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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464 **Parish Staff**

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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

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.

January 6th, 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.

> > 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 Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)
Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018

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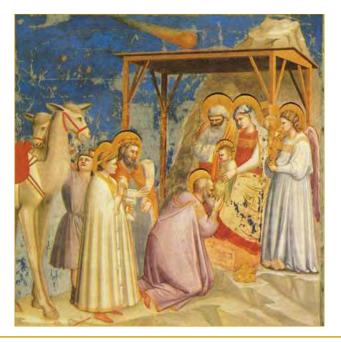


THE POPE'S
UNIVERSAL
INTENTION FOR THE
MONTH OF JANUARY, 2019:
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"YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE EXAMPLE OF MARY : That

young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world." (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: *Adoration of the Magi* fresco by Giotto di Bondone (1267-1337), located in the Scorvegni Chapel in Padua, Italy.



+ JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS+

ROMAN STATIONAL MASS FOR:

January 6th, The Epiphany of Our Lord: St. Peter's in the Vatican

"Behold, the Lord the Ruler is come! The Kingdom is in His hand, and power and dominion." (Introit)

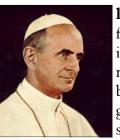
CATECHESIS: ON-GOING INSTRUCTION IN THE PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIANITY



THE LESSONS OF NAZARETH

(From an Address by Pope St. Paul VI, January 5th, 1964)

First, then, a



lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar, in our seething and over-sensitized modern life.

May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of the true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of the prayer which God alone sees in secret.

Next, there is a **lesson on family life**. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation received at home is gentle and irreplaceable. Let us learn the prime importance of the role of the family in the social order.

Finally, there is a **lesson of work**. Nazareth, home of the 'Carpenter's Son', in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work; and reaffirm that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and its excellence derive, over and above its economic worth, from the value of those for whose sake it is undertaken. And here at Nazareth, to conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. He is the prophet of all their just causes, Christ our Lord.

(Pope Saint Paul VI, reigned 1964-1978)
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PHOTOS: The Holy House of Loreto, venerated as the actual cottage of the Holy Family, miraculously translated by angels out of Nazareth and into Christian Europe at the end of the 13th Century, when the Saracens were re-conquering Palestine from the Crusaders.





THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION FOR 2019 IN THE YEAR OF GRACE (The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts:)

Know, dear brethren, that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of His Resurrection who is our Savior:

The Sunday of Septuagesima is the 17th Day of February.

On the 6th Day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the Fast of the most sacred Lenten Season.

On the 21st Day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 30th Day of May will be the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 9th Day of June, the Feast of Pentecost.

On the 31st Day of June, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

On the 1st Day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 2018:

Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity: Missale Romanum 1962

Jor our weekly meditation of the Collects of the Roman Missals, we turn today to the Collect for the Mass of the Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity (MR'62). The following is a translation from a hand Missal with a minor translation correction on my part:

"O almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may merit to abound in good works. Through our Lord."

At first sight, this Collect appears to belong to the Lenten cycle, when we tend to emphasize the moral life. Why does it appear during the Christmas Octave? *Catechism* no. 1691, which contains the following excerpt from a <u>Christmas</u> homily of Pope St. Leo the Great (d. 461 A.D.) provides an answer:

"Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that you share in God's own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God" (emphasis mine).

Christmas leads us to contemplate the very first visible manifestation of the God-man in whose Mystical *Body* we share by Baptism, as Leo notes, alluding to the Sacrament. In other words, Christmas is the very first time we see Christ's Sacred Humanity, which is the concrete "instrument" of our divinization, and consequently, the foundation of our own merits and good works before God (cf. Catechism nos. 609, 2008-2011).

In meditating on this truth, the Church would have us see that there exists an essential link between Christ's Incarnation and our rebirth in Baptism, as well as our living the life of grace after Baptism. The Epistle for today's Mass from Galatians 4 reveals this link. It is precisely because the Son of God has taken on humanity, that He can redeem our fallen nature and make us adopted sons of God. Consequently, we can live lives of supernatural charity as free sons, not slaves (Gal. 5-6). In John's Gospel, this divine work is called a rebirth (cf. John 1:12-14, 3:1-7).

Catechism no. 526 highlights this link between Christ's birth and our rebirth, and even refers to the afore-mentioned Scriptures: "to become 'children of God' we must be 'born from above' or 'born of God.' Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us" (emphasis mine). Again, as we focus liturgically on Christ being born in time, our Collect also leads us to focus on our rebirth by grace, and the consequent empowerment for meritorious prayer and good works in close union with Christ, as is clear in the following excerpts from Catechism nos. 2008-2011:

2008 "The merit of man before God in the Christian life arises from the fact that God has freely chosen to associate man with the work of his grace...the merit of good works is to be attributed in the first place to the grace of God, then to the faithful. Man's merit, moreover, itself is due to God, for his good actions proceed in Christ, from the predispositions and assistance given by the Holy Spirit."

2009 "Filial adoption, in making us partakers by grace in the divine nature, can bestow true merit on us as a result of God's gratuitous justice."

2010 "...no one can merit the initial grace of forgiveness and justification, at the beginning of conversion. Moved by the Holy Spirit and by charity, we can then merit for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification, for the increase of grace and charity, and for the attainment of eternal life...These graces and goods are the object of Christian prayer. Prayer attends to the grace we need for meritorious actions." 2011 "The charity of Christ is the source in us of all our merits before God. Grace, by uniting us to Christ in active love, ensures the supernatural quality of our acts and consequently their merit before God and before men. The saints have always had a lively awareness that their merits were pure grace."

SCRIPTURE STUDY

COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2019:

Epiphany: Prayer over the Offerings

J or our weekly meditation of the Collects of the Roman Missals, we consider the *Secreta* or *Super oblata* (i.e., Prayer over the Offerings) for the Feast of the Epiphany, which is identical in both forms of the Mass (*Missale Romanum* 1962 and 1970). Below is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the third typical edition of the Roman Missal (2010):

"Look with favor, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but He who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen."

This is perhaps one of the richest Collects of our Roman liturgical tradition, because it says so much about the inner nature of the Liturgy and the Church. The event of Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles in the persons of the Three Magi Kings is not past, but present. The Church of the Gentiles is foreshadowed in these three Chaldean men who adore their Incarnate Lord (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* no. 528). Likewise, the Sacrifice of the Mass is prefigured in their worthy offerings. In the Epiphany, fallen man encounters the living God in faith, and by grace, offers Him a worthy sacrifice.

A reminder of the significance of the three gifts: according to the interpretation of the Fathers, gold indicates Christ's kingship, frankincense His divinity, and myrrh His sacrifice on the cross and His burial. According to the Prayer over the Offerings, the Church discerns in these three gifts a living connection between the Magi and herself in respect to the Sacrifice of the Mass. When the Church offers her gifts during the Offertory, she does three things: (1) she acclaims Christ as King, (2) she worships Him as God, and (3) she prepares to participate in and receive the infinite merits of His death and resurrection.

Accordingly, this prayer elicits a challenge to us: how might we offer ourselves more worthily to Christ alongside the Magi? What sacrificial gift do

we bring to the Lord? With what might we be more generous before God? Let us observe what the beloved Christmas Carol "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" prescribes in its final verse:

"What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can, I give Him, give my heart."

To give one's heart means to give what is of great value. It does not mean merely a sentimental thought without any actual sacrifice. To give one's heart to one's spouse, for example, means that one actually makes concrete sacrifices for them. Sentimental sacrifices are no sacrifices at all. Thus, I propose we continue to consider more deeply our financial stewardship.

To worship at Mass without a worthy, concrete monetary gift is comparable to the Magi showing up without their gifts. Can we imagine? Without a real gift of a concrete sacrifice, worship's essential qualities of due reverence and the commitment of one's life are greatly diminished. May we commit ourselves this year to a more worthy financial stewardship of due tithing. May the mystery of Christmas, which is especially evident in the Magi's encounter with Christ, be our continued source of joy and undergird our deepened commitment to financial stewardship. Let us be deeply conscious of the imperative to offer our best to Christ with generosity and loving thanksgiving (cf. Burke and Rossini, The Contemplative Rosary, p. 63).

(David Allen)

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





BAPTISMS



CONGRATULATIONS to Mr.
and Mrs. Michael & Katherine
(Slifka) Leonard on the
christening of their son
LINCOLN ROBERT
LEONARD at Mary Immaculate
of Lourdes Church on Saturday,

December 29th, A.D. 2018. His godparents are Matthew Kisil and Gabriela Leonard. He is the grandson of parishioners David and Karen Slifka. Michael and Katherine were married at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes in 2014. LINCOLN ROBERT is their 2nd CHILD.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EPIPHANYTIDE OPEN-HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY AT THE RECTORY

Sunday, January 13th, 2019, 8:30 AM—2:30 PM





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LATIN MASS PROPERS: THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

INTROIT: Malachias 3:1; 1 Paralipomenon 29:12 Behold the Lord the Ruler is come: and the Kingdom is in His hand, and power, and dominion. *Psalm 71:2* Give to the King Thy judgment, O God: and to the King's Son Thy justice. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, who on this day by the leading of a star didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we who know Thee now by faith, may be brought to the contemplation of the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same.

EPISTLE: Isaias 60:1-6 Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee. For behold darkness shall cover the earth, and a mist the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thy eyes round about and see: all these are gathered together: they are come to thee: thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall rise up at thy side. Then shalt thou see and abound, and thy heart shall wonder and be enlarged, when the multitude of the sea shall be converted to thee, the strength of the Gentiles shall come to thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Madian and Epha: all they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense and showing forth praise to the Lord.

GRADUAL: Isaias 60:6, 1 All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense and showing forth praise to the Lord. V. Arise and be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. **ALLELUIA:** Matthew 2:2 Alleluia, alleluia. V. We have seen His star in the East, and are come with gifts to adore the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12 **19** hen Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Juda in the days of King Herod, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying: Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to adore Him. And king Herod hearing this was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And assembling together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where Christ should be born. But they said to him: In Bethlehem of Juda. For so it is written by the Prophet: And thou Bethlehem, the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come forth the Captain that shall rule My people Israel. Then Herod, privately calling the wise men, learned diligently of them the time of the star which appeared to them: and sending them into Bethlehem, said: Go and diligently inquire after the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word again, that I also may come and adore Him. Who having heard the king went their way. And behold the star, which they had seen in the East, went before them until it came and stood over where the Child was. And seeing the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary His mother, (here genuflect) and falling down they adored Him. And opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having received an answer in sleep that they should not return to Herod, they went back another way into their country.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 71:10-11 The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall offer presents: the kings of the Arabians and of Saba shall bring gifts: and all kings of the earth shall adore Him: all nations shall serve Him.

SECRET Graciously look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon the gifts of Thy Church: by which gold, frankincense, and myrrh are no longer laid before Thee; but He is sacrificed and received who by those very gifts was signified, Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Who with Thee.

COMMUNION: Matthew 2:2 We have seen His star in the East, and are come with gifts to adore the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that by a purified mind we may attain to the understanding of that which we solemnly celebrate. Through our Lord.

January 6th, A.D. 2018

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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

Epiphany of the Lord

Preulude: We Three Kings of Orient Are (Worship II Hymnal, **No. 330**)

Entrance Antiphon: Malachi 3:1

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 14)
Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in
His grasp, and power and dominion.

Ordinary Prayers: Mass II "Kyrie Fons Bonitatis"

(Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)
Parish Book of Chant: Nos. 34-38/pp. 63-65 *Credo I* (Laminated sheet in pews)

Offertory Antiphon: Malachi 3:1

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 14)
Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in
His grasp, and power and dominion.

Communion: Matthew 2:2

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 14)
We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to
adore the Lord.

Communion Meditation

What Child Is This (Traditional English Carol)

Recessional Hymn:

Earth Has Many a Noble City (Worship II Hymnal, No. 70)



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

Epiphany of the Lord

Prelude: What Child Is This (Traditional English Carol)

Asperges (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

Processional: Resonet in laudibus Parish Book of Chant, no.236/pg. 245~247

<u>Introit</u>: Malachi 3:1 Ecce advenit dominator Dominus: et regnum in manu ejus, et potestas, et imperium. Deus, judicium tuum regi da: et justitiam tuam Filio regis. V. Gloria Patri...

Ordinary Prayers: Mass II "Kyrie Fons Bonitatis"

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei Parish Book of Chant, no.34ff./pp. 63-65 Credo IV: Parish Book of Chant, no. 120/pg. 117

Gradual Isaiah 30:6, 1 Omnes de Saba venient aurum et thus deferentes, et laudem Domino annuntiantes. V. Surge, et illuminare, Jerusalem: quia gloria Domini super te orta est.

Alleluia: Matthew 2:2 Alleluia, alleluia. Vidimus stellam ejus in Oriente, et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum. Alleluia.

<u>Offertory</u>: Psalm 71:10, 11 Reges Tharsis et insulae munera offerent: reges Arabum et Saba dona adducent: et adorabunt eum omnes reges terrae: omnes gentes servient ei.

<u>Communion</u>: Matthew 2:2 Vidimus stellam ejus in Oriente, et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum.

Communion Meditation:

Tribus Miraculis (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Published 1563)

Recessional Hymn:

Earth Has Many a Noble City (Worship II Hymnal, **No. 70**)

Postlude:

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Noon Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY January 6th (THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD)	4:00 PM (Sat) 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Intention of the Celebrant Pro Populo Todd Barrett & Family Charles J. Higgins William Provencher Haley Lee (1) Virginia Roche Donna Angelucci Joann LeClerc Annie Procopio Catherine Dinon Eugene Chang Brian & Susan Battaglia	Health of the Sick 37th Anniv. RIP Special Intention Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention	Adeline Elmeus Provencher Family Kwash Family Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Lita O'Laoghaire Laura Harvey Laura Harvey Provencher Family
MONDAY January 7th: Feria after Epiphany	7:30 AM 12:30 PM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Patrick Leonard	Memorial Special Intention	Diane Leonard
TUESDAY January 8th Feria after Epiphany	7:30 AM	Sheila Brady	Special Intention	Lita O'Laoghaire
WEDNESDAY January 9th Feria after Epiphany	12:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Margaret Gavin	Special Intention	Stephen E. Pollard
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Rose Delgrosso	Special Intention	Lita O'Laoghaire
January 10th Feria after Epiphany	5:30 PM	Antonietta Covino	Memorial	Maria Centofanti

FRIDAY January 11th Feria after Epiphany

12:30 PM

SATURDAY January 12th Mass of Our Lady in Christmastide

7:30 AM Health of the Sick

All Souls (8) 9:00 AM

Intention of the Donor

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Lita O'Laoghaire Lita O'Laoghaire



Intention of the Donor 4:00 PM



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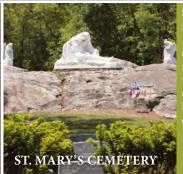




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