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# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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Telephone: 781-235-1841 saintmaryscemetery.org

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM Traditional Latin High Mass: 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM <u>Traditional Latin Low Mass</u>: 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 11th, A.D. 2016

Gaudete Sunday

### **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. 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 vourselves 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.

> > 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."

(Blessed Pope Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)

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#### FRONT COVER

Pictures of the interior of the "Holy House" of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family's cottage was miraculously carried off its foundations in Nazareth and translated by angels to its present location in Loreto, Italy, on December 10th. 1294 A.D.



#### DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

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

#### THE HOLY HOUSE OF LORETO

In the town of Loreto in southern Italy there is a shrine which contains the little cottage of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph at Nazareth. How did it get from Nazareth in the Galilee to Italy? According to reliable accounts, it was miraculously translated by angels first from Nazareth to the Dalmatian coast (present-day Croatia) on May 10th, 1291, and then again to Loreto, Italy, on December 10th, 1294.

These miracles occurred in order to prevent the destruction of this precious relic by the Muslim armies which were avenging the Crusader conquests into Palestine and destroying the Christian shrines in retaliation. To prevent the Holy House from falling victim to the fortunes of war Heaven saw fit to preserve it by detaching it from its foundation and re-locate it by the most extraordinary miraculous means. What was left in Nazareth were the foundation outline and the natural cave or grotto against which the house had been built. This is the Grotto of the Annunciation which may still be seen by pilgrims to Nazareth today.

We should not think that the people of the late 13th Century easily believed that this event had occurred. Delegations were sent to make the dangerous trek into Saracen-held territory to measure the Nazareth foundation for themselves and they were astonished to find that they did indeed correspond to the cottage now in their midst.

Here is a summary account of the 1294
Translation to Loreto by Jesuit Father Horace
Torellini's from his book *History of*Loreto (1597) [quoted from Rev. G.E. Phillips,
Loreto and the Holy House, A.D. 1917]
In the quiet night the sacred house of the
Blessed Virgin was seated in a void place of the
adoresaid wood. At which time the shepherds
of Recanati, keeping their flocks in the next
chase, and dividing the vigil of the night
amongst them (as their manner is), suddenly

a great light environing the sacred house, drew the eyes of the warders to it, to whom it seemed wonderful upon the sudden to see a new house in that solitary place, but especially glittering with great brightness. And there was one among them who avouched that he saw it when it came on high over the sea. Wherefore, awaking their fellows to behold the spectacle, first they questioned among themselves (as the fashion of wonderers is), and then with mutual words animating each other to go see what it was, all began to conjecture, as indeed it was, to wit, that it was some heavenly thing. When they came unto it they went into the house itself, and as soon as they had passed the threshold, a great dread came suddenly upon them; but presently being replenished with a certain unwonted sweetness, they spent the night devoutly in prayer, diligently viewing whatsoever was under the roof. Whereupon, at the break of day certain of them went to Recanati, almost four miles from that place to relate unto their masters what they had seen. At first, for their simplicity they did not only contemn them, but also the matter itself, supposing that they related a vain thing. But the shepherds affirming with all asseveration that their own eyes might witness it unto them, if they would, their masters were more willing to believe them, and at last went with them to see what it was. When they came to the place of the wood foretold, and the shepherds' news proved true, none almost believed their own eyes; for in very deed that house was never seen there before, nor newly built, as the antiquity thereof did manifestly show. With great wonder, discoursing thus among themselves, they went nearer to it to behold the roof, to be noted not so much for fashion, as for antiquity; and greatly admired that such an ancient building could stand without a foundation or any support at all...They ran back to the city with all speed, rejoicing much among themselves that Almighty God had vouchsafed to bestow so rare a gift on them and their country. (Fr. Higgins)

### **SCRIPTURE STUDY**

## THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

★or this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Post-Communion Collect for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, which, like the principal Collect of the feast, is identical in both forms of the Mass (MR 1962 and MR 1970). The English translation supplied here is the official ICEL translation of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal (2010): "May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God, heal in us the wounds of that fault from which in a singular way you preserved Blessed Mary in her Immaculate Conception. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Broken down into its five-part structure, the Collect looks like this:

- 1. O Lord our God (address),
- 2. who preserved Mary in a singular way from Original Sin ("that fault") in her Immaculate Conception (the ascription of God and the recognition of his work),
- 3. may the Sacrament heal in us the wounds of Original Sin (petition),
- 4. we, who have received the Sacrament (motive for the petition),
- **5.** Through Christ our Lord (concluding doxological formula).

Simplified into a syllogism with some elaboration/explanation, the Collect looks like this:

- (A) If God preserved the Blessed Virgin Mary from Original Sin by her Immaculate Conception (which rests upon Christ's Passion, as the principal Collect for the feast day shows us)
- (B) And if we have received the fruits of Christ's Passion in Holy Communion,
- (C) Then God will effect in us the healing of the wounds of Original Sin (i.e., disordered desires/concupiscence, a darkened intellect), thereby rendering us more like Mary Immaculate.

As we saw last week, although Mary's Immaculate Conception and the Sacraments of the Church are very distinct modes of grace, they are nevertheless both rooted in the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' Death and Resurrection). It is very important to note here that, since Mary was never captive to Original Sin, she was never subject to the "wounds," or consequences of Original Sin, i.e., concupiscence (disordered desires) and a darkened intellect (Catechism of the Catholic Church nos. 491-493, and nos. 405, 1264, 1426). These consequences remain in the baptized, however, even after Original Sin has been forgiven. The baptized are nevertheless called to be holy like Mary, promoting us to ask "How will this be?" (cf. Lk. 1:34, RSV). How do we experience healing from these wounds and become holier?

This Collect proposes a correspondence between the grace of Mary's Immaculate Conception and the grace of Holy Communion. As God Himself wondrously provided for Mary's *complete* holiness in her Immaculate Conception, so too, will God provide for our progressive sanctification in this life by sacramental grace. Thus, this Collect teaches us to trust in the efficacy of the Sacraments for our healing and growth in holiness. The miracle of Mary's Immaculate Conception strengthens our hope in God's divine action on our behalf.

It is worth noting that the Catechism uses the phrase "[h]ealing the wounds of sin" in paragraph no. 1695 to refer generally to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in the baptized. This work, as we read elsewhere in the Catechism, is particularly manifest in the Liturgy (see CCC nos. 1074, 1104-1109). As we celebrate Gaudete Sunday today, may we rest in the joy in these consoling truths, and trust in the power of the Holy Eucharist and the intercession of Mary Immaculate.

(David Allen)

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



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



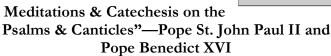
### WEEKLY FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY:

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.

CURRENT STUDY: "MORNING & EVENING PRAYER:





ADVENT CALENDARS on sale in the front vestibule, along with other Advent-related religious items. Proceeds will go to the support of our parish.

# Religious Education

#### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TODAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2016:

Grades K-5, Sunday morning, 8:30-10 AM (includes Children's Liturgy of the Word and 9 AM parish Mass)

[December 18th] Grades 6-8 (Pre-Confirmation), 10:15-11:30 AM

Classes meet in the Lower Church Hall

New students are always welcome

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



Latin Mass Children's Catechism will meet at 9:30 AM in the Lower Rectory Conference Room.



#### ST JOSEPH PARISH CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:

Registration for St. Joseph's Parish CYO Basketball Program is now open for boys and girls in grades 5-12. To request a registration form or if you

have any questions, please contact St. Joseph CYO Athletic Director Tom Loughran at:

tomloughran@rcn.com (or call 781-254-8220)

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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.



### 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 for the sick, especially for:

Helen "Sunny" McCloskey, Paul Eldridge, Mary Downey, Joseph Gamache, Kathy Quinn, Ellen Balkus, Lena Strom, Kay Mullen, Barbara Nyhen, Maureen Nyhen, Christina Kwash, Nick & Janet Pino, Ed Donovan, Marie Schroter, Marie Danca, Mary Duhaime...

"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



#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

II. Jason Pascucci & Molly Bloomer

### **BAPTISMS**



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Tanguy & Anne-Sophie (Harel) du Halgouët on the christening of their daughter HELENE AGATHE MARIE DU HALGOUET at Mary Immaculate

of Lourdes Church on Saturday, December 3rd, A.D. 2016. Her godparents are Tugdual Harel and Agathe du Halgouët. Her grandparents Claude & Yves Harel were able to be here from France for the occasion. Heloise is Tanguy & Anne-Sophie's FIFTH CHILD.

### Music Programs for this Sunday's Masses

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM Sat. Vigil, 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

#### **Gaudete Sunday**

#### Processional Hymn: 9:00 AM

Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

#### Entrance Antiphon: Phil.4:4-5

(Saint Meinrad, page 6)

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

#### **Ordinary Prayers:**

Mass XVII Adventus

(Kyrie, Credo\*, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei)

#### Offertory:

Magnificat (Chant)

#### Offertory Hymn: 9:00 AM

Conditor Alme Siderum (Guillaume Dufay, ca. 1400~1477)

#### Communion Antiphon: Is.35:4

(Saint Meinrad, page 5)

"Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us."

#### Communion Hymn: 9:00 AM

Anima Mea

(Antoine Busnois, 1430~1492)

#### **Post Communion Hymn**

Alma Redemptoris Mater (Chant)
Magnificat 9:00 AM

(Francesco Feroci, 1673~1750)

#### **Recessional Hymn:**

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth\*
(St. Ambrose, Rottenburg, 1865)

\*Extra Music Sheet

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal) 10:30 AM

#### **Gaudete Sunday**

**Processional Hymn:** Rejoice in the Lord (John Sheppard, composed c.1550)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Phil. 4:4-6; Ps. 84:2

"Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum.Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: acertisti captivitatem Iacob."

#### **Ordinary Prayers:**

Mass In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes (W.Marsh)

(Kyrie, Credo\*\*, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Gradual Ps. 79:2,3,2 "Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim, excita potentiam tuam, et veni. Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem, Ioseph." Alleluia:

"Alleluia, alleluia. Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni ut salvos facias nos. Alleluia."

#### Offertory Ps. 84:2,3

"Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae."

Offertory Hymn: Magnificat

(Francesco Feroci, 1673~1750)

Communion Hymn: Panis Angelicus

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, d.1594) Anima Mea

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(Antoine busnois, 1430~1492)

#### Communion Verse: Is. 35:4

"Dicite: Pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos."

#### **Recessional Hymn:**

Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth\* (St. Ambrose, Rottenburg, 1865)

Noon Angelus (Chant)



I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord.

#### LATIN MASS PROPERS: GAUDETE SUNDAY

INTROIT: Philippians 4: 4-6 Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. *Psalm 84*: 2 Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. *V. Glory* be to the Father.

COLLECT Incline Thine ear to our prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation: Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

EPISTLE: Philippians 4: 4-7 Brethren, Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GRADUAL: Psalm 79:** 2-3, 2 Thou, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. *V. Give ear*, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 1: 19-28 At that time the Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 84: 2-3 Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

SECRET May the sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be always offered unto Thee: that it may both fulfil the end for which Thou didst institute this sacred mystery, and wonderfully work in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord.

#### Preface of Advent

COMMUNION: Isaias 35: 4 Say to the fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come, and will save us.

**POSTCOMMUNION** We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that these divine mysteries, by atoning for our sins, may prepare us for the coming festival. Through our Lord.

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

SUNDAY	4:00 PM (Sat)	Stanislaw Schroter	Month's Mind	Schroter Family
December 11th THIRD SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD (GAUDETE SUNDAY)		Pro Populo Richard Sotell Christopher Norwood Henry Bambrick William (Bobby) Ryan Alice Nyhen William & Mary Moore Carmen & Evelyn Giodano Jeff & Kelly Bernard Fam. Janice Stanos Margaret Foley John Petik Anthony Caruso Julia Donahue O'Sullivan Family Donahue Family Matthieu de Halgouet Frank Foley	Birthday Intention Ilth Anniversary 54th Anniversary Health of the Sick Birthday Memorial Memorial Memorial Special Intention Health of the Sick Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Baptismal Day Memorial Memorial Special Intention Birthday Intention Memorial	Kingsley Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family David Lang Maureen & Barbara Nyhen Nick & Janet Pino Nick & Janet Pino Richard Fell Botsolis Family Bostolis Family Paul, Sera & Tenley Miller Hobbib Family Kelly & Jill Donahue Kelly & Jill Donahue Kelly & Jill Donahue Betty Slaney Christophe Juhasz Lida Reed
MONDAY December 12th OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	5:30 PM 7:30 AM	Ludmila Dostalova Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	Lida Reed
	12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor		Leonard Feeney Nolan
TUESDAY December 13th St. Lucy	7:30 AM	William & Dorothy Wilson	Memorial	
WEDNESDAY December 14th Ember Wednesday of Advent	12:30 PM	Robert & Susan Goeller	Special Intention	
THURSDAY December 15th	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		Bl. Margaret of Castello Prayer Group
Advent feria	5:30 PM	Joanie Kingsley	Birthday Intention	Doug Kingsley
FRIDAY December 16th Ember Friday of Advent	7:30 AM Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	Ellen Flynn	Memorial	Francis McNary
		Kwash/Rulnick/ Steinkrauss/Rizzo Family	Memorial	Kwash Family
SATURDAY December 17th Ember Saturday of	9:00 AM	All Souls Jack Lima	Memorial Memorial	Botsolis Family
Advent	4:00 PM	Thomas Devine	Memorial	Marie Jackson & Family

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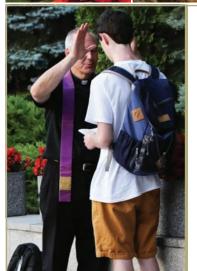


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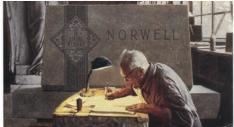
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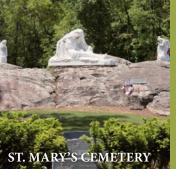
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