Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish Newton/Needham, Massachusetts



January 15th, 2012 in the Year of Grace
The Second Sunday after Epiphany
and of the Year

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ON THE PARISH CALENDAR....



Sunday, January 15th, 2012:

No Religious Education classes for 8:30 a.m. Latin Mass Children's Catechism, 9:30-10:25 a,m, (lower rectory conference room)

Holy Name Parish Men's

Group: Installation of New Members followed by reception downstairs.

Lay Dominicans, 1:00 p.m.,
(lower rectory conference room)

Friday, January 20th, 2012:

Metro-west Boston Catholic Homeschool Association, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 22nd, 2012:

Religious education classes, K-5, 8:30 a.m.
(lower church hall)
Latin Mass Children's Catechism, 9:30-10:25 a.m.
(lower rectory conference room)

"Holy Hour for Life", 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Main church
Religious Education class for Pre-Confirmation,

Grades 6-8, lower church hall.

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

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



OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2012: \$5,730.00 + \$1,606.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) + \$1,800.00 (2 "ANGEL DONORS") = \$9,136.00

OFFERTORY FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2012: \$5,468.00 + \$383.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$5,869.00

SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK,
JANUARY 22nd, 2012:
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON



Requiescant in Pace

Henrietta Zadroga, Month's Mind Peggy Dada, Month's Mind

TRADITIONAL ROMAN CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR OF THE LORD 2012:

Once again we are offering Traditional Roman Liturgical Calendars from The Seraphim Company for sale after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the lower church hall. This is the Calendar to use in order to follow the liturgical seasons and saints' feasts according to the 1962 Missal. The cost is \$7 and all proceeds go to support the parish.

This week's bulletin sponsored through the generosity of WINGATE AT NEEDHAM Long-term care & short-term rehab www.wingatehealthcare.com

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Pastor's Note



(Front Cover: The children from our parish religious education program, who participated in our Nativity Pageant, Christmas Eve, Jacqueline Jourdan (Mary), Alex Ortega (Joseph), John Blanch, James Jourdan and Isabel Bulman (the Magi), and Lauren Blanch, Colum Donovan, Douglas and Isabella Greenbaum, Joseph Jourdan, Sinead McSwiggan, Thomas Sierra and Sofia Perez (Shepherds and Angels) N.B. Photo taken by Regina Blanch.)

"IF YOU WOULD BE PERFECT..."

In the second half of the Third Christian century, a young Christian man in Egypt named Anthony inherited a modest fortune upon his parents' death. Six months after their death, as he was on his way to church, he was thinking of how the Apostles had left everything to follow Christ and how the early Christians in Jerusalem had renounced their personal property and held all their goods in common. Then, upon entering the church as the Gospel was being read, he heard the words of Christ to the rich young man: If thou wouldst be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor—thou wilt have riches in heaven. Then come and follow me.

Believing that God was speaking directly to him,

young Anthony did just that. He embarked upon a life of prayer and renunciation until his death at 105 in the year A.D. 356. Many followed his example and he eventually gave many of these monks direction, laying the first foundations of common life. He is venerated as "St. Anthony of Egypt" and his feast-day is observed on January 17th.

This coming week on January 17th, one of our parishioners, Erika da Silva, will enter the convent in order to test her vocation to the consecrated religious life. She is entering the convent of a small, traditional religious community in Still River, Massachusetts—the Sisters of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Sisters staff the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic school. Their name, "Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary", is drawn from the True Devotion to Mary spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort.

It is a wonderful thing for any one, particularly a young person, to aspire to the consecrated religious life, which so closely resembles that life of the first Christians in Jerusalem which we read about in the Acts of the Apostles. Indeed it is a blessing for our whole parish.

But we should not think that this is a step which requires a superhuman strength or that it comes as a result of God bombarding a person with miraculous signs. A desire for such a vocation comes quite naturally out of living by the Commandments, frequently receiving the Sacraments, and learning how good God is. He invites, but He does not force the choice upon us. A true interior vocation must come from the "yes" that the individual gives and keeps renewing.

Our prayers and our love go with our parishioner Erika as she becomes a postulant with the Sisters this week. And we know that her prayers will come back to us.

(Fr. Higgins)

LATIN MASS TEXTS

Traditional Propers

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Vestments: Green

INTROIT: Ps. 65. 4 Let all the earth adore Thee, O God, and sing to Thee: let it sing a psalm to Thy Name, O Most High. *Psalm 65.1-2* Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His Name: give glory to His praise. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: Romans 12: 6-16 Brethren: Having different gifts, according to the grace that is given us: either prophecy, to be used according to the rule of faith; or ministry, in ministering; or he that teacheth, in doctrine; he that exhorteth, in exhorting; he that giveth, with simplicity; he that ruleth, with carefulness; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Hating that which is evil, cleaving to that which is good: loving one another with the charity of brotherhood: with honor preventing one another: in carefulness not slothful: in spirit fervent: serving the Lord: rejoicing in hope: patient in tribulation: instant in prayer: communicating to the necessities of the saints: pursuing hospitality. Bless them that persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that rejoice, weep with them that weep: being of one mind towards one another; not minding high things, but consenting to the humble.

GRADUAL: Psalm 106. 20-21 The Lord sent His word, and healed them: and delivered them from their destruction. *V*. Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to Him: and His wonderful works to the children of men.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 148. 2 Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Praise ye the Lord, all His Angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 2. 1-11 At that time there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee: and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus was also invited, and His disciples, to the marriage. And the wine failing, the

mother of Jesus saith to Him: They have no wine. And Jesus saith to her: Woman, what is that to Me and to Thee? My hour is not yet come. His mother saith to the waiters: Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye. Now there were set six water-pots of stone, according to the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece*. Jesus saith to them: Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And Jesus said to them: Draw out now, and carry to the chief steward of the feast. And they carried it. And when the chief steward had tasted the water made wine. and knew not whence it was, but the waiters knew who had drawn the water: the chief steward calleth the bridegroom, and saith to him: Every man at first setteth forth good wine: and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 65. 1-2, 16 Shout with joy to God, all the earth: sing ye a psalm to His Name: come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

SECRET Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts which we offer, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through our Lord.

Preface of the Holy Trinity

COMMUNION: John 2. 7, 8, 9, 10-11 The Lord saith: Fill the water, and carry to the chief steward. When the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, he saith to the bridegroom: Thou hast kept the good wine until now. This first miracle did Jesus in the presence of His disciples.

POSTCOMMUNION May the operation of Thy power be increased within us; we beg Thee, O Lord, that being quickened by Thy divine sacraments, we made by Thy bounty, be prepared to receive that which they promise. Through our Lord.

*The Jews wash their hands several times before eating (St. Mark 7. 3). One measure would contain about 8½ gallons. Each water-pot, therefore, held between 17 and 25½ gallons and the six together between 102 and 153 gallons.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

January 15th, A.D. 2012 Saturday vigil, 4 p.m. Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

The Second Sunday of the Year

Introit: Psalm 66:4

"Let all the earth worship You and praise You, O God; may it sing in praise of Your Name, O Most High."

Kyrie: Mass De Angelis (Parish Hymnal, No. 162)
Gloria:(English Chant)
Responsorial Psalm
Alleluia:
Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Psalm 66: 1, 2, 16

"Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of His Name; come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia."

Mass Setting: NEW ENGLISH CHANT MASS

Sanctus (New English translation)
Acclamation after the consecration
"We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection,
until You come again."
Lord's Prayer
Agnus Dei

Communion: Psalm 20:6

"We shall rejoice in Your salvation; and in the Name of the Lord our God shall we place our pride."

Post-Communion Hymn:

Laudate Dominum (Praise ye the Lord)-Chant

Recessional Hymn:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Today's Missal, No. 66)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

January 15th, A.D. 2012 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Processional Hymn:

Jesu Dulcis Memoria (Tomás Luis de Victoria, d. 1611)

Asperges (Chant)

Introit:

Omnis terra adoret te, Deus, et psallat tibi: psalmum dicat nomini tuo, Altissime. V. Jubilate Deo, omnis terra, psalmum dicite nomini ejus: date gloriam laudi ejus.

Ordinary prayers: "Missa O Magnum Mysterium"

(Tomás Luis de Victoria, P. 1592) (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei)

Gradual and Alleluia:

Misit Dominus verbum suum et sanavit eos: et eripuit eos de interitu eorum. V. Confiteantur Domino misericordiae ejus: et mirabilia ejus filiis hominum. Alleluia, alleluia. V. Laudate omnes, Angeli ejus: laudate eum, omnes virtutes ejus. Alleluia.

Offertory Verse:

Jubilate Deo, universa terra: psalmum dicite nomini ejus: venite, et audite, et narrabo vobis, omnes qui timetis Deum, quanta fecit Dominus animae meae, alleluia.

Offertory Hymn:

Ave Maris Stella (Tomás Luis de Victoria, d. 1611)

Communion Hymn:

Christe Redemptor Omnium (Tomás Luis de Victoria, d. 1611)

Communion Verse:

Dicit Dominus: Implete hydrias aqua, et ferte architriclino. Cum gustasset architriclinus aquam vinum factam, dicit sponso:
Servasti bonum vinum usque adhuc. Hoc signum fecit Jesus primum coram discipulis suis.

Recessional Hymn:

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach, d. 1750)

Angelus (Chant)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAILY LATIN MASS

January 16th-21st, A.D. 2012

Monday, January 16th: 12:30 p.m.

St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr

Tuesday, January 17th: 5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony, Abbot

Wednesday, January 18th: 12:30 p.m.

Ferial Day

Thursday, January 19th: 5:30 p.m.

Ferial Day

Friday, January 20th: 12:30 p.m.
St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr & St. Sebastian, Martyr
Saturday, January 21st: 9:00 a.m.
St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr



TIME AFTER EPIPHANY

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD SUNDAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS

WE INVITE
EVERYONE TO JOIN
US FOR
COFFEE HOUR
DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY
AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.



LATIN MASS PARISH CHOIR CONCERT: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, A.D. 2012

Our Latin Mass Parish Choir is preparing a program of Sacred Music for a special afternoon concert on February 12th.

HOLY NAME PARISH MEN'S GROUP

In this month of January, the Month of the Holy Name, our parish Holy Name Men will hold a ceremony of induction for four new members following today's 10:30 a.m. Mass:

Michael Mulhare, Antonio Tambunan, Alan Thomas and Zane Ziegler. Following the ceremony, the Ladies' Sodality will host a celebratory luncheon with our Coffee Hour. Everyone is invited to the ceremony and the luncheon.

"DEVOTION GAINS MUCH MORE INFLUENCE WHEN IT IS PRACTICED BY THE MEN." —ST. JOHN VIANNEY, CURÉ OF ARS



CONGRATULATIONS... to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher and Denise Botsolis on the christening of their daughter ANNA MARIA BOTSOLIS at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes on

Sunday, January 8th. Her godparents are her older brother and sister Nicholas and Michelle Botsolis. Anna Maria is their SEVENTH CHILD.



2012 HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd

Next Sunday our parish will join with the other parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston in a special "Holy Hour for Life", from 3-4 p.m., in the main church. We will be praying in solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of people participating in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. January 22nd marks the 39th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe vs. Wade*, which deprived unborn children of their legal right-to-life and opened the door to the aborting of unborn children by the millions.

Our "Holy Hour for Life" will be a silent hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and will conclude with Benediction.

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

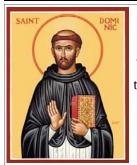
Saturday, January 21st, 2012, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston

Location is confidential, Pre-registration required.

508-651-3100

help@projectrachelboston.com



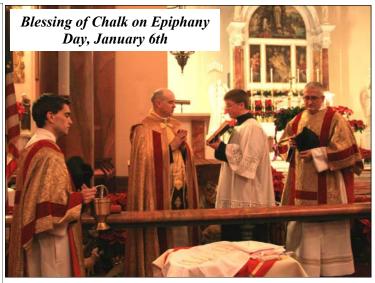
Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic: Greater Boston Pro-Chapter

The Lay Dominicans will meet in the lower rectory conference room TODAY, Sunday, January 15th, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Inquirers are welcome to attend. For more information, please call: 617-472-4446.

"Pamphlets to Inspire"

Parishioners Nick and Janet Pino have put together a website to download the many religious pamphlets they have been putting together:

www.pamphletstoinspire.com



MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... SPC Dennis Geary, US Army, Afghanistan, Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Command Sgt. Major Gregory Widberg and his 1-182 Infantry Regiment, deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, Lance-corporal Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army (Iraq), John Constantino, Infantry (Afghanistan), 1st Lt. Michael Mondello, 181st Infantry (Afghanistan) Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. 1st Class David Garduque; ;Sgt. Jeffrey R. Quinn, USMC.

(Please let us know if you would like someone on active duty prayed for by name.)

Pray for Tommy Holcum, severely wounded in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Pray for Pfc Bowe Bergdahl, captured by the Taliban in Afghanistan.





HEALTH OF THE SICK

"In every man there is Jesus, but in the sick we see Jesus twice."
—Padre Pio

For all those on our parish prayer list, especially for... David Quinn, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Jack Shaughnessy, Molly Healy, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Missy Ochsner, Spagnuolo Family, Barbara Proia, Katie O'Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O'Brien, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Bill Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Frank Fay, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffman, Beverly Balconi, Martial

Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Lee Fecteau, Fr. Edward McDonagh, Erin Marie Fell, Arthur Cutler, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Peggy Capasso, Karen Starbird, Jack

Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffman, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, Helen Krawiecki, Annie Procopio, Marie Danca, David Kase, Thaddeus Davulis, Andrew McCloskey, Barbara Sullivan, Wanda Lempitski, Thomas Corcoran, Tony Palladino, Marie Goodwin, Joe Bellino, Lucia LoPresti, Polly Sullivan, Fred Strom.



"I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next"—Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette, February 18th, 1858



special intention: For all the expectant mothers of our parish family.

"St. Gerard Majella, pray for us"

Prayer for Motherhood:
O good St. Gerard, powerful intercessor
before God and Wonderworker of our

day, I call upon thee and seek thy aid. Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God's designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER LINE OF THE POOR CLARE COLLETINE SISTERS

Hawarden, Wales



The website address is: www.poorclarestmd.org

HEALTH OF THE SICK:

In your charity we ask for special prayers for DAVID QUINN, former parishioner and brother of parishioner Bob Quinn. David has been diagnosed with stomach cancer and suffered a stroke while being treated in the hospital for his cancer.

THREE PRECIOUS GIFTS THE MAGI BROUGHT TO THE LORD ON THIS VERY DAY: AND THEY ARE FULL OF MYSTIC MEANINGS:

GOLD SHOWS THE KING'S POWER;
FRANKINCENSE MAKES US THINK OF THE
GREAT HIGH PRIEST;
MYRRH POINTS FORWARD TO THE LORD'S
BURIAL.

THE MAGI WORSHIPPED THE AUTHOR OF OUR SALVATION IN THE CRIB, AND OF THEIR TREASURES THEY BROUGHT TO HIM GIFTS OF MYSTIC NATURE.

—MATINS RESPONSORY FOR EPIPHANY

Calendar of Masses

SATURDAY January 14th	4:00 p.m.	Antonio and Louise Geraci	Memorial	Edward Geraci
SUNDAY January 15th: The Second Sunday after Epiphany	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo		
	9:00 a.m.	John M. Mullen	Memorial	Kay Mullen
	10:30 a.m.	Antonio Villante Regina McGrath Ralph, Rose, Vincent Mazzarella	Memorial Special Intention Memorial	Carmela Villante Julie Kwash
	5:30 p.m.	Joan Riley	Memorial	Lindsay Robinson
MONDAY January 16th	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish		
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed		
TUESDAY January 17th	7:30 a.m.	Henrietta Zadroga	Memorial	Mulhern Family
	5:30 p.m.	Misner Family	Special Intention	Misner-Elias Family
WEDNESDAY January 18th	7:30 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant		
	12:30 p.m.	Christopher Reilly	Birthday Intention	Tony & Tricia Reilly
THURSDAY January 19th	7:30 a.m.	Robert Langlois	Special Intention	Mary Harris
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Fecteau	Birthday Intention	Fecteau Family
FRIDAY January 20th	7:30 a.m.	Unity of Christians		
	Health of the Sick			
	12:30 p.m.	Theresa Benoit	Special Intention	Emily Kwash
SATURDAY January 21st	9:00 a.m.	Anna Reilly Angela Steinkrauss The Johnston Family	Birthday Intention Special Intention Special Intention	Tony & Tricia Reilly Mary Kwash William & Karen Provencher
		Arlene Covalli Corcoran & Mazzarella Families	Memorial Memorial	Susan Goeller Colbe Mazzarella
	4:00 p.m.	Earl Smith	Birthday Intention	Smith Family

JANUARY 18th-25th IS THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 15th, A.D. 2012

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464 617 244 0558

Parish Staff

PASTOR: FATHER CHARLES JEREMIAH HIGGINS

VISITING ASSISTANT PRIEST: FATHER ALVARO SILVA

DEACON: REV. MR. WILLIAM BLAZEK, S.J.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: JEAN JOHNSON (DIRECTOR)
PATTI STROM (LATIN MASS CHILDREN'S CATECHISM)

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MRS. BOBBIE HOFFMANN

PARISH SECRETARY: MARGIE BIBBO FIRST SACRISTAN: MANNY GOGUEN

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TOM GOGUEN, PETER GOGUEN, PATRICK GOGUEN

SEXTON: SEAN WARD (RET. CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT)

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Parish Cemetery of Saint Mary's, Needham

For all Cemetery business, please call Cemetery Manager **Joseph Viel** at **978-208-0266**

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. Both the ordinary form of the
Roman Rite (1970 Missal) and the extraordinary
form (1962 Missal) are 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, and we are always
glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful,
historic church. We look forward to your coming
again.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 AM 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Traditional Latin), 5:30 PM

Weekdays: Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM.; Tues. & Thurs., 5:30 PM; Sat. 9:00 AM

Holy Days: If Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM, 12:30 (Latin), 5:30, 7:30 PM (Latin); if on Saturday, 9 AM (Latin) & 12:30 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 AM and 3:30-4:00 PM Sunday, before and after 10:30 AM Mass, First Fridays (before the 12:30 p.m. Mass)

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

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.



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 Paul VI)