over these past six weeks, *Themes in English Catholicism*.

The chief reflection I would like to leave with you is this: *The American Catholicism we live and breathe is largely the outgrowth of English Catholicism*. The mission of Pope Gregory the Great to the *Angli* in the late 6th Century A.D. is continued in us.

You may object: “Not so! We are *Irish* Catholics!” Well, Ireland was already an appanage of Tudor England at the time of the Reformation, which meant that the Church organization and the Church order in Ireland reflected that of England. During the long era of the Penal Times, Irish Catholics and English Catholics were fellow sufferers. Irish Catholic resistance to the Protestant established Church of Ireland is a parallel to the English Catholic resistance to the Protestant established Church of England. It was part of the same struggle.

The Irish Catholic Church was squarely in the Anglo-sphere. After 1800 Ireland was formally united to Great Britain. The famous “Union Jack” British flag shows three Crosses: The Red Cross of St. George for England, the white X Cross of St. Andrew for Scotland, and the white Cross of St. Patrick for Ireland. At the time of the mass immigration of Irish to the United States in the wake of the Great Famine of the late 1840s, these immigrants were all British subjects of Queen Victoria. If we think of our Irish Catholic forbears as Victorian-era British Catholics from Ireland then we will get a clearer idea of our origins.

One of the most beloved traditional hymns for St. Patrick’s Day among Irish Catholics is *All Praise to St. Patrick*. The text is an over-the-top reveling in ... (Continued on Page 9... )

## Calendar of Masses

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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Bob Brearley</b>	<b>80th B/day Inten.</b>	<b>Jane Brearley</b>
<b>MAY 4th</b>	<i>(Anticipated</i>			
<i>SUNDAY of the</i>	<i>Sunday Mass)</i>			
<b>GOOD SHEPHERD</b>				
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>		
<i>Commemoration: St.</i>				
<i>Monica, Holy Widow</i>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>+Louisine Sarkisian</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Slifka Family</b>
<i>(Mother of St.</i>				
<i>Augustine)</i>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>For the Preservation of</b>		
		<b>the Free Exercise of</b>		
		<b>the Latin Mass in the</b>		
		<b>Life of the Church</b>		
		<b>+Pope Francis</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	
		<b>All Seminarians</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Donor</b>
		<b>Michael Kumar</b>	<b>Birthday Intention</b>	<b>Maureen Nyhen</b>
		<b>Pope/Priests/Bishops</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>MPA</b>
		<b>Divine Will/Peace on</b>		
		<b>Earth</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>MPA</b>
		<b>+Alex. M. Barboza (7/12)</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Susanna Barboza</b>
		<b>In Thanksgiving</b>		<b>Stephen Choi</b>
		<b>Maureen Nyhen</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Mary Tornabene</b>
		<b>Gina &amp; Baby (8/10)</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Donor</b>
		<b>Alex &amp; Arwen Dorna</b>		
		<b>(8/10)</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Donor</b>
		<b>Pope Francis &amp; His</b>		
		<b>Successor (7/9)</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Donor</b>
		<b>The Wakefield Family</b>		
		<b>7/(10)</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Kathy Blake</b>
		<b>Blake &amp; Wakefield</b>		
		<b>Families (4/10)</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Donor</b>
		<b>Noelle Grace Hood</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Anthony &amp; Victoria Angelucci</b>
		<b>In Thanksgiving</b>		<b>Anthony &amp; Victoria Angelucci</b>
		<b>+A Dora Gianfrancesco</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Her Nieces &amp; Nephews</b>
		<b>+Patrick McGovern</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Elizabeth Wadsworth</b>
		<b>James/Ther. Monahan</b>	<b>54th Wedd. Ann.</b>	<b>Monahan Family</b>
		<b>Nicholas Monahan</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Monahan Family</b>
		<b>Shaughnessy Family</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Belmonte Family</b>
		<b>Barbara Wakefield</b>	<b>Health of the Sick</b>	<b>Geraldine Jean Pierre</b>
		<b>+All Souls</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Maria</b>
		<b>Cecilia DiDuca</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Gabriella Belmonte</b>
		<b>DiDuca Family</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>	<b>Gabriella Belmonte</b>
		<b>+Lisa Marie Brusard</b>	<b>41st Anniv. Mem.</b>	<b>Bostsolis Family</b>
		<b>+Arthur C. Merrill</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Proia Family</b>
		<b>Intention of the Donor</b>		<b>Bernadine Kensinger</b>
		<b>Ted Arcidi (1/3)</b>	<b>In Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Camille Arcidi</b>
		<b>+Ellen Barrett</b>	<b>B/day Memorial</b>	<b>Kathy Blake</b>
		<b>+Robert Blake</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Kathy Blake</b>
		<b>+Linda MacMillan</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Kathy Blake</b>
		<b>Robert Harvey III &amp;</b>		
		<b>Meghan Gill</b>	<b>Wedding Day Int.</b>	<b>Laura Harvey</b>



*St. Monica, +387, with her son  
St. Augustine, +430*

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>May 4th</b>  <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests  James Donahue James/Elle Donahue Divine Mercy +Jacqueline Sears DiDuca Family +Shirley Donahue	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance   Memorial Special Intention Memorial	Donor McCarthy Family McCarthy Family McCarthy Family McCarthy Family McCarthy Family
	5:30 PM			
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>May 5th</b> <i>Pope St. Pius V</i>	7:30 AM	+Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	David DeVito	Special Intention	Stephen Pollard
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>May 6th</b> <i>Easter Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Ted Arcidi (2/3)	In Thanksgiving	Camille Arcidi
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>May 7th</b> <i>SOLEMNITY of ST. JOSEPH</i>	12:30 PM	+Michael & +Mary O'Brien	Wedding Anniv. Memorial	Rose Del Grosso
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>May 8th</b> <i>Apparition of St. Michael Archangel</i>	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	In Honor of the Agony in the Garden		Mary McCarthy
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>May 9th</b> <i>St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>	7:30 AM	Virginia Goguen	Birthday Intention	Goguen Family
	12:30 PM	+Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>May 10th</b> <i>St. Antoninus</i>	9:00 AM	Eric Procopio & Sara Carden Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/ Peace on Earth Linda Sands (1/5) Ted Arcidi (3/3) +Michael Peck +Genevieve Schmidt +Kwash/ Rizzo/ Rulnick/ Steinkrauss Fam. (1/3) +Daniel O'Neil Sandra Avola Nydia Machado John Podolski	Special Intention Special Intention  Special Intention Special Intention In Thanksgiving Memorial Memorial  Memorial Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio MPA  MPA Marcy Dorna Camille Arcidi Michael Kent Christina Kwash  Kwash Family Rosary Group David DeVito David Devito Stephen E. Pollard
	4:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)	+Ludmila & +Jan Dostal	Memorial	Lida Reed



#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

**III. Nicholas Winicki & Giovanna Coelho**  
**III. Daniel Gaudreau & Megan MacKenzie**



# Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)  
4:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 & 9:00 AM

## Third Sunday of Easter

**Prelude** Violin Partita No.2 in D-minor, BWV 1004

### I. Allemande

(Johann Sebastian, composed in 1720)

**(9:00 AM)** Gentes Philippus

(Peter Philips, first published in 1612)

*Philip led the Gentiles unto Christ; James preached salvation unto the sons of Israel. Philip, by the Phrygians, and James, by the Jews, were crowned with the glorious palm of martyrdom. Blessed Philip and blessed James, who now rest together in one sepulchre, are on this day jointly honored with one solemn hymn. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Introit: Psalm 65(66):1-2**

### Jubilate Deo

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His Name. O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 71)

**(7:30 & 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** Concordi Laetitia (Chant)

*1. With harmonious joy, with sadness repelled, the Church recalls Mary's praise: O Virgin Mary! 2. Who, with happy joy - the Lord having risen - flowered like a lily, beholding her Son alive. O Virgin Mary! 3. O how the celestial choruses sing praise with equal concert, and we, together with the dwellers in heaven, compose a new melody: O Virgin Mary! 4. O Queen of virgins, be favorable to the prayers of your suppliants, and after the circuit of death, confer the prize of life: O Virgin Mary! 5. O glorious Trinity, indivisible Unity, on account of Mary*

**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: Luke 24:35**

**Cognoverunt discipuli**

*The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 129)

**Communion Meditation (9:00 AM)**

Pange Lingua (Chant)

First Holy Communion

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

## Good Shepherd Sunday

**Prelude (11:00 AM)** Violin Partita No.2 in D-minor,

**BWV 1004, I. Allemande**

(Johann Sebastian, composed in 1720)

Gentes Philippus

(Peter Philips, first published in 1612)

Choir Hymn:(11:00 Mass) Concordi Laetitia

Vidi Aquam, Parish Book of Chant, no. 24/pg. 35-36

**Introit: Psalm 32. 5-6, 1** *Misericordia Domini plena est terra, alleluia: verbo Domini coeli firmati sunt, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm. Exultate, justi, in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. — Misericordia Domini ...*

**(11:00 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: Parish Book of Chant, no. 119/pg. 114**

**Paschal Alleluia: Luke 24. 35; John 10. 14** *Alleluia, alleluia. V. Cognoverunt discipuli Dominum Jesum in fractione panis. Alleluia. V. Ego sum pastor bonus: et cognosco oves meas, et cognoscunt me mea. Alleluia.*

**Offertory: (11:00 AM) Psalm 62. 2,5** *Deus, Deus meus, ad te de luce vigilo: et in nomine tuo levabo manus mea, alleluia.*

**Communion: John 10. 14** *Ego sum pastor bonus, alleluia: et cognosco oves meas, et cognoscunt me mea, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Communion Meditation (11:00 AM)**

Sicut Cervus

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published in 1587)

*As a deer longs for springs of water, so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

Violin & Harpsichord Sonata in B-minor, BWV 1014

**III. Andante**

(Johann Sebastian, composed in 1717)

**Recessional Hymn:**

Be Joyful Mary (Worship II Hymnal, No. 35)

*Regina Caeli*

**Postlude (as at 7:30 AM)**



Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)  
4:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 & 9:00 AM  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

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**Recessional Hymn: (4:00 PM & 7:30 AM)**

Be Joyful Mary (Worship II Hymnal, No. 35)

**Hymns for the May Procession: (9:00 AM)**

Tis the Month of Our Mother  
On This Day, O Beautiful Mother  
Bring Flowers of the Rarest  
Be Joyful, Mary

**Postlude (7:30 AM)**

Violin Sonata in F, KV.13, II. Allegro  
(Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, composed in 1764)

(Continued from Page 5...)

The text is an over-the-top reveling in the faithful Celtic Catholic identity against the Protestant English incursion. But who wrote this text? Why it was Fr. Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), an *Englishman*, and a former Protestant Anglican clergyman, who converted to Catholicism and was ordained a Catholic priest!

So, we do not want to ignore nor shun our English Catholic heritage. They are beautiful and graced origins, as we have heard here in our Conferences. Appropriating, if I may, from one of the English World War I soldier poets, Rupert Brooke, I encourage us to take that English Catholic heritage in all its Englishness and to nestle it snugly into our American Catholic spiritual life:

*There shall be/ In that rich earth a richer dust  
concealed; A dust whom England bore, shaped,  
made aware,/ Gave, once, her flowers to love, her  
ways to roam,/ A body of England's, breathing  
English air,/ Washed by the rivers, blest by suns  
of home.*

May 4th, 2025 A.D.

Good Shepherd Sunday

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# SCRIPTURE READINGS for DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Today's Missal, pages 86-88**

**Lesson (First Reading):**

**Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41**

*But Peter and the Apostles said in reply,  
"We must obey God rather than men."*

**Epistle (Second Reading):**

**Revelation 5:11-14**

*"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to  
receive power and riches, wisdom and  
strength, honor and glory and blessing."*

**Gospel Lesson: The Breakfast on the  
Shore**

**John 21:1-19**

*Jesus said to them, "Come, have  
breakfast." And none of the disciples  
dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because  
they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came  
over and took the bread and gave it to  
them, and in like manner the fish. This  
was now the third time Jesus was revealed  
to His disciples after being raised from  
the dead.*

*And think, this heart, all evil shed away,/ A  
pulse in the eternal mind, no less/ Gives  
somewhere back the thoughts by England  
given;/ Her sights and sounds; dreams happy  
as her day; And laughter, learned of friends;  
and gentleness,/ In hearts at peace, under an  
English heaven.*

**LATIN MASS PROPER: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**  
**(2nd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER)**



**INTROIT:** Psalm 32. 5-6, 1 The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. ibid. 1.* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise becometh the upright. *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. —The earth is full ...

**COLLECT:** O God, who, by the humility of Thy Son, didst lift up a fallen world, grant unending happiness to Thy faithful: that those whom Thou hast snatched from the perils of endless death, Thou mayest cause to rejoice in everlasting joys. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord...

**EPISTLE:** From First Epistle of Blessed Peter the Apostle (I Peter 2. 21-25)

Dearly beloved: Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow His steps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Who when He was reviled, did not revile: when He suffered, He threatened not, but delivered Himself to him that judged Him unjustly: who His own self bore our sins in His body upon the tree: that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice; by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray: but you are now converted to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

**PASCHAL ALLELUIA:** Luke 24. 35; John 10. 14 Alleluia, alleluia. (*Lk. 24:35*) The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. Alleluia. (*Jn. 10:14*) I am the good Shepherd: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John 10. 11-16 At that time Jesus said to the Pharisees: I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd giveth His life for His sheep. But the hireling, and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming and leaveth the sheep and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep: and the hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the good Shepherd: and I know Mine, and Mine know Me. As the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father: and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

**OFFERTORY:** Psalm 62. 2, 5 O God, my God, to Thee do I watch at break of day: and in Thy Name I will lift up my hands, alleluia.

**SECRET:** May this holy offering, O Lord, always bring to us Thy healing blessing: that what it represents in a Mystery, it may accomplish with power. Through our Lord ...

**COMMUNION:** John 10. 14 I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and I know My sheep, and Mine know Me, alleluia, alleluia.

**POSTCOMMUNION:** Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who receive the grace of new life, may ever glory in Thy gift. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son ...





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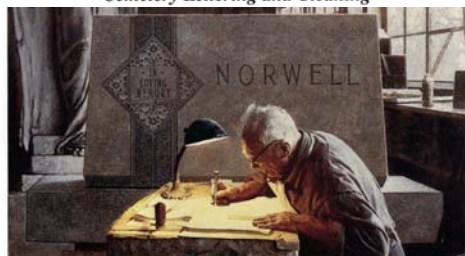
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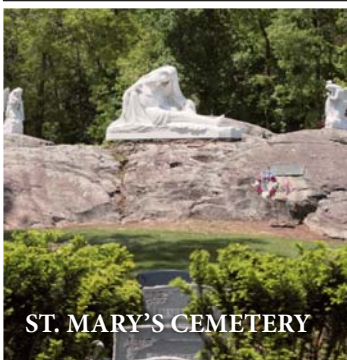
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