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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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.

Holy Days: 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 18th, A.D. 2016

Rorate 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.





"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

The Mystery of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary as depicted on one of the stained glass windows on the Oak Street side of our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICES ON PAGE 7 OF THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN.

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

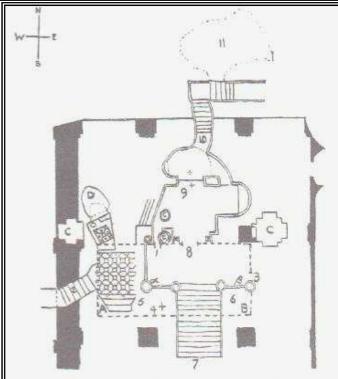
Pastor's Note

THE HOLY HOUSE OF LORETO: "NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD"

The final part of the answer that the Angel Gabriel gives to Our Lady when she asks how she is to become the Mother of the Savior — "For nothing shall be impossible with God" might also be considered as one of the refrains of praise which Christians can sing to God along with "Alleluia!", the "Benedicite" ("Bless the Lord") of the Canticle of the Three Young Men (Daniel 3, 57-88, 56), and the "For His mercy endureth forever" ("quoniam in aeternum misericordia eius") refrain of Psalm 135. From the great public miraculous signs God gives to the world, to the miracles of grace we become aware of in our own personal life, our wonderment should proceed to praise: "For nothing shall be impossible with God."

The four miraculous translations of the Holy House of Jesus, Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to the Croatian coast and then to Loreto in southern Italy between 1291-1294 A.D. were a great public miraculous sign. The diagram to the right shows how the Holy House would have stood in the crypt of the Church of the Annunciation at Nazareth before its Translation. It helps us also to understand how the cottage was built up against the cave on the hillside which the family used as another room and which is venerated as the actual place Our Lady was when she received the visit of the Archangel Gabriel. (Source: Rev. G.E. Phillips: Loreto and the Holy House: Its History Drawn from Authentic Sources, originally published 1917 A.D.)

One of the fascinating facts about the Holy House of Loreto is that it still stands today, more than 700 years after its Translation, without a foundation. How? It is as if this fact echoes Gabriel's words spoken in that House two millennia ago: "For nothing shall be



This is the crypt at Nazareth beneath the Church of the Annunciation.

- A.B Position occupied by the Holy House
- 1. Original opening from the Holy House into the cave.
- Remains of ancient staircase cut out of the rock and leading to the western doorway of the Holy House.
- 3. Eastern doorway to the Holy House, now called the Santo Camino.
- 4. Original position of altar in the Holy House.
- 5. (?) Our Lady's room.
- 6. (?) Our Lord's room.
- α, β. Present Chapel of the Angel.
- 7. Steps leading to the Chapel of the Angel from the church above.
- 8. Present entrance to the cave.
- 9. Altar of the Annunciation
- 10. Staircase leading since 1620 to convent and sacristy above,
- 11. Upper cave originally unconnected with the Holy House.
- C. Pillars of Basilica
- D. Remains of ancient tomb

impossible with God" as the answer to that question.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent so close to Christmas let us ask Our Lady to obtain for us graces of faith to believe more firmly still in the Mystery of the Incarnation—that God became Man in Jesus Christ "for us men and for our salvation."

(Fr. Higgins)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

● For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the principal Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (MR 1970), which is also the Collect prayed at the end of the Angelus devotion. Below is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the third typical edition of the Roman Missal (2010):

"Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

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

- 1. O Lord (address),
- 2. Who sent Gabriel to announce your Son's Incarnation [Note: The Collect implies God's action even as it uses the passive voice: "the Incarnation...was made known by the message of an Angel." *God* sent the Angel Gabriel, according to St. Luke 1:27.]
- 3. Pour forth your grace into our hearts, we beseech you (central petition),
- 4a. We, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel (motive for the petition),
- 4b. That we may be brought by Jesus' Passion and Cross to share in the glory of his Resurrection (hoped-for outcome),
- 5. Who lives and reigns, etc. (concluding doxological formula)

Before forming a syllogism, we do well to hear from St. Thomas Aquinas on the Annunciation. In Article 1 of Question 30 of the tertia pars of the Summa Theologica, St. Thomas argues, "It was reasonable that it should be announced to the Blessed Virgin that she was to conceive Christ...that she should be informed in mind concerning Him, before conceiving Him in the flesh." Going on further, St. Thomas quotes St. Augustine, who

says of this matter, "Her nearness as a Mother would have been of no profit to Mary, had she not borne Christ in her heart after a more blessed manner than in her flesh." (ST III, q. 30, a. 1). In other words, Our Lady conceived Jesus in her mind and heart before she conceived him in her womb.

One may argue that Mary's conception of Jesus in this first manner is similar to the infusion of grace mentioned in the Collect's central petition: "pour forth your grace into our hearts." The Collect also appears to link the faithful to Mary in regard to the Angel's message in the motive for the petition: "we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel." Thus, we may even say that the announcement of Gabriel is itself an infusion of grace which we pray for and receive anew every Christmastide (and March 25th, and any time we pray the Angelus!). This announcement prompts the faithful to journey with Mary from the moment of the Incarnation, through the Passion, and towards the glory of the Resurrection and the Beatific Vision. Thus, when re-formed into a syllogism, the Collect looks like this:

- A) If God, who poured forth into Mary's mind and heart an infusion of grace, also gives us an infusion of his grace through the same message (which we joyously celebrate each Advent and Christmastide),
- B) And if we, like Mary, fully accept and enter into the plan of salvation in God's Incarnate Son,
- C) Then the Incarnate Christ will lead us to the resurrected life of heaven by a share in the saving merits of His Passion and Cross.

This Collect is fittingly placed in Advent for it summarizes the whole sweep of the liturgical year, which initiates us into the mysteries of Christ's life, Death, and Resurrection (cf. CCC no. 1194). By embracing the message of God-with-us, we will be on the right road for experiencing the totality of the plan of salvation as it unfolds during this new liturgical year.

(David Allen)

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

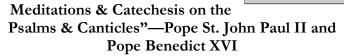


WEEKLY FRIDAY AM BIBLE STUDY:

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:





PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES TODAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2016:

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

Grades 6-8 (Pre-Confirmation), 10:15-11:30 AM

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ALL CHILDREN WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SHOULD MEET IN THE LOWER CHURCH HALL AT 3:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE FOR THE 4 PM CHRISTMAS MASS.

BAPTISMS



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and Jill (O'Sullivan)
Donahue on the christening of their daughter JULIA ROSE
DONAHUE at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on Sunday,

December 11th, A.D. 2016. Her godparents are John O'Sullivan III and Lauren Felch. Julia Rose is their FIRST-BORN CHILD.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Mary (Grennon) Tenore on the christening of their daughter ZITA NOELLA TENORE at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on

Sunday, December 11th, A.D. 2016. Her godparents are Stephen Heaslip Jr. and Francine Tennis. Zita Noella is their SEVENTH CHILD.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

III. Jason Pascucci & Molly Bloomer

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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.



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn: 9 AM

Rorate Caeli (English Chant)

Entrance Antiphon: Is. 45:8

(Saint Meinrad, page 7)

"Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus (Kyrie, Credo*, Sanctus and Agnus Dei)

Offertory Hymn:

Dear Maker of the Starry Skies (English Chant, Mode IV)

Communion Antiphon: Is.7:14

(Saint Meinrad, page 7)

"Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and His name will be called Emmanuel."

Post Communion Hymn:

Alma Redemptoris Mater (Gregorian Chant, Mode I)

Recessional Hymn:

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying * Philipp Nicolai (c.1556 - 1608)

*Extra Music Sheet

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Processional Hymn

Rorate Caeli (Gregorian Chant)

Asperges: Chant

Introit: Is. 45:8; Ps. 18:2

"Rorate, coeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. (Psalm) Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat fimamentum."

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus (Kyrie, Credo*, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Gradual Ps. 144:18,21

"Prope est Dominus omnibus invocantibus eum: omnibus qui invocant eum in veritate. Laudem Domini loquetur os meum et benedicat omnis caro nomen sanctum eius. Alleluia: Alleluia, alleluia. Veni, Domine, et noli tardare: relaza facinora plebis tuae Israel. Alleluia."

Offertory Lk. 1:28,42

"Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui."

Offertory Hymn: Creator Alme Siderum (Chant, Mode IV)

Communion Verse: Is. 7:4 "Ecce Virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel."

Communion Hymn: Ave Verum (Chant)

Recessional Hymn:

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying * Philipp Nicolai (c.1556 - 1608)

Noon Angelus (Chant)



A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

LATIN MASS PROPERS: RORATE SUNDAY

INTROIT: Isaiah 45: 8 Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour. *Psalm 18: 2* The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament declareth the work of His hands. *V. Glory be to the Father.*

COLLECT Stir up Thy power and come, we pray Thee, O Lord, and with great might succour us; that our deliverance, which our sins impede, may be hastened by the help of Thy grace and the forgiveness of Thy mercy. Who livest and reignest God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5 Brethren, let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by man's day: but neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of anything: yet am I not hereby justified, but He that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore, judge not before the time, until the Lord come; who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise from God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 144: 18, 21 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth. *V.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3: 1-6 **R**ow in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina, under the high-priests Annas and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins, as it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight His paths: every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

OFFERTORY: Luke 1: 28, 42 Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

SECRET Look down favourably upon these sacrifices, O Lord, we beseech Thee: that they may be profitable to our devotion and salvation. Through our Lord.

Preface of Advent

COMMUNION: Isaias 7: 14 Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son: and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

POSTCOMMUNION Having received Thy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that with the frequentation of the mystery, the work of our salvation may increase. Through our Lord.

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

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SUNDAY December 18th	4:00 PM (Sat) 7:30 AM	Thomas Devine Pro Populo	Memorial	Marie Jackson & Family
	9:00 AM	Paul Aylward	Memorial	Kingsley Family
FOURTH	10:30 AM	Battaglia/Provencher Fam.	Memorial	Provencher Family
SUNDAY OF		James & Gertude Kezer,	Memorial	James Rainey
THE ADVENT		Mary Wood William "Bobby" Ryan	Health of the Sick	David Lang
OF OUR LORD		Maria Centofanti	Birthday Intention	Maureen & Barbara Nyhen
(RORATE		Catherine Dinon	Birthday Intention	Maureen & Barbara Nyhen
SUNDAY)		Jamie Zarella		Susan Goeller
		Intention of the Donor	Birthday Intention	Susan Goeller Maria Centofanti
		Catherine Dinon	Health of the Sick	Maria Centolanti Maria Centofanti
		Maureen & Barbara Nyhen	Special Intention	
		Paul Pino Jr. & Family Jeff & Kelly Bernard	Special Intention	Nick & Janet Pino Paul & Antoinette White
		Louis & Gilda Toto	Memorial	Nick & Janet Pino
		Robert Monroe	Memorial	Nick & Janet Pino
		Third Order of Mary	Living & Deceased	Nick & Janet Pino
		Joe Scarlotta	Health of the Sick	Annie & Mike Procopio
		Shannon Marie Demona	Special Intention	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Dorothy Gerhard	Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Maria Élena Botsolis	Special Intention	Botsolis Family
		Corcoran/Mazzarella Fam.	Living & Deceased	•
		Ralph, Rose & Vincent		
		Mazzarella		
	5:30 PM	Patrick McLoughlin	Memorial	Mary McLoughlin
MONDAY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of	Memorial	
December 19th		Mary Immaculate of		
Greater Feria of		Lourdes		
Advent	12:30 PM	Intention of the Donor		Leonard Feeney Nolan
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Sunny & Jim McCloskey	Special Intention	Sheila Brady
December 20th				
WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM	Raimondi Family	Special Intention	
December 21st		,	1	
St. Thomas, Apostle				
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Steve D'Arcy	Health of the Sick	Laura Harvey
December 22nd	7.50 71111	Janet Crapo Harvey	Birthday Memorial	Laura Harvey
December 22mg	5:30 PM	Neal Steinkrauss	Special Intention	McGrath Family
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FRIDAY December 23rd	7:30 AM Health of the Sick	Eileen & Gerald Brady	Memorial	Sheila Brady
Greater Feria of	12:30 PM	Concetta DiNezio	Memorial	Maria Centofanti
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SATURDAY				
December 24th	4:00 DM	Mr. & Mrs. William Slifka Family, William Kisil		Slifka Family
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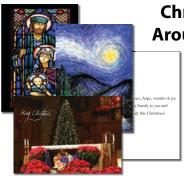
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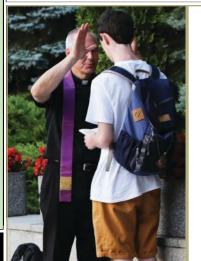
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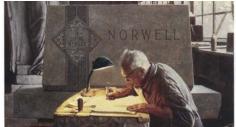
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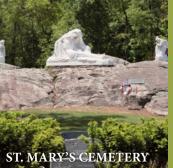
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