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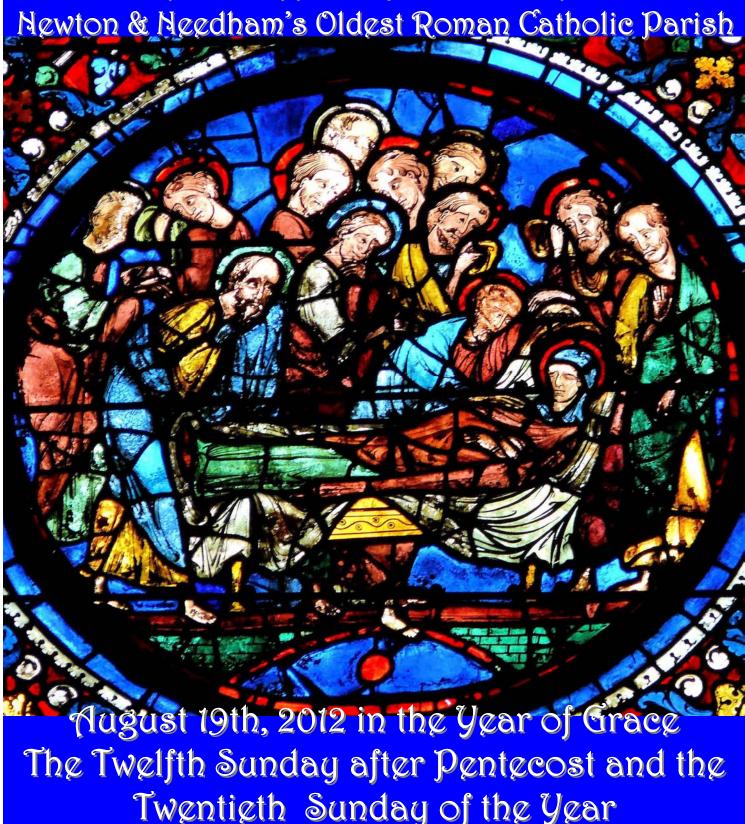


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ON THE PARISH CALENDAR

BEST WISHES AND SAFE TRAVEL TO ALL SUMMER VACATIONERS

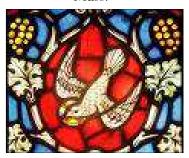
Sunday, September 2nd: Monthly Coffee Hour/Donut Social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

> Sunday, September 9th: End-of-Summer All-Parish Picnic (rain-date September 16th)

Sunday, September 16th: Confirmation Candidates, afternoon retreat.

Sunday, September 23rd: VIRTUS training program, 12:15 p.m., lower rectory conference room.

Sunday, September 30th:
MASS OF CONFIRMATION, 5:30 p.m.
Bishop Edyvean will confer the Sacrament of
Confirmation according to the 1970 Missal.
A Reception will follow in the downstairs hall after
Mass.



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, AUGUST 12th , \$4,282.00 + \$519.00 (OTHER OFFERINGS) = \$4,801.00

DAILY LATIN MASS

August 20th-25th, A.D. 2012

Monday, August 20th: 12:30 p.m.

St. Bernard, Abbot, Confessor & Doctor

Tuesday, August 21st: 5:30 p.m.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Widow

Wednesday, August 22nd: 12:30 p.m.

Immediate Heart of the Blossed Vision Mark

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, August 23rd: 5:30 p.m.
St. Philip Benizi, Confessor

Friday, August 24th: 12:30 p.m.

St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Saturday, August 25th: 9:00 a.m.
St. Louis IX, King & Confessor



TIME AFTER PENTECOST

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



DOWNSTAIRS EACH SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:30 LATIN MASS.

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



(Front Cover: Stained-glass window at the Cathedral of Chartres, France, which shows the scene of the Dormition (the "Falling Asleep") of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Jerusalem, surrounded by the Apostles. This end of her earthly life was followed by the miraculous Assumption of her body into Heaven, the feast-day celebrated by the Catholic Church on August 15th.)

THEOLOGICAL CERTAINTY

n Wednesday of this past week, August 15th, we celebrated the feast-day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, body and soul. Although belief in the Assumption of Mary had long been held in the Church, it was not until relatively recently that a Pope solemnly defined it with the certainty of faith. This Solemn Definition took place on November 1st, 1950, in Rome when Pope Pius XII publicly proclaimed: "After frequently praying to God and invoking the light of the Spirit of truth, to the glory of Almighty God who enriched the Virgin Mary with special favor to the honor of her Son, the immortal King of ages and victor over death and sin, to the increase of the glory of His august Mother, to the joy and exultation of the whole Church, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and

of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and by Our own authority, We declare and define as a revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mary ever-Virgin, Mother of God, when she had finished the course of her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven."

The question may arise: well, if the Assumption of Mary was already believed in and observed as a liturgical feast-day, what exactly did the Solemn Definition of 1950 change? The answer is: what changed was the theological grade of certainty. The Assumption of Mary went from being a probable opinion, which it would have been "impious and blasphemous to deny" (Pope Benedict XIV), to a defined dogma of the Catholic Faith.

The Solemn Definition of the Assumption of Mary was an instance of the Infallible Teaching Office of the Church, the "Magisterium", exercising its authority to vouch for the fact that a Truth is contained in God's Divine Revelation. When we give our free assent to it we reinforce our act of faith in the Catholic Church as a divine institution.

Not all the Catholic Truths are proposed for our belief with the same degree of theological certainty. The highest degree or grade of theological certainty is accorded to those Truths which are "of FAITH"—**de fide.** If its certainty is based on God's Revelation it is "divine faith": if its certainty is based on the Magisterium's teaching that the Truth is part of Revelation it is "Catholic faith". Hence, the expression "of divine and Catholic faith". Moreover if the Truth is defined by a solemn judgment of the Pope or of a General Council it is said to be of "defined faith". The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is just such a Truth. We believe in it **de fide.**

Other grades of theological certainty include doctrines which the Magisterium of the Church has decided are to be accepted with a faith solely based on the authority of the Church—**ecclesiastical faith**. The infallibility of the Church includes these doctrines as well as dogmas proper.

Then there are those doctrines considered as "Teachings proximate to the Faith", regarded by theologians generally as truths of Revelation but not finally presented by the Church as such, or "Teachings pertaining to the Faith", which again the Church has not pronounced on but their truth is guaranteed by their intrinsic connection with the doctrine of Revelation.

"Common Teaching" (sententia communis) is a doctrine which although in itself still in the field of free theological opinion is generally accepted by theologians as true. An example would be the belief that Mary underwent a bodily death (her "Dormition") prior to her Assumption.

Other theological opinions of lesser grades of certainty are listed as "Probable", "More Probable", and "Well-founded". Those opinions which are in agreement with the consciousness of Catholic faith are categorized as "Pious Opinions" (sententia pia). The phrase used for that is: "it may be piously believed..." An example of this was Pope John XXIII's favorable endorsement of the bodily assumption of St. Joseph into Heaven as a pious belief.

The least degree of certainty is the **Tolerated Opinion (opinio tolerata)**, which is only weakly founded but nonetheless tolerated by the Church.

It ought to be clear then that the Church's Teaching Authority takes great care to distinguish between its grades of certainty so that only the most important things, expressed in terse, precise formulas, are to be believed as **de fide.** Catholic Truths are anything but a "Party line" or a stultifying list of fundamentalist, time-bound thought-controls. The Living Magisterium of the Church allows

plenty of room for the Holy Spirit to maneuver, while at the same time safeguarding against mistaking the "spirit of the age" for the promptings of the Holy Spirit of God.

(Fr. Higgins)

(Source: <u>Fundamentals of</u> <u>Catholicism</u>, Dr. Ludwig Ott, Introduction, "Theological Grades of Certainty", 4th edition, A.D. 1960)



MILITARY SERVICE PRAYER LIST:

We remember all of our military servicemen and women, especially ... Sgt. Dennis Geary, U.S. Army (Afghanistan), Matthew Simard, 1st Lt., USMC (Afghanistan), Michael Simard, PFC, USMC, Christopher Raymond, 82nd Airborne (Afghanistan), Lance Cpl. Alex Tomchik, USMC, Brian Rainey, US Army (Afghanistan), Joseph Rainey, US Army, Sgt. Kevin James Howard, USMC (Afghanistan), Sgt. Brian Joseph Howard, USMC Afghanistan), Sgt. William J. Duggan, U.S. Army, 342nd Military Police Detachment, deployed to Afghanistan March, 2010; 2nd Lt. Richard S. Pluta, deployed to Iraq; 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.





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

SATURDAY August 18th	4:00 p.m.	Joseph & Ruth Fitzgerald	Memorial	Fitzgerald Family
SUNDAY August 19th The 12th Sunday after Pentecost and the 20th Sunday of the Pear	7:30 a.m.	Pro Populo		
	9:00 a.m.	Nora & Tom Kilraine	Memorial	Sean & Kitty Ward
	10:30 a.m.	Corcoran & Mazzarella	Memorial	
	The state of the s	Families Annie J.P. Allen, Tecky Felix & Lili Felix	Memorial	Geraldine Jean Pierre
		Anycia Pierre Deceased Members of the Provencher Family Philip Kip Alvarado & Family	Birthday Intention	Geraldine Jean Pierre William & Karen Provencher
			Special Intention	Laura Harvey
		Lee Goldman Cecilia Rose Hannigan	Special Intention Special Intention	Laura Harvey William & Karen
	5:30 p.m.	Sampson Nguyen	Memorial	Provencher
MONDAY August 20th	7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
	12:30 p.m.	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	Memorial	
TUESDAY August 21st	7:30 a.m.	Martin Kleczek & Helen Kleczek		Jennie Burns
	5:30 p.m.	Vincent, Rose, Ralph Mazzarella Family	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY August 22nd	7:30 a.m.	Helen Krawiecki	Memorial	Jennie Burns
	12:30 p.m.	Denise McNamara	Memorial	Jim McNamara
THURSDAY August 23rd	7:30 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant		There is the state of
	5:30 p.m.	Intention of the Celebrant		
FRIDAY August 24th	7:30 a.m. Health of the Sick	Intention of the Celebrant	7	
-	12:30 p.m.	Charles Brassil	5th Anniversary Memorial	Clare Brassil
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m.	Intention of the Celebrant		
August 25th	4:00 p.m.	Labibe Larach	Memorial	Rosa Larach

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

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... Sr. Catherine Grandfield, Mary Adams, Helen Panella, Hugh Doyle, Lorraine Orlando, Rob Quagan, Brooke Ramsdell, Paul Wenger, Nathan Johnston, Frank Downey,



Janet Pino, Fr. Carney Gavin, Irene Campana, Gerry Mazzarella, Maureen Nyhen, Francis McNary, Warren Yee, Betty Chrishi, Marie Rappazzini, Mary Trombetta, Helen Reid, Brenda Winegarner, Jean Johnson, Lois Ludwig, Paula Apothacary, Jeanne Ciocca, Sam Adams III, Altair da Silva, Christina Kwash, Kitty Ward, Missy Ochsner, Spagnuolo Family, Katie O'Connell, Janet Bourgeois, Judy Sartell, Lana Tomchik, Matthew Banks, Patrick Rainey, Judy Pederson, Ed Donovan, Danny O'Brien, Evelyn Donovan, Helen Donnelly, Priscilla Brossard, Mary Sims, Billy Hickey, Lee-Anne Ketchum, Arthur Nauss, Rod MacLeod, Monica Wellenstein, Teresa Tambunan, Mary Platt, Sean Monaghan, Bill McIlheny, Sheila Whittle, Michelle Fay, Bobbie Hoffmann, Beverly Balconi, Martial Rainey, Dennis McCarthy, Edward Crestitelli, Sharon Kopchik, Erin Marie Fell, Dominic Cantillo, Theresa Higgins, Lita Uilaoghaire, Norman Alibrandi, Joyce Higgins, Karen

Starbird, Jack Buckley, Edward Fahey, Nancy Daly, Mary Hoffmann, Marie Schroter, Dorothy Alibrandi, 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.

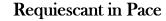
Thou who on this earth didst always fulfil God's designs, help me to do the Holy Will of God. Beseech the Master of Life, from Whom all paternity proceedeth, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life and heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory in the world to come.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

PRAYER LINE OF THE POOR CLARE COLLETINE SISTERS

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Thomas Hauer, aged 61yrs. (son of parishioner Marie Hauer) John Garabedian, aged 81yrs. This week's bulletin is sponsored through the generosity of EATON FUNERAL HOMES www.eatonfuneralhomes.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



END-OF-SUMMER ALL-PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, beginning after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Please make plans to attend our annual end-of-summer parish picnic, held right in

our parish gardens directly following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

(Rain-date: September 16th, 2012)



The parish will supply the meats for the barbecue grills and the drinks. We are asking for volunteers to donate a side-dish to the common buffet table (for example, macaroni, potato salad, garden saland, fruit, dessert). Donations of bags of chips and small 6 oz. water bottles would also be welcome. Please call Margie Bibbo at the parish office or talk with Patti Strom to help us co-ordinate our parish picnic.

SUBDIACONATE ORDINATION OF FRANCIS X. ALTIERE FOR THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING.

Last year on the Feast of the Assumption we welcomed M. L'Abbé Francis Altiere to Mary Immaculate. On July 4th of this year he was ordained to the Subdiaconate in Florence Italy. During his years as an undergraduate at Harvard University (Class of 2004) he was a member of the Latin Mass Community at Holy Trinity Church. Next he will be ordained to the Diaconate and then to the Priesthood.

Bring a Saint and Lunch

A general invitation is extended to join in an informal gathering of parishioners who want to learn more about the Lives of the Saints. The idea is to research the life of a canonized saint, pack a lunch, and then join fellow parishioners and interested visitors for a get-together in the lower church hall. A presentation should be no longer than 5-10 minutes. If you don't want to make a presentation, please just come and be inspired by the Lives of the Saints as well as to enjoy some fellowship. Our first meeting will be on

Tuesday, September 11, 12 Noon in the lower church hall. For more information and to register, please contact Tina McCormick at TinaM@post.harvard.edu or 617-970 1448.



BENEDICTUM BOOK CLUB

The first meeting for the Fall will be held on Tuesday, September 25th, from 10:30 a.m.-12 Noon in the lower church hall of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The book

> for discussion will be:





by Saint Augustine

For more information please contact Tina McCormick:

> <u>TinaM@post.harvard.e</u>du or 617-970 1448.

LATIN MASS TEXTS

Traditional Propers

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Vestments: Green

INTROIT: Psalm 69: 2-3 Incline unto my aid, O God: O Lord, make haste to help me: let my enemies be confounded and ashamed, who seek my soul. *Psalm* 69: 4 Let them be turned backward and blush for shame, who desire evils to me. *V*. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT Almighty and merciful God, of whose gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may run without hindrance toward the attainment of Thy promises. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 3: 4-9 Brethren: Such confidence we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are sufficient to think anything of ourselves, as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God. Who also hath made us fit ministers of the new testament, not in the letter, but in the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit quickeneth. Now if the ministration of death, engraven with letters upon stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses, for the glory of his countenance, which is made void: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather in glory? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more the ministration of justice aboundeth in glory.

GRADUAL: Psalm 33: 2-3 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall ever be in my mouth. *V*. In the Lord shall my soul be praised: let the meek hear, and rejoice.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 87: 2 Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* O Lord, the God of my salvation, I have cried in the day, and in the night before Thee. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 23-37 **A**t that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Blessed are the eyes that see the things which you see. For I say to you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them; and to hear the things that you hear, and have not heard them. And behold a certain lawyer stood up, tempting Him, and saying: Master, what must I do to possess eternal life? But He said to him: What is written in the law? How readest thou? He answering, said:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And He said to him: Thou hast answered rightly: this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said to Jesus: And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering, said: A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, who also stripped him, and having wounded him went away, leaving him half dead: and it chanced that a certain priest went down the same way, and seeing him, passed by. In like manner also a Levite, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan being on his journey, came near him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion, and going up to him, bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine; and setting him upon his own beast, brought him to an inn, and took care of him: and the next day he took out two pence, and gave to the host, and said: Take care of him, and whatsoever thou shalt spend over and above, I, at my return will repay thee. Which of these three, in thy opinion, was neighbour to him that fell among robbers? But he said: He that shewed mercy to him. And Jesus said to him: Go and do thou in like manner.

OFFERTORY: Exodus 32: 11, 13, 14 Moses prayed in the sight of the Lord his God, and said: Why, O Lord, is Thy indignation enkindled against Thy people? Let the anger of Thy mind cease; remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to whom Thou didst swear to give a land flowing with milk and honey: and the Lord was appeased from doing the evil which He had spoken of doing against His people.

SECRET Mercifully regard, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the sacrifices, which we lay upon Thine altar: that they may obtain pardon for our sins, and give glory to Thy name. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 103: 13, 14-15 The earth shall be filled with the fruit of Thy works, O Lord that Thou mayest bring bread out of the earth, and that wine may cheer the heart of man: that he may make the face cheerful with oil; and that bread may strengthen man's heart.

POSTCOMMUNION May we be quickened, O Lord, by participation in this holy mystery, and may it grant us both the expiation of our sins and the strengthening of our souls. Through our Lord.

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

August 19th, A.D. 2012, Saturday vigil, 4 p.m. Sunday 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

Twentieth Sunday of the Year

Introit: Ps 84:10, 11 Protector noster

"Behold, O God our protector, and consider the face of your Anointed; for on day in your house is better than a thousand elsewhere."

Kyrie – Chant

Gloria – Missa De Angelis (English)

Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation

Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory: Ps 34:8, 9 Immittet angelus

"The Angel of the Lord shall encamp round about those who fear him and shall deliver them; taste and see how good the Lord is."

Mass Setting: Mass VIII Missa De Angelis

Sanctus(English)

"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias" Lord's Prayer Agnus Dei

Communion: John 6:57 Qui manducat

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood, abides in me, and I in him, says the Lord."

Post Communion Hymn

Tota Pulchra Es (Gregorian Chant)

Recessional Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Worship II Hymnal **No.118)**

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

August 19th, A.D. 2012, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Processional Hymn: Laudate Dominum (Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni d.1743)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ps. 69:2,3,4

"Deus, in adjutórium meum inténde: Dómine, ad adjuvandum me festina: confundántur, et revereántur inimíci mei, qui quærunt ánimam meam. (Psalm) Avertántur retrórsum, et erubéscant, qui cógitant mihi mala."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass in Honor of the Blessed

Sacrament, James A. Korman (+1896) (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Ps. 33:2-3

"Benedícam Dóminum in omni témpore: semper laus ejus in ore meo. In Dómino laudábitur ánima mea: áudiant mansuéti, et læténtur." <u>Alleluia:</u> Ps. 87:2 "Allelúja, allelúja. Dómine Deus salútis mese, in die clamávi et nocte coram te. Allelúja."

Offertory Verse: Ex. 32:11,13,14

"Precátus est Móyses in conspéctu Dómini Dei sui, et dixit: Quare, Domine irásceris pópulo, tuo? Paræ iræ ánimæ tuæ: meménto Abraham, Isaac et Jacob, quibus jurásti dare terram fluéntem lac et mel. Et placátus factus est Dóminus de malignitáte, quam fácere pópulo suo."

Offertory Hymn: Ave Maris Stella (Tomás Luis de Victoria d.1611)

Communion Hymn: Jesu Dulcis Memoria (Tomás Luis de Victoria d.1611)

Communion Verse: Ps. 103:13,14-15

"De fructu óperum tuórum, Dómine, satiábitur terra: ut edúcas panem de terra, et vinum lætíficet cor hóminis: ut exhílaret fáciem in óleo, et panis cor hóminis confírmet."

Recessional Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Worship II Hymnal **No.154)**

Noon Angelus (Chant)

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apostolate. Both the ordinary form of the Roman
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(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

<u>Weekdays:</u> Monday—Friday 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

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

<u>Holy Days:</u> if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 & 7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 9 AM & 12:30 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. 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)

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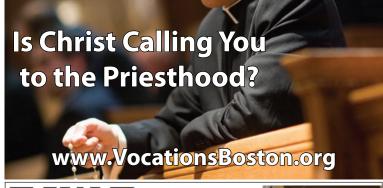
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