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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 10th, 2024 A.D.

Laetare Sunday

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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

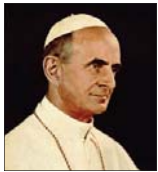


# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## 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.

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### 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)  
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  
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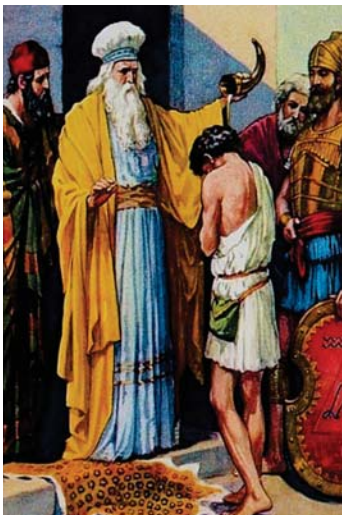
## **Pastor's Note**



*Fr. Higgins*

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION FOR 2024:  
BLESSED CHARLEMAGNE AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE:  
CONFERENCE III:  
THE CHRISTIAN IMPERATOR OF ROME**

In the Sacred History of Israel in the Old Testament, the emergence of the ruddy youth David as the Lord's Anointed is a pivotal event in the progressive unfolding of the Divine Plan of Redemption. As we read in the First Book of Kings, Samuel is sent by the Lord to Bethlehem, to the House of a man named Jesse in order to make a sacred anointing as king of the son whom the Lord had chosen. Finally, the 8<sup>th</sup> and last son of Jesse, David, is brought before



Samuel: *"Now [David] was ruddy and beautiful to behold, and of a comely face. And the Lord said: Arise and anoint him for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward..." (I Kings 16:12b-13a)*

David is the Lord's Anointed, the Messiah, who becomes the great heroic figure of Israel. And the Lord God makes him a promise that from his descendants shall come the long-foretold and long-awaited Great Messiah. David the Lord's Anointed, the Ruler of Israel, is both Priest and King. He is the type and foreshadowing of his descendant Our Lord Jesus Christ who combines in His Person both

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



**SERMON SERIES:  
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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)**



Priesthood and Kingship.

After the Redemption, the Priesthood of Christ continues in the persons of His Apostles and their successors, the Bishops. But what of the Kingship of Christ? Is that to have no continuity on the earth? Or should Christians look for a sacred kingship to be found? Where shall the Church find the Righteous Sword to defend her rights and protect her against aggressors?

It is this element which is present in the sacred anointing of Pippin and his two sons Charles and Carloman by Pope Stephen III in 754. It is to this new Royal House from among the Frankish nation that the Holy See of Peter looks to provide its sword and shield amidst the ruins of the Roman Empire.

So many parallels there are between the boy-king David and the future Charlemagne. Charles/Charlemagne, anointed at 12 years-old, growing up since boyhood in the rigors of warfare alongside his father. Like David, he is heroic on the battlefield. Like David, he is blessed with qualities such as great personal attractiveness, and like David he is devoted to God and his religion.

In 768, Pippin divided his kingdom between his two royal sons shortly before he died. As David was betrayed by his son Absalom, so Charles was betrayed by his rivalrous younger brother Carloman, but by the death of this brother in 771, Charles inherited the whole of their father's kingdom.

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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)**

## STEWARDSHIP



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SUNDAY March 10th LAETARE SUNDAY	5:30 PM	+Joseph Scarlata	Year's Mind	Procopio Family
MONDAY March 11th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	+Carolyn Ward	Memorial	Hobbib Family
TUESDAY March 12th <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>(Gregorymas)</i>	7:30 AM	+Richard Pietravalle	Memorial	Michael J. Wiseman
WEDNESDAY March 13th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor		Juhasz Family
THURSDAY March 14th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Intention of the Donor		Juhasz Family
FRIDAY March 15th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	7:30 AM	+Barbara Stella	Memorial	Hobbib Family
	<i>Health of the Sick</i> 12:30 PM	+Mary J. Clancy	7th Anniv. Mem.	Mary McCarthy
SATURDAY March 16th <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9:00 AM	+All Souls (6/13)	Memorial	MTT
		Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden (2/3)	Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio
		Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace on Earth	Special Intention	MPA

**Communion Meditation:**

(7:30 & 9:00 AM) III. O Quam Tristis, IV. Quis Est Homo  
& V. Eia Mater

**R.V.621**

(Antonio Vivaldi, composed in 1711)

**Recessional:**

O Joseph Mighty Patron  
*(Extra Photo-copy Sheet)*

**Postlude:**

**(7:30 & 9:00 AM)**

VIII. Fac Ut Ardeat & IX. Amen

**R.V.621**

(Antonio Vivaldi, composed in 1711)

**Recessional:**

O Joseph Mighty Patron  
*(Extra Photo-copy Sheet)*

*Angelus (Chant)*

**Postlude: (11AM)**

VIII. Fac Ut Ardeat & IX. Amen

**R.V.621**

(Antonio Vivaldi, composed in 1711)

# Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

## Laetare Sunday

### Prelude:

(7:30 & 9:00 AM)

I. Stabat Mater & II. Cujus Animam

R.V.621

(Antonio Vivaldi, composed in 1711)

### Introit: Isaiah 66:10-11

#### Laetare Jerusalem

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

(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: Be Still My Soul

(Katharina von Schlegel, composed in 1731)

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side;

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to Thy God to order and provide;

In every change He faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heavenly Friend

Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

**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 121(122):3-4

#### Jerusalem quae

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 104)

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Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Traditional Latin)

## Laetare Sunday

11:00 AM: (*As at 9:00 AM*)

### **Choir Hymn:** Ave Regina Caelorum (11:00 Mass)

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

**Introit: Isaiah 66:10-11** *Laetare, Jerúsalem: et convéntum fácite, omnes qui dilígitis eam: gaudéte cum lætítia, qui in tristítia fuístis: ut exsultétis, et satiémíni ab ubéribus consolatiónis vestræ. V. Lætátus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Dómini íbimus. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Oculi mei semper ad Dominum. Laetare, Jerúsalem...*

(11AM)

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

**Gradual: Psalm 121: 1,7** *Lætátus sum in his, quæ dicta sunt mihi: in domum Dómini íbimus. Fiat pax in virtúte tua: et abundántia in túrribus tuis. Tract: Psalm 124:1-2* *Qui confidit in Dómino, sicut mons Sion: non commovébitur in aetérnum, qui habitat in Jerúsalem. V. Montes in circúitu ejus: et Dominus in circúito populi sui, ex hoc nunc et useque in saéculum.*

**Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 134: 3, 6** *Laudáte Dóminum, quia benígus est: psállite nómini ejus, quóniam suávis est: ómnia quæcúmque vóluit, fecit in cælo et in terra.*

**Communion: Psalm 121: 3, 4** *Jerúsalem, quæ ædificátur ut cívitas, cujus participátio ejus in idípsum; illuc enim ascendérunt tribus, tribus Dómini, ad confiténdum nómini tuo, Dómine.*

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

III. O Quam Tristis, V. Quis Est Homo & V. Eia Mater  
R.V.621

(Antonio Vivaldi, composed in 1711)

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Pope Stephen died in 772 and his successor as Pope was Adrian I. Didier, the King of Lombardy, opposed this choice and resolved to make war on the Patrimony of St. Peter. Pope Adrian appealed to Charles for help, as his predecessor had given him the title Patricius Romanus (Nobleman of Rome). Charles took his army over the Alps in 773 for a great invasion of Lombardy and struck hard. The result was total victory and Charles King of the Franks entered Rome, the “Eternal City”, as its savior.

Everything was done to welcome Charlemagne as the old Roman generals had been welcomed in the pre-Christian times of ancient Rome. He was given the welcome of what was called a “Triumph”. The judges went forth to meet him 30 miles outside the City. The militia laid the banner of Rome at his feet and hailed him as “Imperator”, that is, “Emperor”. But Charlemagne came into Rome as a *Christian* Emperor. He prostrated himself to kiss the threshold of the Apostles, the *limina apostolorum*, and he spent seven days in conference with the Pope, days in which he was to conceive many great ideas of what he might do for the glory of God and the exaltation of Holy Church in time to come. On Easter Day, 774, Charlemagne was consecrated as first champion of the Catholic Church. It seemed as if the Sacred Priesthood of Christ had found its champion in a new Sacred Kingship—of Christ and for Christ.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS for LAETARE SUNDAY (YEAR B)

*Today's Missal, pp. 70-72*

**Lesson (First Reading):**

**II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

*“Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.”*

**Epistle (Second Reading):**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God...”*

**Gospel Lesson: Jesus and Nicodemus**

**John 3:14-21**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.”*



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**LOWER CHURCH HALL**



**“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: LAETARE SUNDAY

**INTROIT:** Isaias 66: 10, 11 Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult, and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. *Psalm 121:* 2 I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father. **COLLECT** Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds justly deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved. Through our Lord. **EPISTLE:** Galatians 4: 22-31 Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Galatians. Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman and the other by a free woman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh: but he of the free woman was by promise: which things are said by an allegory. For these are the two testaments. The one from Mount Sinai, engendering unto bondage: which is Agar: for Sinai is a mountain in Arabia, which hath affinity to that Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But that Jerusalem which is above is free, which is our mother. For it is written: Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not: break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her that hath a husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born according to the flesh persecuted him that was after the spirit: so also it is now. But what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. So then, brethren, we are not the children of the bondwoman, but of the free: by the freedom wherewith Christ has made us free. **GRADUAL:** Psalm 121: 1, 7 I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord. V. Let peace be in Thy strength: and abundance in Thy towers. **TRACT:** Psalm 124: 1-2 They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion: he shall not be moved for ever that dwelleth in Jerusalem. V. Mountains are round about it: so the Lord is round about His people, from henceforth now and for ever.

**GOSPEL:** John 6: 1-15. **At** that time Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias: and a great multitude followed Him, because they saw the miracles which He did on them that were diseased. Jesus therefore went up into a mountain: and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Pasch, the festival day of the Jews, was near at hand. When Jesus therefore had lifted up His eyes, and seen that a very great multitude cometh to Him, He said to Philip: Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat? And this He said to try him: for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him: Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, saith to Him: There is a boy here that hath five barley loaves and two fishes: but what are these among so many? Then Jesus said: Make the men sit down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down: in like manner also of the fishes, as much as they would. And when they were filled, He said to His disciples: Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost. They gathered up therefore, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which remained over and above to them that had eaten. Now those men, when they had seen what a miracle Jesus had done, said: This is of a truth the prophet that is to come into the world. Jesus therefore when He knew that they would come to take Him by force and make Him king, fled again into the mountain, Himself alone. **OFFERTORY:** Psalm 134: 3, 6 Praise ye the Lord, for He is good: sing ye to His name, for He is sweet: whatsoever He pleased, He hath done in heaven and in earth. **SECRET** Look down mercifully upon These sacrifices, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that they may lead to our devotion and salvation. Through our Lord. **COMMUNION:** Psalm 121: 3-4 Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together: for thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise Thy name, O Lord. **POSTCOMMUNION** Grant us, we beseech Thee, O merciful God, ever to celebrate with sincere worship, and receive with faithful hearts Thy holy mysteries, of which we continually partake. Through our Lord.





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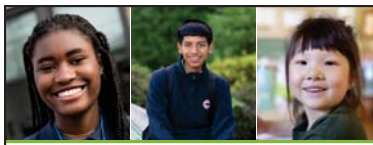
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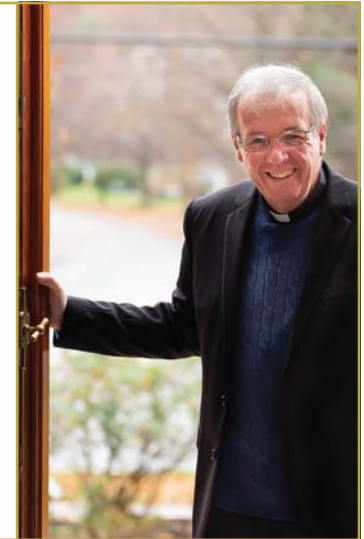
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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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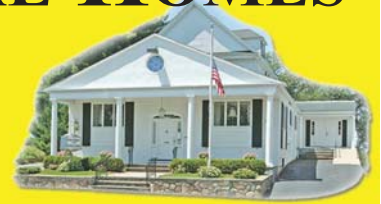
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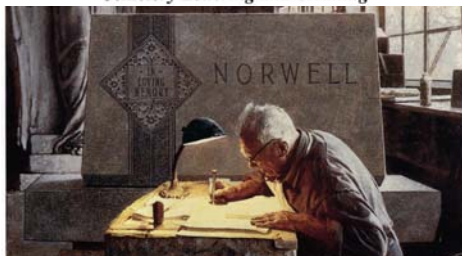
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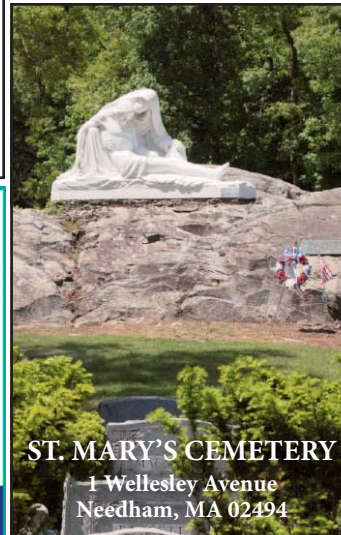
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