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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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)

March 3rd, 2024 A.D.

Third Sunday in Lent

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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 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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Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman  
Catholic Parish

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Chaldean-Rite Mission**  
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 II:  
THE GOLDEN THREADS OF PROVIDENCE**

History, we are often reminded, is not a morality tale. The human chronological record as a whole is vast, contradictory, and incoherent. At the same time it is maddeningly incomplete—so much of the past is fragmentary or has simply been lost altogether. The best we can do is try to construct narrative frameworks to make sense of it, or at least parts of it.

Sacred History, which is connected to our Profession of Faith, is our Catholic Christian way of making sense of human chronology based upon our belief in Divine Revelation. It overlaps so-called “scientific history” but it is not confined by it. Sacred History encompasses every mode in which humans have remembered their past by the telling of stories.

Bolstered by this Sacred History then we expect to find (and we do) all kinds of golden threads of God's Divine Providence in the historical record. Only in Eternity will we be able to see the “Big Picture” and how exactly it all worked out, but here and now we get glimpses and revealing threads which we try to follow.

One of these “Golden Threads”, I suggest to you, is the relationship of the Roman Empire to Sacred History. In Our Lord's Day, the Jewish People in their national homeland were a conquered, tributary people subject to the heathen Roman overlords. At the same time, the Roman Imperium enabled the migration and mingling of many peoples, including the Jews. In Our Lord's Day there were millions more Jews living in the Diaspora across the

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



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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)**

Roman Empire than were living in Judea or Galilee.

The Early Christian Church was fiercely persecuted by Rome, across three centuries. Rome is the Seat of the Anti-Christ, the “Belly of the Beast”, “Babylon”. And yet, it was to this Rome that Peter the Chief Apostle went to set up his Chair of teaching authority, his “cathedra”. The eventual conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity, practically as a result of the long Age of Martyrs, embedded the sense into Christian people that Rome and all that was the Roman Empire now belonged to God and was a very providential thing in sustaining the life of the Church and in the spreading of the Gospel. The “Pax Romana”, the “Roman Peace”, is fulfilled in the Peace of the Church, the “Pax Ecclesia Catholica”.

The decline of Rome, especially in the western half of the Empire after the barbarian chieftain Alaric the Goth sacked Rome in 410 A.D., was therefore viewed by Catholics as a calamity and a trial for the Church. The idea of the Roman Imperium as an arm of Christ’s Church and of Christian Civilization persisted, especially as the Pope in Rome, the successor to Saint Peter, was a visible embodiment of what God had done in history to make the heathen Roman Empire the holy Roman Empire. We think of the Popes: St. Gregory the Great, St. Leo the Great, “Leo Magnus”!

In 754 A.D., Pope Stephen III made an arduous journey across the Alps to go to the household of Pippin, the son of Charles Martel, who held the title “Mayor the Palace” and was, in effect  
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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)**

## STEWARDSHIP



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH MISSION  
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SUNDAY March 3rd THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	5:30 PM	Lisa Von Wendt	Birthday Intention	Laura Harvey
MONDAY March 4th St. Casimir	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Stephen Cole	Special Intention	Diane Leonard
TUESDAY March 5th Lenten Feria	7:30 AM	+Cornelius Murphy	Memorial	Michael J. Wiseman
WEDNESDAY March 6th SS. Perpetua & Felicity	12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor		Jacob Milligan
THURSDAY March 7th (See above)/ St. Thomas Aquinas	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Jack Monbouquette	Special Intention	Rachele Monbouquette
FRIDAY March 8th St. John of God	7:30 AM	Priests of the Parish Health of the Sick	Special Intention	Seven Sisters Apostolate
	12:30 PM	+Mary McCarthy	7th Anniv. Mem.	Mary McCarthy
SATURDAY March 9th St. Frances of Rome	9:00 AM	+All Souls (5/13) Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden (1/3) Judy Matarrazo Ed Duggan Marty Phillips Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace on Earth	Memorial	MTT
			Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio
			Health	Mike & Annie Procopio
			Health	Mike & Annie Procopio
			Special Intention	MPA
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**Communion Meditation:**

(4:00 PM & 7:30AM) Stabat Mater (Chant)

(9:00 AM) Dominus Jesus In Qua Nocte  
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1572)  
*The Lord Jesus, on the night before he was handed over,  
took bread, and, giving thanks, broke it and said:  
"Take [this] and eat, this is My Body  
which is handed over for you."*

**Recessional:**

The Glory Of These Forty Days  
(Worship II, No.264)

**Postlude:**

Jesu, Salvator Mundi  
(4:00 PM & 7:30 AM) (chant)  
(9:00 AM) (Menegali)

**Recessional:**

Lord, Who throughout The Forty Days  
(Worship II, No.264)

*Angelus (Chant)*

**Postlude: (11AM)**

Jesu, Salvator Mundi  
(Menegali)

Chant- (5:30PM)

*Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to the assistance of Thy  
children,  
whom, through Thy Blood, Thou hath saved.*

## Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Prelude:** Ecce Vidimus Eum  
(4PM & 7:30 AM) – Gregorian Chant  
(9:00 AM)

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1565)

*Behold we shall see him having neither form nor comeliness:*

*There is no beauty in him. This is he who has borne our sins and suffered for us. He was bruised for our iniquities, and with his stripes we are healed. Truly he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, And with his stripes we are healed.*

**Introit: Psalm 24(25):15-16**  
**Oculi mei**

*My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

(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: Ezekiel 36:23-26**  
**Et sanctificabo**

*When I prove My holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour out clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 6)

**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: Psalm 83(84):4-5**  
**Etiam passer**

*The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, My King and My God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.*

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

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Traditional Latin)

**Third Sunday in Lent**

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

**Prelude:** Ecce Vidimus Eum (11:00 AM)  
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1565)  
Ecce Vidimus Eum (5:30 PM) – Chant

**Choir Hymn:** Parce Domine II (11:00 Mass):  
*Asperges Me, Parish Book of Chant, no. 22/pg. 34*

**Introit: Psalm 24. 15-16, 1-2** *Oculi mei semper ad Dominum, quia ipse evellet de laqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei, quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego. Ps. ibid. 1, 2. Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Oculi mei semper ad Dominum.*

**(11AM)**

**Ordinary Prayers:** (As at 9:00 AM)

**Gradual: Psalm 9:20,4** *Exsúrge, Dómine, non præváleat homo: judicéntur gentes in conspéctu tuo. In converténdo inimicum meum retrórsur, infirmabúntur, et períbunt a fácie tua.*

**Tract: Psalm 122:1~3** *Ad te levávi óculos meos, qui hábitas in cælis. Ecce, sicut óculi servórum in má nibus dominórum suórum. Et sicut óculi ancillæ in má nibus dómínæ suæ: ita óculi nostri ad Dóminum, Deum nostrum, donec misereátur nostri. Miserére nobis, Dómine, miserére nobis.*

**Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 18. 9, 10, 11, 12** *Justitia Domini recta, latificantes corda, et judicia ejus dulciora super mei et favum: nam et servus tuus custodit ea.*

**Communion: Psalm 83. 4-5** *Passer invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos: altaria tua, Domine virtutum, Rex meus, et Deus meus: beati qui habitant in domo tua, in saeculum saeculi laudabunt te.*

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

*Dominus Jesus In Qua Nocte*  
(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1572)  
*Stabat Mater (Chant) (5:30 PM)*

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



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the chief of the Christian Franks. At St. Denis on the Seine, on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 754, Pope Stephen anointed Pippin as King of the Franks, and not only Pippin but his two young sons as well: the older, Charles (our “Charlemagne”), who was but 12 years-old, and the younger, Carloman. All three were anointed with the oil of kingship by the Pope, Bishop of Rome and Successor to the Apostle Peter. Furthermore, the Pope commanded that the Frankish nation, under the gravest spiritual penalties, was henceforth “never to choose their kings from any other family.”



Why this favor to the Franks and to their leader Pippin and his two boys? The Franks were rightly seen by the Popes as the defenders and the vindicators of the rights and liberties of the Roman Church. Even when Rome, as a political reality, had fallen the spirit of Christian Rome still lived strong.



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March 3rd, 2024 A.D.

Third Sunday in Lent

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

# SCRIPTURE READINGS for the FIRST SUNDAY in LENT (YEAR B)

*Today's Missal, pp. 64-66*

**Lesson (First Reading):**

**Exodus 20:1-17**

*“In those days, God delivered all these commandments.”*

**Epistle (Second Reading):**

**I Corinthians 1:22-25**

*“We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.”*

**Gospel Lesson: Christ's First Cleansing of the Temple**

**John 2:13-25**

*“At this the Jews answered and said to Him: What sign can you show us for doing this? Jesus answered and said to them: Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up.”*



**“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: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**INTROIT: Psalm 24: 15-16** My eyes are ever towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me; for I am alone and poor. *Ps.* 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.

**COLLECT:** We beseech Thee, almighty God, regard the desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defence. Through our Lord.

**EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:1-9** Brethren: Be ye followers of God, as most dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness. But fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints: or obscenity, or foolish talking, or scurrility, which is to no purpose: but rather giving of thanks. For know you this, and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean or covetous person, which is a serving of idols, hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness: but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth.

**GRADUAL: Psalm 9: 20, 4** Arise, O Lord, let no man be strengthened; let the nations be judged in Thy sight. *V.* When my enemy shall be turned back, they shall be weakened and perish before Thy face. **TRACT: Psalm 122: 1-3** To Thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven. *V.* Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. *V.* And as the eyes of the handmaid are on the hands of her mistress: so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until He have mercy on us. *V.* Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

**GOSPEL: Luke 11:14-28** *At* that time Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb. And when He had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke, and the multitudes were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others, tempting, asked of Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils: doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him, he will take away all his armour wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest: and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to Him: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the paps that gave Thee suck. But He said: Yea, rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

**OFFERTORY: Psalm 18: 9, 10, 11, 12** The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb: for Thy servant keepeth them.

**SECRET:** May this offering, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse away our sins, sanctifying Thy servants in both soul and body for the celebration of this sacrifice. Through our Lord.

### PREFACE FOR 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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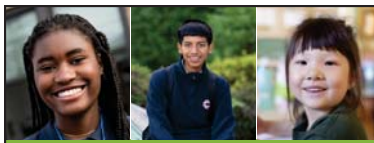
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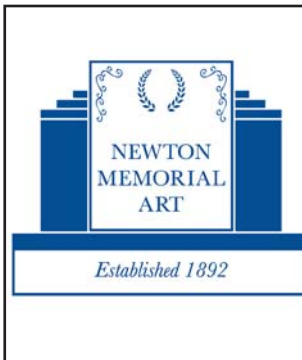
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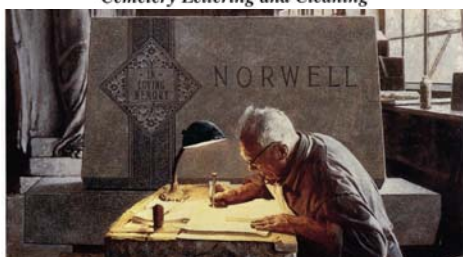
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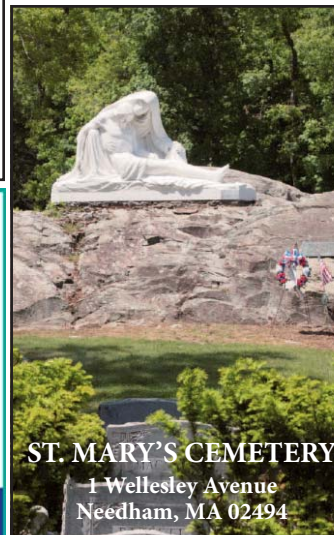
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