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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.

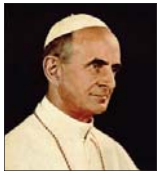
(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and
January 1st, as announced)

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

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Catholic Parish

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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

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION FOR 2024:
BLESSED CHARLEMAGNE AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE:
CONFERENCE I:
CHARLEMAGNE AND LOURDES**

Our Lenten Parish Mission this year is entitled: "Blessed Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire." Charlemagne—"Charles-Le-Magne", "Charles-the-Great"—lived from 742 A.D. - 814 A.D. The King of the Franks, he established a great and powerful Kingdom stretching across what is today France and Germany. On Christmas Day, 800 A.D., in the City of Rome, the Pope crowned him Roman Emperor, reviving the glory of that once-great Empire, which had first persecuted but finally embraced Christianity. He is one of those great figures of history who both shapes events and sets in motion developments which continue for generations after he is dead. In the human story, things could always have been different. For us as Christian believers therefore we are always alert to the golden threads of God's Providence.

Let us begin our story in the year 732 A.D. The leader of the Christian Franks Charles Martel ("Charles-the-Hammer") decisively defeated the Islamic invaders who had entered France through Spain. This was the Battle of Tours which prevented Europe from being overrun by the Muslims. The invader retreated back over the Pyrenees Mountains but some Muslim groups held out in their fortresses of Aquitaine (southwestern France). One of these was the castle of Mirambel which is on the rock overhanging Lourdes.

Forty-six years later, in the Year 778 A.D., the grandson of Charles Martel, another Charles (our "Charlemagne"), 36 years-old and now the King of the Franks, was on his return from a military campaign against the Muslim Saracens in Spain. He laid siege to this Mirambel Castle.

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2024
FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT
FEBRUARY 16th - March 22nd
7:30 - 8:30 PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



**SERMON SERIES:
"BLESSED CHARLEMAGNE AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE"**

ADORATION & BENEDICTION of the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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)

The fortress was impregnable. Charlemagne tried to starve its defenders into submission. The siege went on and on. The Muslim commander, a man named Mirat, had sworn an oath by the Prophet Mohammed that he would never surrender the castle to any mortal man.

One day, an eagle carrying a trout caught from the River Gave, dropped it inside the Saracen castle walls. Mirat had a clever idea. He had the still floundering fish thrown over to the Christian besiegers as if to show them that it was an unwanted extra to the supplies of his garrison. *“Hey, Christian Infidels! We’ve still got plenty of food! We’re fine!”*

Thinking he had been besieging the fortress in vain, Charlemagne was on the point of giving up and marching away. But his chaplain, the Bishop of Le Puy, had a hunch that this was a bluff. He asked for and obtained a meeting with Mirat and he immediately saw that the Saracens were indeed starving and at the point of collapse. The Bishop encouraged submission on honorable terms but Mirat fell back on his oath to the Prophet.

So, the Bishop replied: *“Brave Prince, you have sworn never to yield to any mortal man. Could you not with honor make your surrender to an immortal Lady? Mary, Queen of Heaven, has her throne at Le Puy, and I am her humble minister there.”*

This persuasion broke the deadlock. Mirat the Saracen came to terms with Charlemagne. In a token of his vassalage, he brought to the sanctuary of Mary, to whom he had surrendered, some handfuls of grass
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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 OF LISIEUX (+1897)

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**SECOND COLLECTION FOR TODAY, FEBRUARY 25th:
“SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD”:**
The Church in Africa, Central & Eastern Europe, US Military Archdiocese, US Home Missions, Black & Native American, and Catholic Relief Services

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

SUNDAY 4:00 PM +Angelo & Ida Goffredo Anniv. Memorials Goffredo Family
February 25th (Vigil)

SECOND SUNDAY 7:30 AM Pro Populo
in LENT

9:00 AM ***** ***** *****

11:00 AM For the Preservation of
the Free Exercise of
the Latin Mass in the
Life of the Church



+Joyce Marie Higgins	Birthday Memorial	Sheila Brady
+Alexis Manuel Barboza Cisneros (12/12)	Memorial	Susana Barboza Herrera
+John & Maria Centofanti (10/10)	Health of the Sick	Centofanti Family
Ilissa & David (2/2)	Special Intention	Maria
Fr. James Hickey (7/10)	Special Intention	Stephanie Whiting
+Mary Sacone (7/10)	Memorial	Stephanie Whiting
Kevin Biggs (7/10)	Special Intention	Stephanie Whiting
Joseph DeLellis (7/10)	Special Intention	Stephanie Whiting
Bill Cotter (7/20)	Special Intention	Stephanie Whiting
Sandy/Grandson (7/10)	Special Intention	MPA
Pope/Priests/Bishops		
Divine Will/Peace on Earth	Special Intention	MPA
Bishops & Priests		Donor

FRONT COVER:
Transfiguration window in our parish church, illuminated by the morning sun.

Mass Intentions: Due to Bulletin Printing Deadline the complete Mass Intention List for this week is on the extra photocopy sheet available at the entrance tables to the church.

5:30 PM

MONDAY February 26th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes *****	Memorial ****	*****
TUESDAY February 27th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM	*****	*****	*****
WEDNESDAY February 28th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	12:30 PM	*****	*****	*****
THURSDAY February 29th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston +Dr. Morgan Mahoney	Memorial Month's Mind	Anne Higgins
FRIDAY March 1st <i>Lenten Feria</i> First Friday	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	***** <i>Health of the Sick</i> Janet Kumar	***** Birthday Intention	***** Maureen Nyhen
SATURDAY March 2nd <i>Lenten Feria</i> First Saturday	9:00 AM	+All Souls (4/13) Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden (2/3) Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace on Earth	Memorial Special Intention Special Intention	MTT Mike & Annie Procopio MPA MPA

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

Recessional:
O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
(Worship II, No. 215)

Postlude: (9:00 AM)
Parce Domine I. (chant)
Spare, O Lord, spare Thy people, lest Thou be angry with us forever.

1. Let us bow down before the avenging wrath; let us weep before the Judge; let us cry forth in prayer of supplication, and all fall prostrate in prayer. 2 By our sins we have offended thy clemency, O God; pour out on us thy pardon from on high, Thou Who dost forgive. 3. Offering an acceptable time, give streams of tears to wash the sacrifice of our heart, which joyful charity enkindles. 4. Hear, thou merciful Creator, the tearful prayers poured forth during this holy fast of forty days. 5. Beloved searcher of hearts, thou knowest the infirmities of men; show pardoning grace to those who return to thee.

Communion Meditation: Ave Regina Coelorum
(11:00AM) Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(First published: 1584 in Motettorum liber quintus, no.16)
(5:30PM) - Gregorian Chant

Recessional:
O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
(Worship II, No. 215)
Angelus (Chant)

Postlude: (11AM) : Salvator Mundi
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, First Published in 1564)
O Saviour of the world, save us all Holy Mother of God, pray for us: Angels, archangels, thrones and dominations, Principalities and powers, Virtues, Cherubim and also Seraphim, Patriarchs and prophets, Holy doctors of law, Apostles, all Christian martyrs, Holy confessors, Virgins of the Lord, Hermits, all Saints.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Miserere Mei (Psalm 50)
(Chant)

Introit: Psalm 24(25):6, 2, 22
Reminiscere miserationum

Remember Your compassion, O Lord, and Your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.
(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 6)

(7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:
Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108.

Credo I (English)

Offertory: Psalm 26(27):8-9
Tibi dixit

Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.
(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 104)

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: Matthew 17:5
Hic est filius meus

This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.
(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 104)

Communion Meditation: Summae Deus (Chant)

1. God, in whom all grace doth dwell! Grant us grace to ponder well On the Virgin's Dolours seven; On the wounds to Jesus given.
2. May the tears which Mary pour'd Gain us pardon of the Lord; Tears sufficient in their worth To wash out the guilt of earth.
3. May the contemplation sore Of the five wounds Jesus bore, Source to us of blessings be, Through a long eternity.
4. Glory be to Him, who died For his servants crucified; Honour, praise, eternal merit, to the Father and the Spirit.

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Traditional Latin)

Second Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude: Peccantem Me Quotidie (11:00AM):
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, First Published in 1572)

I who sin every day and am not penitent the fear of death troubles me: For in hell there is no redemption. Have mercy upon me, O God, and save me. God, in your name save me, and in your virtue set me free.

(5:30pm): Miserere Mei (Psalm 50)

Choir Hymn: Summae Deus (11:00 Mass):
Asperges Me, Parish Book of Chant, no. 22/pg. 34

Introit: Psalm 24:6,3,22,1,2 *Reminiscere miserationum tuarum, Domine, et misericordiae tuae, quae a saeculo sunt: ne unquam dominentur nobis inimici nostri: libera nos, Deus Israel, ex omnibus angustiis nostris. (Ps. 24: 1-2) Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Reminiscere miserationum tuarum ...*

(11AM)

Ordinary Prayers: (As at 9:00 AM)

Gradual: Psalm 24:17,18 *Tribulationes cordis mei dilatatae sunt: de necessitatibus meis eripe me, Domine, Vide humilitatem meam, et laborem meum: et dimitte omnia peccata mea. Tract: Psalm 90:1-7,11-16 *Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in saeculum misericordia ejus. Quis loquetur potentias Domini: auditas faciet omnes laudes ejus? Beati qui custodiunt iudicium et faciunt justitiam in omni tempore. Meménto nostri, Domine, in beneplácito populi tui: visita nos in salutari tuo.**

Offertory: Psalm 118:47, 48 *Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quae dilexi. (11AM)*

Communion: Psalm 5:2-4 *Intellige clamorem meum: intende voci orationis meae, Rex meus, et Deus meus: quoniam ad te orabo, Domine.*

(Turn to Page 7, bottom right-hand corner, for Complete Music Program)

(... Continued from Page 5)

from the banks of the River Gave. Mirat accepted Christianity and was baptized under the name Lorus. Charlemagne knighted him and gave him back the command of the fortress of Mirabel. It is from the Knight Lorus that the name of the town of Lourdes is derived. This is the story of Charlemagne at Lourdes.

Let us close our First Conference then with this thought: Mirat/Lorus surrendered his castle to Mary in 778. In 1858, one thousand and eighty years later, Mary the Queen of Heaven appeared on earth to manifest her particular sovereignty over this place.

(Source for the story of Charlemagne at Lourdes: *St. Bernadette: A Pictorial Biography*, By Leonard von Matt and Francis Trochu; Translated from the French by Herbert Rees, Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, 1957 A.D., "The Dedication of Lourdes to the Blessed Virgin Mary", pp. 1-2.)



PHOTO left:
The distinctive Processional Cross for the Stations of the Cross used by our Chaldean Mission: it is decorated with the various implements of the Passion.

SCRIPTURE READINGS for the SECOND SUNDAY in LENT (YEAR B)

Today's Missal, pp. 62-63

Lesson (First Reading):

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

("God put Abraham to the test.")

Epistle (Second Reading):

Romans 8:31b-34

("Brethren: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all...")

Gospel Lesson: The Mount of

Transfiguration

Mark 9:2-10

("And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.")



"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: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT: Psalm 24: 6, 3, 22 Remember, O Lord, Thy depths of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. *Psalm 24: 1-2* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT: O God, who seest that we have no power whatever from ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may hurt the soul. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-7 Brethren: We pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus that, as you have received from us, how you ought to walk and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach nor circumvent his brother in business: because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: Psalm 24: 17-18 The troubles of my heart are multiplied: deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. *V.* See my abjection and my labour, and forgive me all my sins. **TRACT: Psalm 105: 1-4** Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. *V.* Who shall declare the powers of the Lord: who shall set forth all His praises? *V.* Blessed are they that keep judgment and do justice at all times. *V.* Remember us, O Lord, in the favour of Thy people: visit us with Thy salvation.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9 **At** that time Jesus taketh Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as He was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 118: 47, 18 I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

SECRET: Peacefully look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon these sacrifices, that they may both increase our devotion and contribute to our salvation. Through our Lord.

Preface of Lent

COMMUNION: Psalm 5: 2-4 Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that we whom Thou hast strengthened with Thy sacraments, may henceforth serve and please Thee in worthiness of life. Through our Lord.



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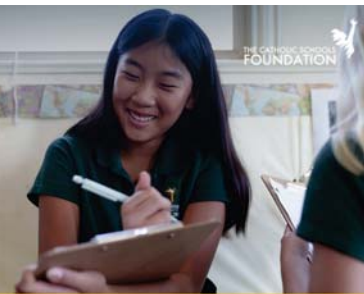
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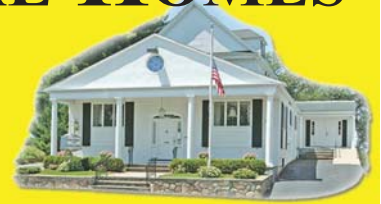
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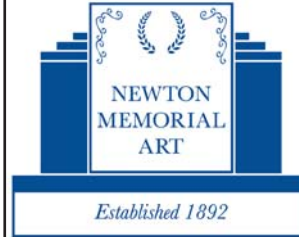
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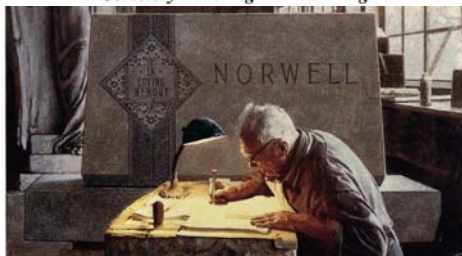
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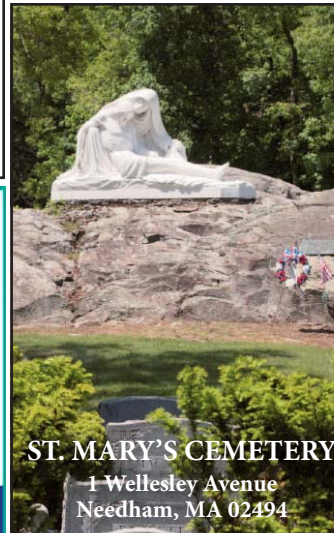
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