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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)

December 17th, 2023 A.D.

Gaudete Sunday

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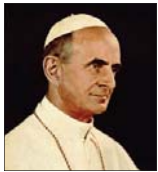
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ABOUT OUR PARISH

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

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at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church:
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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)

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Gaudete Sunday, with its rose-theme, makes us mindful of Isaiah's Messianic prophecy, Chapter 11: "*But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse..*" (Jesse: the father of King David) This is the theme of the medieval hymn, so well known as part of this season's repertoire. In the second verse we read:

The rose of grace and beauty of which Isaiah sings/ Is Mary, Virgin Mother, and Christ the Flow'r she brings./ By God's divine decree/ She bore our loving Savior, who died to set us free.



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)*



MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES: PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

(Recent Enrollments)

- +John Scott Hines
(Requested by David & Karen Wright)
- +Nancy Wright
(Requested by David & Karen Wright)
- +Mary Anne Kent
(Requested by Margie Bibbo)
- +Elsie Velez Doherty
(Requested by Catherine E. Dinon)
- +Joan D'Arcy Sheridan
(Requested by Kristine Dougherty)
- +Shirley LeFave
(Requested by the Botsolis Family)
- +Sarah Orcutt
(Requested by Marcia Orcutt)

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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"What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?"

SUNDAY OFFERTORY for DECEMBER 4th, 2023, \$9,072.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS, \$1,213.00 + ADVENTIDE FUNDRAISER, \$1,084.00:
= \$11,369.00



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING:
= \$1,960.00

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,
CLASSES IN SESSION:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 2023

"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 Kelly Louise Womersly Memorial Michele H. Podoloski
December 17th (Vigil)
Stational Church:
St. Peter's Basilica

7:30 AM Pro Populo
 The
 THIRD SUNDAY of
 the ADVENT of the
 LORD, also known as
 GAUDETE SUNDAY

9:00 AM Anne O'Brien Gonski Memorial
 11:00 AM For the Preservation of
 the Free Exercise of
 the Latin Mass in the
 Life of the Church



Alexis Manuel Barboza
 Cisneros (2/12) Memorial
 Pasquale Angelucci Memorial
 Shannon Marie Demont Special Intention
 Fr. William Carroll Special Intention
 William Lynch Memorial
 Robert Wright Memorial
 Charles Cavanaugh Memorial
 Maria T. Djevalikian Health of the Sick
 Christopher Restonile Memorial
 Maria Centofanti Health of the Sick
 +John & Maria
 Centofanti (2/10) Deceased/Living
 Intention of the Donor Memorial
 All Souls Memorial
 Pino Family (Extended) Memorial
 Alice Nyhen B/day Mem., *IIDEC*
 Y. K. Watkins 2nd Anniv. Mem.
 Arthur & Edna Quagan Memorial
 Leo Johnson Memorial
 Pat Roberts Memorial
 Intention of Fr. Gary B.
 Barbara/Armando Proia Memorial
 Leo Johnson Memorial
 Rita Post Memorial
 Clara Polizzi (2/2) Memorial
 Genevieve Kasper Birthday Intention
 Special Intention
 Janka Izakovichova 3rd Anniv. Mem.
 Tharwat/Amani Hanna
 Catherine Blake Month's Mind
 Maria Botsolis Birthday Intention
 Lisa Brusard Memorial
 Popes/Priests/Bishops Special Intention
 Divine Will/Peace on
 Earth Special Intention
 Bishops & Priests
 Alex Dorna Special Intentions

Mary Anne Kent
 Susana Barboza Herrera
 Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
 Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
 McCarthy Family
 Bennett Family
 Bennett Family
 Bennett Family
 DiDuca Family
 DiDuca Family
 Laura Harvey
 Centofanti Family
 Stephanie Whiting
 Nick Pino
 Nick Pino
 Maureen Nyhen
 Steinkrauss Family
 Christine Quagan
 Post Family
 Janice Post & Judy Proia
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 Colbe Mazzarella
 Kasper Family
 Kasper Family
 Izakovich Family
 Joanne Laubacher
 Geraldine Jean Pierre
 Botsolis Family
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 Marcy Dorna



5:30 PM

MONDAY December 18th <i>Greater Advent Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Catherine Dinon	Birthday Intention	Maria Centofanti
TUESDAY December 19th <i>Greater Advent Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Maria Botsolis	18th B/day Inten.	Botsolis Family
	12:30 PM	Milena Opielowski	Special Intention	Barbara Opielowski
WEDNESDAY December 20th <i>EMBER DAY</i>				
THURSDAY December 21st <i>Greater Advent Feria</i> <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i>	7:30 AM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Alexis Barboza Cisneros	Memorial	Catherine E. Dinon
FRIDAY December 22nd <i>EMBER DAY</i>	7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i>	Intention of the Donor		Karen Casey
	12:30 PM	Leo Johnson	Month's Mind	Angelus & Emily Davulis
SATURDAY December 23rd <i>EMBER DAY</i>	9:00 AM	All Souls Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden Walter Krawczyk Intention of the Donor Lisa Brusard Janet Carpo Harvey Catherine Dinon Fred M. Crapo & Family Nick Harker Maria Centofanti Anne Shealy & Family John & Ann Coakley Tamal Jaber Laura Popes/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace on Earth Bishops & Priests	Memorial Special Intention Memorial Memorial Birthday Memorial Birthday Intention Memorial Birthday Intention Birthday Intention Special Intention Memorial Healing Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Fidelity/Protection/ Courage	MTT Mike & Annie Procopio Rosemary Krawczyk Stephanie Whiting Botsolis Family Laura Harvey Laura Harvey Laura Harvey Laura Harvey Catherine E. Dinon Christine Quagan Christine Quagan Barbara Opielowski Barbara Opielowski MPA MPA Donor
		4:00 PM: Helen Noviello	Memorial	Kurt & Anne Pollander



**“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: Rejoice In The Lord (9:00AM)

(John Sheppard, composed in 1539)

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 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: 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 101)

Communion Meditation: (9:00AM)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Giovanni Rovetta, first published 1639 in Mottti concertati)

Recessional Hymn:

O Come, Divine Messiah

(Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Hymnal, No.14)

Postlude: Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published as Piae Cantiones, 1582)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Traditional Latin)

Gaudete Sunday

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

Prelude: Rejoice In The Lord (11:00AM)

(John Sheppard, composed in 1539)

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

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 et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen*

(11AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII, Adventus

(Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108

Credo I: *Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 120*

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.*

Communion Meditation: (11:00 AM)

Alma Redemptoris Mater

(Giovanni Rovetta, first published 1639 in Mottti concertati)

Recessional Hymn:

O Come, Divine Messiah

(Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Hymnal, No.14)

Angelus

Postlude: Gaudete (11:00 AM)

(Anonymous: Published as Piae Cantiones, 1582)

Christmas & Epiphany at
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
2023-2024

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

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 24th, 2023:
4:00 PM (Novus Ordo)
6:30 PM (Chaldean-Rite)
12 Midnight (Traditional Latin)
MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY,
DECEMBER 25th, 2023:
7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)
11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)
NO 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
MONDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2024:
7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2024:
9:00 AM
(Traditional Latin)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th, 2024
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)

SCRIPTURE
READINGS for the
SECOND SUNDAY of
ADVENT (YEAR B)

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pp. (25-26))

Lesson (First Reading):

The Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
(*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon
me..."*)

Epistle (Second Reading):

I Thessalonians 5:16-24
(*"Rejoice always..."*)

Gospel Lesson: The Testimony of John
John 1:6-8, 19-28

(1962 Missal: *Gaudete Sunday, vv. 19-28*)



"Brethren: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful and He will accomplish it."



"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 I. 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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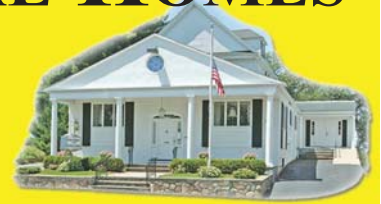
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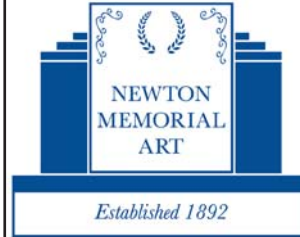
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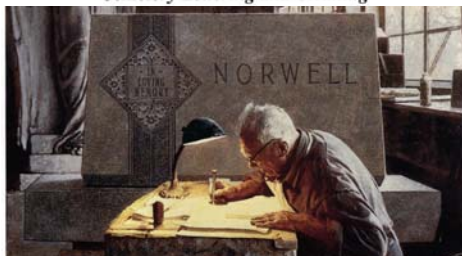
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