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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 **Traditional Latin Mass:** Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30

PM; Thu: 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

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December 9th, A.D. 2018

# **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 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."

(Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)
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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
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THE POPE'S
EVANGELIZATION
INTENTION FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER,

**2018:** "IN THE SERVICE OF THE TRANSMISSION OF

FAITH: That the people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time." (PHOTO: (above) Pope Francis bestows a kiss on the forehead of Clement Pappin, son of parishioners Gladden and Jeannette Pappin, St. Peter's Square, 2015.)



FRONT COVER:

Stained glass window of Our Lady, Mary Immaculate in our parish church (PHOTO by parishioner Paul Eldridge, +2017).

"Tota pulchra es, Maria, et macula origanalis non est in te...Thou art all beautiful, O Mary, and no stain of Original Sin

is in thee."—Gospel versicle, Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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

## Pastor's Note



PHOTO: Bernadette's vision of Our Lady— "I am the Immaculate Conception"—at the top of the high altar reredos in our sanctuary. Taken by Paul Eldridge, Christmas Eve, 2011.

# THE STATION CHURCHES OF ROME

In the development of the Roman Church's public liturgy over the course of the 4th-6th Centuries A.D. there arose the custom of the "Stational Mass". On days of major religious importance all of the Christians of Rome would first gather at a designated church (the church of the *colecta*) and then set forth together in a liturgical procession to another designated church (the church of the *statio*) for the celebration of Mass. As they processed they sang the Litany of the Saints and Psalms. At the same time the Pope and his clergy were heading to the Station Church in another procession which began from the Pope's residence at the Lateran Palace.

At the Station Church the Mass would be celebrated, a community Mass *Urbis et Orbis*, i.e., of the City of Rome and of the whole world, for all Christians in communion with the Pope, wherever they were, partook of the spiritual goods of this particular Mass. The original churches which were included in this round of stations were the four major and three minor basilicas, the "Seven Churches", the *Sette Chiesa* 

(from which is derived that older custom of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday), and the 25 parish churches of Rome, the tituli. Churches chosen for the Station Mass on a particular day would have some connection to the character of that day's liturgy. So, for example, on the First Sunday of Advent, the Station Church was the basilica of St. Mary Major, also known as "St. Mary of the Crib" because the relic of the wood from Christ's manger in Bethlehem is preserved there. Today, on the Second Sunday of Advent, the Station Mass indicated was for the Church of the Holy Cross at Jerusalem. Here in this basilica is kept a considerable portion of the relic of Christ's Cross, which was brought to Rome by St. Helena as a gift after her discovery of the True Cross in Jerusalem (325 A.D.). The wood of the manger of Christ is a foreshadowing of the wood of His Cross, and so we go in spirit from Bethlehem on the First Sunday of Advent to Calvary outside Jerusalem's walls on the Second Sunday. The theological connection between Christ's Birth (the Mystery of the Incarnation) and Christ's saving Death and Resurrection (the Mystery of the Redemption) is thus beautifully re-enforced.

There were, all told, 89 Stational Masses throughout the liturgical Year in the Roman Church, beginning with the Four Sundays of Advent and the Ember Days in December. The custom of the Station Masses celebrated by the Pope endured in Rome for about 1,000 years (from the 4th-14th Centuries). They ended abruptly after the Papacy began its long exile away from Rome in the city of Avignon, southern France.

But the historical mark of these Station Churches of Rome remains for us as an important part of the spiritual patrimony of Roman Catholics. I hope during this Year of Grace 2019 to bring up the Station Churches and their connections to the liturgies, both in my homilies and in these Pastor Notes.

(Fr. Higgins)



Prayer of St.
Ephraim the
Syrian (Doctor
of the Church)
in Praise of
Mary's
Immaculate
Conception

O pure and immaculate and likewise blessed

Virgin, who art the sinless Mother of thy Son, the mighty Lord of the universe, thou who art inviolate and altogether holy, the hope of the hopeless and sinful, we sing thy praises. We bless thee, as full of every grace, thou who didst bear the God-Man: we all bow low before thee; we invoke thee and implore thine aid. Rescue us, O holy and inviolate Virgin, from every necessity that presses upon us and from all the temptations of the devil. Be our intercessor and advocate at the hour of death and judgment; deliver us from the fire that is not extinguished and from the outer darkness; make us worthy of the glory of thy Son, O dearest and most clement Virgin Mother. Thou indeed art our only hope most sure and sacred in God's sight, to whom be honor and glory, majesty and

dominion for ever and ever world without end. Amen. (The Raccolta, 371)



# COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2018:

Second Sunday of Advent: Missale Romanum 1970

**J** or our weekly meditation of the Collects of the Roman Missals, we turn to the Collect for today's Mass of the Second Sunday in Advent. The following is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the MR'70:

"Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company. Who lives and reigns, etc. Amen."

This Collect expresses well the essential movement of the Advent season: learning about Jesus through divine revelation and faith (especially the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah), and then coming to adore Him alongside "His company," i.e., the Holy Family, the Shepherds, the Magi, St. John the Baptist, and Sts. Simeon and Anna (all the saints of the feasts of the Christmas cycle).

The first part of the Collect reflects the Church's posture towards Christ at this time of year. The clause "set[ting] out in haste to meet Your Son" can refer more generally to our anticipation of Christmas. After all, the Collect appears to allude to the Shepherds, linking our celebration of Advent to their rapid movement towards the manger. St. Luke tells us that after they received the divine revelation, the shepherds "went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger" (cf. Luke 2:16, RSV, emphasis mine). They learned "heavenly wisdom" from the Angel, and, by acting with "haste," gained "admittance to [Jesus'] company," in the words of our Collect.

We might go deeper than this, however, by targeting our own daily discipleship, because the Collect appears to draw a parallel between "haste[ning] to meet Christ" and the "learning of heavenly wisdom." This cannot refer only to a corporate experience of Advent. It is also necessarily a personal and interior experience of daily prayer. Our own daily spiritual life is precisely the way we "learn heavenly wisdom," and thereby "hasten to meet" Christ in the sacramental life.

Do we prioritize our prayer life, or do we have one? Do we read the Scriptures and other spiritual reading? This is a challenge at any point of the calendar year, because the devil wants to keep us away from prayer and the knowledge of the faith. However, it ironically becomes more difficult during Advent. The first part of the Collect describes this aptly: it seems we can hardly find a moment in which to be recollected, because we often are "hindered" with many "earthly undertakings," even if they are legitimate.

The key here, however, is not to let these things crowd out that which is most important, as Jesus reminds his friend Martha:

"Now as they went on their way, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." (cf. Luke 10:38-42, RSV).

This episode dovetails nicely with our Collect. We are often like Martha, especially at the holidays. She allows her legitimate duties to gain a distorted place of dominance. More than a perfect party, Jesus wanted her to put a pause on her activity, so that she might sit at his feet, really learn his doctrine, and enjoy his company. So too, Our Lord would have us prioritize the "learning of heavenly wisdom," in the words of our Collect, since our holiday activity can too easily distract us from what matters most: spending time in the "company" of Jesus, and entering more deeply into His mysteries. May we hasten to meet Christ in our daily prayer and reading of Scripture, so as to adore Him more fitly this Christmas.

(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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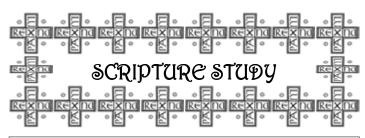


# CHRISTMAS FLOWER PONATIONS

Christmas Flower envelopes are 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, through Candlemas Day, February 2nd.







#### WEEKLY THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Led by David Allen,

<u>THURSDAY</u> mornings 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:

GOSPEL OF SAINT JOHN



Nursing Home Masses in the Parish for the Month of December:

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> Thursday, December 6th: STONE INSTITUTE Thursday, December 13th: WINGATE MANOR

> > (Masses are at 2:00 PM)



# **BAPTISMS**



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly & Jill (O'Sullivan) Donohue on the christening of their daughter LILY ANN DONOHUE at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on Sunday, October 28th, A.D.

2018. Her godparents are Gregory Babikian and Michelle Babikian. LILY ANN is their 2nd CHILD.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Brian & Anne (Koons) Maynard on the christening of their daughter MARIE ANGELICA MAYNARD at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church on Sunday, December

2nd, A.D. 2018. Her godparents are William Thomas Friedl & Katherine Taylor. Her grandparents Frederick & Lisa Koons served as proxies. MARIE ANGELICA is their 3rd CHILD.



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:

Antonietta ("Etta") Covino, aged 56 Our Nation's 41st President: George H.W. Bush, aged 94



#### LATIN MASS PROPERS: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

INTROIT: Isaias 30, 30; Psalm 79. 2 People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations: and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. *Psalm*. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.  $\mathring{V}$ . Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — People of Sion, behold ...

COLLECT: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son; that through His coming we may deserve to serve Thee with purified minds. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans, 15. 4-13 Brethren, What things soever were written, were written for our learning: that, through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one towards another, according to Jesus Christ; that with one mind and with one mouth you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: but that the Gentiles are to glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to Thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and will sing to Thy Name. And again He saith: Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again: Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles, and magnify Him, all ye people. And again, Isaias saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and He that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing: that you may abound in hope, and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

GRADUAL: Psalm 49. 2-3, 5 Out of Sion the loveliness of His beauty: God shall come manifestly. Gather ye together His saints to Him, who have set His covenant before sacrifices. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. Psalm 121.1 I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go unto the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 11. 2-10 At that time, when John had heard in prison the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples, he said to Him: Art Thou He that art to come, or look we for another? And Jesus making answer, said to them: Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them: and blessed is he that shall not be scandalized in Me. And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 84. 7-8 Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life, and Thy people shall rejoice in Thee: show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation.

SECRET: Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and sacrifices of our humility: and where merits of ours to plead for us are lacking, do Thou by Thine aid assist us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

COMMUNION: Baruch 5. 5; 4. 36 Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that cometh to thee from thy God.

**POSTCOMMUNION**: Filled with the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly entreat Thee, O Lord, that by our partaking of this Mystery, Thou wouldst teach us to despise the things of earth, and to love those of Heaven. Through our Lord ...

# Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

#### Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

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

#### Second Sunday of Advent

#### **Prelude:**

Behold! Behold He Cometh (S.Webbe)

#### Entrance Antiphon: Isaiah 30:19,30

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 5)

"O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

#### **Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus**

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei Parish Book of Chant, no.107ff./pp. 107~108 Credo I (Laminated sheet in pews)

#### Offertory Antiphon: Isaiah 30:19,30

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 5)

O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## Communion Antiphon: Baruch 5:5, 4:36

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 5)

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

#### **Post Communion Hymn:**

Mary, How Lovely the Light of Your Glory (Worship II Hymnal, **No.175**)

#### **Recessional Hymn**

A Message Came To a Maiden Young (Worship II Hymnal, **No.1**)



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

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

Asperges (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

**Processional:** Tota Pulchra Es Parish Book of Chant, no.226/pg. 227~229

Introit: Isaiah 30:30; Ps. 79:2 Populus Sion, ecce Dominus veniet ad salvandas gentes: et auditam faciet Dominus gloriam vocis suae in laetitiae cordis vestri. (Psalm) Qui regis Israel intende: qui deducis, velut ovem, Ioseph.

#### **Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus**

Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei Parish Book of Chant, no.107ff./pp. 107~108 Credo I: Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 110

<u>Gradual</u> Psalm 49:2,3,5 Ex Sion species decoris eius: Deus manifeste veniet. Congregate illi sanctos eius, qui ordinaverunt testamentum eius super sacrificia. <u>Alleluia</u>: Psalm 121:1 Alleluia, alleluia. Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domine ibimus. Alleluia.

Offertory: Psalm 84:7,8 Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos, et plebs tua laetabitur in te: ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis.

<u>Communion</u>: Psalm 84:7,8 *Ierusalem, surge, et sta in excelso, et vide iucunditatem, quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo.* 

#### **Communion Meditation:**

Laetentur Coeli (William Byrd, Published Cantiones Sacrae I, 1589)

#### **Recessional Hymn:**

A Message Came To a Maiden Young (Worship II Hymnal, No.1)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

#### **Postlude:**

Behold! Behold He Cometh (S.Webbe)

## Calendar of Masses

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

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SUNDAY December 9th (SECOND SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF THE LORD)	4:00 PM (Sat) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Marie Geraci Pro Populo	Memorial	Leo Geraci & Family
		Patricia Lynch Fr. Maccalli & Fr. Salako Donald & Alice Nyhen William Provencher Paul & Betsy Eldridge	Memorial Special Intention	Kay Mullen David & Ellen Allen Maureen & Barbara Nyhen Provencher Family
			Birthday Intention Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Jasmyn & Freddy	Health of the Sick	Adeline
MONDAY December 10th DEDICATION OF HOLY CROSS CATHEDRAL (transferred)	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Susan Byers Paxson	Health of the Sick	Mary McCarthy
TUESDAY December 11th Pope St. Damasus	7:30 AM	John O'Connor & Vincent O'Connor et alia	Memorial	John O'Connor
WEDNESDAY December 12th OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	12:30 PM	Paul Eldridge	Year's Mind	
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		
December 13th St. Lucy	5:30 PM	Catherine Wright	Special Intention	David Wright
FRIDAY December 14th St. John of the Cross/ Advent feria	7:30 AM Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	James Provencher	Birthday Intention	Provencher Family
		Rev. Robert D. Smith	17th Anniversary	
SATURDAY December 15th Advent feria	9:00 AM	All Souls (4) Intention of the Donor Mary Provencher Catherine E. Dinon	Memorial	Donor Susan Goeller
			Birthday Intention Special Intention	Provencher Family Maria Centofanti
	4:00 PM	Florence Capobianco	Special Intention	Kay Mullen







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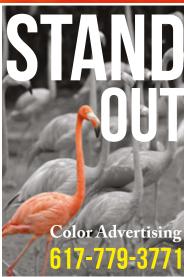
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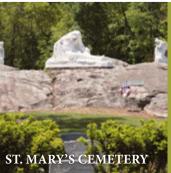




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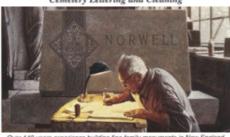
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