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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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open Monday-Friday, 8 AM—5 PM.

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Mass Schedule

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

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Low Mass:

Mon., Wed. & Fri., 12:30 PM; 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, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight **Christmas Day:** 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM **January 1st:** 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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, Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

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

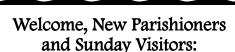
Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

December 27th, A.D. 2015

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

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ABOUT OUR PARISH



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. We are always glad to welcome Sunday visitors here to our beautiful, historic church. We look forward to your coming again.

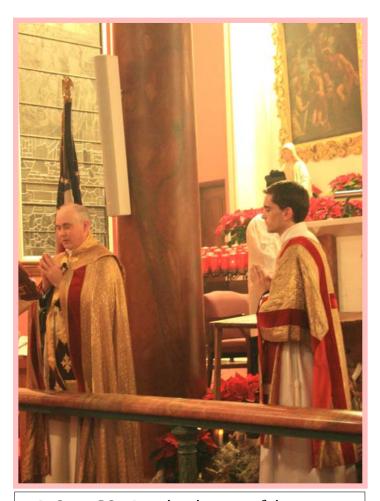
> PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT A PARISH REGISTRATION FORM.



"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."

(Blessed Pope Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)



FRONT COVER: The chanting of the Roman Martyrology by Fr. Higgins before the Christmas Crib at the beginning of Midnight Mass, 2011. Andrew Provencher is the subdeacon. (PHOTO by Paul Eldridge.)



CAMERON MacKENZIE to enter the Novitiate, January 6th, 2016:

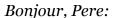
Cameron MacKenzie will enter the noviate for the Brothers of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Still River MA on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, 2016 at the 8:30 AM Mass. All who wish are invited the attend the Mass. Cam entered the Brothers as a postulant on July 2nd.

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

Pastor's Note

CHRISTMAS IN AFRICA

(Fr. Higgins)



I received on Monday the money for the solar and the well. I have just finish to install the solar. It is working under the



sun of Africa. Thanks! May God bless you!

We are working hard to dig the well. By the grace of God, at Christmas, water will flow. You offer me water, may God's blessing be poured out on you. Merry Christmas to you and the entire community of Immaculate. I miss the community. Thanks!

We closed in the Seminary-College yesterday. I will start the pastoral of Christmas by the visit of my outstations. Here the weather is dry with dust. It is what we call Harmattan. The weather announces in Africa Christmas. There is joy on the faces of people. Here too, we are waiting for our Lord: the same in Newton and here in Liberia.

Fr. Desire Salako, SMA











SCRIPTURE STUDY

SUNDAY EPISTLES STUDY ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE ECCLESIASTICUS 15:1-6

The Epistle for today's Mass is a lesson taken from the book of Ecclesiasticus (to be distinguished from the book of Ecclesiastes). This book is also known as the book of Sirach, after the name of its author. It is one of the many books in the Old Testament which comprise the "Wisdom Literature" section. In these books, the virtue of wisdom is sometimes personified as a woman and given feminine pronouns. In today's selection from Sirach, justice is also personified in this way. The reason for this frequent motif is metaphorical: the sacred writer presents the virtues as beautiful and desirable, because they are pure and good.

The literal sense of this passage indicates that the acquisition of the virtue of justice bestows certain rewards. The entire passage is taken up with listing them: understanding, wisdom, fortitude, glory, joy, and gladness. In other words, when someone gives God and neighbor their due (this is the definition of justice), these other things can often follow. All of this is eminently practical. When we love, honor and obey God by our prayer, tithing, and sacrifices, and acts of mercy, God bestows other spiritual graces in return to help us to become holier. This is different from the "health and wealth" Gospel, wherein temporal blessings are presumptuously expected as a reward for our good works. Rather, this passage clearly shows us that the graces given to those who fear the Lord are spiritual. They are given so that we may acquire more virtue. God responds to our sincere effort to advance in holiness by bestowing more grace according to His good pleasure. We cannot manufacture which graces God gives us, nor when we receive them, because they are gifts. However, these graces can and do come, because they are ordered to God's express will for us: our growth in holiness (cf. 1 Thes. 4:3, 5:23-24).

The spiritual sense of this text may be applied to Our Lady, following the liturgical tradition of the Church. She is the embodiment of

wisdom and all the virtues. There is special unction in interpreting the just man in this passage as St. John himself. The graced relationship between Justice and the virtuous man in this passage is not only a prototypical one, but is truly the graced relationship between Our Lady and St. John. In light of this, verse 2 is particularly poignant: "she will meet him as an honorable mother." Likewise v. 3: "With the bread of life and understanding she shall feed him." This verse should immediately bring to mind St. John's beautiful "Bread of Life" discourse in chapter 6 of his Gospel. As his spiritual mother (cf. In. 19:26-27), Mary bestows special graces on St. John, her spiritual son. Fortunately for us, we are all included in this maternal embrace, a gift which Jesus Himself bestowed on us as he hung dying on the cross. She is our mother too, and she invites us to receive cascading graces and virtues from her Immaculate Heart.

Verse 5 is particularly beautiful in light of the apostolic preaching of St. John, as well as his Gospel, his letters, and his Apocalypse: "in the midst of the Church she shall open his mouth, and shall fill him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding." One cannot underestimate the singular influence of Our Lady on St. John's mystical understanding of the life of Christ and Our Lady. In addition to the glorious infancy narratives of St. Luke, St. John's writings teach us about Our Lady in stunningly beautiful and mystical ways (cf. Jn. 2:1-11; Rev. 12:1-17).

(David Allen)

Mr. David Allen, M.T.S., is the lay Pastoral Associate for our parish of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.



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CHRISTMAS FLOWER PONATIONS

Christmas Flower envelopes are in your pews and also at the

entrance tables of the church. Donations to help defray the extra costs of our Christmas Flower decorations are gratefully accepted. If you would like your donation to be a memorial gift, there are spaces for the names of loved ones on the envelopes. Christmas Flower envelopes may be placed in the basket at Offertory time or dropped off at the parish office in the rectory. The Flower Offering Envelopes with the Memorial names will be placed upon the altar at all of our parish Masses during the Christmas Season.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP



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





PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHRISTMAS VACATION December 27th & January 3rd

Jean Johnson, Director/ Patti Strom, Latin Mass Children's Catechism



MASSES FOR
JANUARY 1st,
OCTAVE DAY
OF CHRISTMAS
(Holy Day of
Obligation)

7:30 & 9:00 AM 10:30 AM (Tridentine Latin)

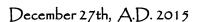
(Please note, there is no 5:30 PM Mass on January 1st)



THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD:

Wednesday, January 6th, 2016 Masses at 12:30 PM & 7:30 PM

There will be an Epiphany Reception at the Rectory after the 7:30 PM Mass on January 6th.



Sunday within the Octave of Christmas



PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes parish will have its monthly meeting today, Sunday, December 27th, in the Lower Rectory Conference Room follow-

ing the 10:30 AM traditional Latin Holy Mass.

Newcomers and interested observers welcome!

—Nick & Janet Pino

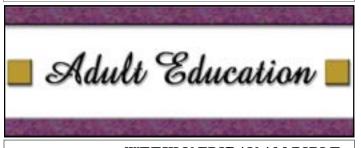


CHRISTMAS CAROLING VISIT TO THE STONE INSTITUTE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th

TO ONE & ALL: Please join the Ladies' Sodality on a visit to the Stone Institute (right across Elliot Street) to sing Christmas Carols to the residents on the Sunday after Christmas, DECEMBER 27th, 2015.

We will gather on the front steps of the church after the 10:30 Mass.

REFRESHMENTS at the rectory (1st Floor) for all carolers afterwards!





WEEKLY FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY: EPISTLES OF ST. PAUL—FIRST THESSALONIANS Beginning Friday, January 8th, 2016 A.D.

Led by David Allen, Friday morning at 8:20 AM (after the 7:30 AM Parish Mass.) Lower Rectory Conference Room. This is an open group and all are invited to attend at any time.



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:

Winnie Lu Keough, Betsy Eldridge, Ellen Balkus, Lena Strom, Kay Mullen, Marie Geraci, Dave Welch, Barbara Nyhen, Maureen Nyhen, Christina Kwash, Janet Pino, Ed Donovan, Marie Schroter, Marie Danca, Mary Duhaime, Richard & Kathleen Sotell, Jane Dippo...

"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



Prayers for:

NICK PINO, recovering from heart procedure BOB HARVEY (father of parishioner Laura Harvey)



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.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the resurrection of:

Rita Post, aged 91



December 27th, A.D. 2015

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Sunday of the Holy Family

Prelude: 9 AM

The Infant Jesus: Jesu Redempor (Pietro Yon, Published 1917)

Entrance Antiphon: Lk. 2:16

"The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger."

Kyrie Gloria

Responsorial Psalm Gospel Acclamation Credo I: (extra sheet)

Offertory Hymn:

Of the Father's Love Begotten (Worship II Hymnal No.216)

Mass Setting: English Mass

Sanctus

"Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias."

Lord's Prayer Agnus Dei

Communion Antiphon: Bar. 3:38

"Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us."

Post Communion Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Richard Willis)

Recessional Hymn:

Once in Royal David's City (Worship II Hymnal No.220)

* The music for the assembly to sing the INTROIT (ENTRANCE) and COMMUNION Antiphons is in the "SAINT MEINRAD Entrance and Communion Antiphons for the Church Year" booklet found in the pews.

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

Sunday, 10:30 AM

St. John the Evangelist

Processional Hymn: O Holy Night

(Adolphe Charles Adam)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Ecclesiasticus 15:5

Ordinary Prayers: Missa O Magnum Mysterium

Tomás Luis de Victoria, published 1592 Kyrie, Gloria Sanctus, Credo, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei

Gradual and Alleluia: John 21:23 and 19

Offertory: Psalm 91: 13

Offertory Hymn:

**Resonet In Laudibus (Jacob Handl, 1550~1591)

Communion Hymn: John 21:23

In Dulci Jubilo (Jacob Handl, 1550~1591)

Communion Verse: Recessional Hymn:

Joy to the World! (Parish Hymnal No.38) Angelus (Chant)

Noon Angelus (Chant)



LATIN MASS PROPERS: ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

INTROIT: Ecclesiasticus 15:5 In the midst of the Church the Lord opened his mouth: and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding: He clothed him with a robe of glory . *Psalm 91: 2* It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to Thy name, O Most High. *V. Glory* be to the Father.

COLLECT Do Thou, O Lord, in Thy goodness shine upon Thy Church: that being enlightened by the doctrines of blessed John Thine Apostle and Evangelist, she may attain to everlasting gifts. Through Our Lord.

EPISTLE: Ecclesiasticus 15:1-6 He that feareth God will do good: and he that possesseth justice shall lay hold on her, and she will meet him as an honorable mother. With the bread of life and understanding she shall feed him, and give him the water of wholesome wisdom to drink: and she shall be made strong in him, and he shall not be moved: and she shall hold him fast, and he shall not be confounded: and she shall exalt him among his neighbors, and in the midst of the Church she shall open his mouth, and shall fill him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and shall clothe him with a robe of glory. The Lord our God shall heap upon him a treasure of joy and gladness, and shall cause him to inherit an everlasting name.

GRADUAL: John 21:23 and 19 This saying therefore went abroad among the brethren, that the disciple should not die. And Jesus did not say: He should not die. V. But: So I will have him remain until I come: follow thou Me. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. V. This is the disciple who giveth testimony of these things: and we know that his testimony is true. Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 21: 19-24 At that time Jesus said to Peter: Follow Me. Peter turning about saw that disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also leaned on His breast at supper and said: Lord, who is he that shall betray Thee? Him therefore when Peter had seen, he saith to Jesus: Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith to him: So I will have him to remain till I come, what is it to thee? Follow thou Me. This saying therefore went abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die. And Jesus did not say to him: He should not die; but: So I will have him remain till I come: what is it to thee? This is that disciple who giveth testimony of these things, and hath written these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 91: 13 The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall be multiplied like the cedar that is in Libanus.

SECRET Receive, O Lord, the gifts which we offer to Thee on the festival of him by whose patronage we hope to be delivered. Through Our Lord.

Preface of Christmas

COMMUNION: John 21:23 A saying therefore went abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: and Jesus did not say: He should not die; but: So I will have him remain until I come.

POSTCOMMUNION Refreshed with this heavenly food and drink, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that we may be strengthened by the prayers of him in whose memory we have partaken of these mysteries. Through Our Lord.

Calendar of Masses

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

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SATURDAY December 26th	4:00 PM	Intention of the Donor		
SUNDAY December 27th Sunday within the Octave of	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Intention of the Donor Francis John Fitzpatrick	Memorial	
		Louis Post, Bro. John Post Pro-Life		Post Family Annie Procopio
Christmas/St. John the Divine		Kitselman/Crapo/Harvey/ Baldwin Family	Living & Deceased Memorial	Laura Harvey
and the Feast of		Herbert "Ricky" Hanscom		Laura Harvey
the Holy Family		Tower/Ogden Family Catherine Homer Paul Dooley	Living & Deceased Memorial	Laura Harvey Jerome & Theresa Rusnack Jerome & Theresa Rusnack
3rd Day of Christmas	5:30 PM	Barbara Nyhen Intention of the Donor	Special Intention	Maureen Nyhen
MONDAY December 28th HOLY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish	Memorial	
INNOCENTS (4th Day of Christmas)	12:30 PM	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Memorial	
TUESDAY December 29th	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor St. Thomas Beckett/5th Day of Christmas		
WEDNESDAY December 30th		Adriana Centofanti 6th Day of Christmas	Birthday Intention	Maria Centofanti
THURSDAY December 31st	7:30 AM	Mary Colella St. Sylvester/7th Day of Christmas	Memorial	Margie Gilbert
	5:30 PM	Christina Kwash	Birthday Intention	Kwash Family
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
January 1st OCTAVE DAY	9:00 AM	Joseph & Deborah Dwyer	50th Wed. Anniv.	
OF CHRISTMAS	10:30 AM	Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Rose Delgrosso	Birthday Intention	Sheila Brady
January 2nd ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (9th Day of Christmas)	4:00 PM	Intention of the Donor		

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









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"Be a Servant" Matthew 20:26

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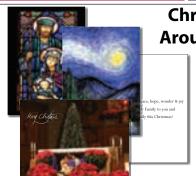




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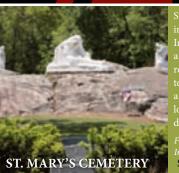




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