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Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Novus Ordo

4:00 P. M. (*Saturday Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 A. M.

Traditional Latin

11:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

Weekdays:

Novus Ordo

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 A. M.

Traditional Latin

Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 P. M.

Sat 9:00 A. M.

Holy Days

*Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter);
Assumption of Our Lady (August 15th); All
Saints Day (November 1st); December 8th
(Immaculate Conception of Our Lady)*

If falling on Mon-Fri—

Novus Ordo, 7:30 A. M. & 5:30 P. M.

Traditional Latin, 12:30 & 7:30 P. M.

If falling on Saturday—

Novus Ordo, 7:30 A.M.

Traditional Latin, 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and
January 1st, as announced)

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Sexagesima Sunday

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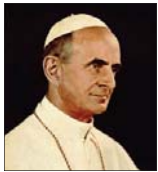
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ABOUT OUR PARISH

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 as a major part its parish mission, under the auspices of the 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, EITHER ON-LINE OR BY USING THE PAPER REGISTRATION FORM IN THE PAMPHLET RACK IN THE FRONT VESTIBULE OF THE MAIN CHURCH.



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 1963-1978)
Raised to the Altars October 14th, 2018
Feast Day: May 29th**

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes
(Formerly St. Mary's Parish, 1870-1910)
Newton/Needham, Massachusetts
Newton & Needham's Oldest Roman
Catholic Parish

**Immaculate Conception
Chaldean-Rite Mission**
at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church:
Mass offered according to the
Chaldean-Rite on designated Sundays at
1:30 P.M.
Deacon Sermed Ashkouri

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism for infants and children under 7 years of age is scheduled upon request. Please contact the Parish Office (617-244-0558) to request a date.

PENANCE: Confessions regularly heard —
SUNDAY, 10:00-11:00 A.M., 5:00-5:30 P. M.
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, before and
after the 12:30 P. M. Mass.
THURSDAY, before and after the 5:30 P.M.
Mass.

SATURDAY, 8:00-9:00 A. M./ 3:30-4:00 P. M.

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

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK, also known as
EXTREME UNCTION**

Communion of the Sick for the Homebound

Please contact Father Higgins at the Parish
Office (617-244-0558)



The memory of Jonah in the whale and the Pleading of the Ninevites has a wider, universal application to Christians of all rites and traditions. Our Lord explicitly compares the “Sign of Jonas” to His own Death and Resurrection.

“An evil and adulterous generation seeketh a sign: and a sign shall not be given it, but the sign of Jonas the Prophet. For as Jonas was in the whale’s belly three days and three nights: so shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.” (Matthew 12:39-40)

Pastor’s Note



Fr. Higgins

THE PLEADING OF THE NINEVITES

Two weeks before the beginning of Lent the Iraqi Chaldean Catholic Mission here at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes observes a particular tradition of theirs called “Bautha”—the “Pleading of the Ninevites”. (This year, February 10th-12th) The “Bautha” is a three-day hard fast, followed on the fourth day by a thanksgiving feast. It commemorates the three days during which the Prophet Jonah lay trapped in the belly of the whale before he was spit out. He then proceeded to the heathen city of Nineveh to preach the warning of imminent destruction by God for their sins, unless they repented, which, in the event, they did. The city of Nineveh was spared.

The Christian religious fast then combines the memory of the suffocating imprisonment of Jonah with the repentance of the people. As many of you will recall, the Christian heartland in Muslim Iraq remained in the northern part of the country on the Nineveh plain. The tomb of the Prophet Jonah, revered by Christians but also by many Muslims, was preserved in the modern-day city of Mosul. The ISIS conquest of Mosul and the Nineveh plain in 2014 destroyed it. The Chaldean Christians in exile, however, keep alive their tradition.

The week after next we shall be beginning our Lent by receiving the mark of the Ashes on our foreheads. (Ash Wednesday is March 5th.) The Pleading of the Ninevites is a perfect image for us of the spirit of Lent. A Christianity without a vigorous awareness of sin and the effects of sin is but a soft-soaped, knock-off version of itself.



Beware of any Christian spirituality which would leave you complacently in your sins rather than challenging you to take on the hard personal work of really becoming a Christian!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Weekly Holy Hours:

Fridays, 6:30-7:30 AM

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 AM



“GRATITUDE IS THE THING THAT BRINGS US THE MOST GRACE...I HAVE LEARNT THIS FROM EXPERIENCE; TRY IT AND YOU WILL SEE. I AM CONTENT WITH WHATEVER GOD GIVES ME, AND I SHOW HIM THIS IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS.”—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)



**PARISH LENTEN MISSION FOR
2025:**

**“THEMES IN ENGLISH
CATHOLICISM: FROM THE
MISSION OF SAINT AUGUSTINE
OF CANTERBURY TO THE
ELIZABETHAN
SETTLEMENT, 597-1564 A.D.”**

**Lenten Friday Evenings, 7:30-8:30 PM
March 7th-April 11th**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SERMON
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**MAIN CHURCH of MARY IMMACULATE
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**“IF YOU ARE WILLING TO
SERENELY BEAR THE
TRIAL OF BEING
DISPLEASING TO
YOURSELF, THEN YOU
WILL BE FOR JESUS A
PLEASANT PLACE OF
SHELTER.”—ST. THERESE
OF LISIEUX (+1897)**

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*“What return can I make to the Lord for all His
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*“Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint
the first fruits of your hands. With every gift
show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe
with gladness. Give to the Most High as He
has given, and as generously as your hand has
found. For the LORD is the One who repays,
and He will repay you sevenfold.”—Sirach 35*

Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY 4:00 PM +Anne Marie McBride Memorial Kathaleen Brearley
 FEBRUARY (Anticipated (Casey)
 23rd Sunday Mass)

SEXAGESIMA 7:30 AM Pro Populo
 SUNDAY

9:00 AM Tom Goguen Birthday Intention Goguen Family
Commemorations:
 St. Peter Damian 11:00 AM



FRONT COVER: Noah's Ark in the Midst of the Great Flood. The Ark is a symbol of the Catholic Church as the Ark of Salvation.



St. Peter Damian (+1072)

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+Alex. M. Barboza (9/12) Memorial Susanna Barboza
 +Joanna M. Angelucci Memorial Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
 Whitney Hood Special Intention Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
 Robert W. Hood Special Intention Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
 +A. Dora Gianfrancesco Memorial Her Nieces & Nephews
 Alyssa Shaginian Baptismal B/day Nicholas & Gina DiDuca
 SS. Francisco & Jacinta In Thanksgiving McCarthy Family
 +Dennis McCarthy Memorial McCarthy Family
 Maria Centofanti (Fam.) Special Intention Laura Harvey
 Dr. Robert Barker (Fam) Special Intention Laura Harvey
 Caldrick Alexis Special Intention Stephen E. Pollard
 +Rev. D. N. Fitzgerald Memorial Kathy Blake
 Barbara/Ron Wakefield Special Intention Kathy Blake
 Alison/Sarah Wakefield Special Intention Kathy Blake
 Maria Centofanti Health of the Sick Geraldine Jean Pierre
 Geraldine Jean Pierre Special Intention Donor
 Gina DiDuca Special Intention Clancy Family
 Society of St. Tarcisius Special Intention Clancy Family
 +Rev. J.J. Deary Memorial Kathy Blake
 Carmel Farrell (1/2) Special Intention Donor
 +Zilda Alves (1/2) Memorial DiDuca Family
 Christo Sarikos (1/2) Special Intention Donor
 Rafael (3/5) Special Intention Donor
 Antoinette Steinkrauss (2/7) Birthday Intention Regina McGrath
 Antonio Bartoleme, Jr. Health of the Sick Camille Arcidi
 Emmanuel Bartolome Health of the Sick Camille Arcidi
 Elizabeth (2/5) Healing Sister
 +All Souls (2/4) Memorial Susanna Barboza
 Eliana Bustamente (2/6) Special Intention Susanna Barboza

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

The Seventh Sunday Tempus-per-annum

Prelude (9:00 AM) Quodcumque Vinclis

Office Hymn for St. Peter's Chair

(Tomas Luis de Victoria, first published in 1581)

Whatever you bind on earth, will be strongly bound in heaven; And whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. You will be there at the end of the world to judge the world. Glory be to God, throughout the ages, Glory be to Thee, O Son, and dominion. Honour the power of the Holy Spirit

Trinity undivided, world without end.

Introit: Psalm 12(13):6

Domine, in tua misericordia speravi

O Lord, I trust in Your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord Who has been bountiful with me.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg, 6)

(7:30 & 9:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XI, Orbis Factor

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 78ff./pp. 91-93

Credo I (English)

Offertory (9:00 AM)

Fight The Good Fight With All Thy Mighty Hymn

(John Hatton, composed in 1793)

Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith): Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam Resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias. ("We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection until You come again.")

Communion: John 11:27

Domine, ego credidi

Lord, I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God, Who is coming into the world.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, pg. 116)

Communion Meditation (9:00 AM)

Ave Maris Stella

(Caspar Ett, first published in 1837)

Recessional Hymn: Faith Of Our Fathers

(Worship II, No. 75)

Postlude (9:00 AM)

Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

(Frederick Charles Maker, composed in 1887)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

Sexagesima Sunday

Prelude (11:00 AM) Quodcumque Vinclis

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass) Dies Absoluti Praetereunt

Asperges me, Parish Book of Chant, no. 22/pg. 34

Introit: Psalm 43:23-26,2 *Exsurge, quare obdormis, Domine? exsurge, et ne repellas in finem. Quare faciem tuam avertis, oblivisceris tribulationem nostram? adhaesit in terra venter noster: exsurge, Domine, adjuva nos, et libera nos. (Psalm) Deus, auribus nostris audivimus: patres nostris annuntiaverunt nobis.*

(11:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XI, Orbis Factor

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 78./pp. 91-93

Credo I: Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 110

Gradual: Psalm 82:19, 14 *Sciant gentes, quoniam nomen tibi Deus: tu solus Altissimus super omnem terram. Deus meus,*

pone illos ut rotam, et sicut stipulam ante faciem venti. Tract:

Psalm 59:4, 6 *Commovisti, Domine, terram, et conturbasti eam. Sana contritiones ejus, quia mota est. Ut fugiant a facie arcus: ut*

liberentur electi tui.

Offertory: (11:00 AM) Psalm 16:5, 6-7 *Perfice gressus meos in semitis tuis, ut non moveantur vestigia mea: inclina*

aurem tuam, et exaudi verba mea: mirifica misericordias tuas, qui salvos facis sperantes in te, Domine.

Communion: Psalm 42:4 *Introibo ad altare Dei, ad Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam.*

Communion Meditation (11:00 AM)

Ave Maris Stella

(Caspar Ett, first published in 1837)

Recessional Hymn: Faith Of Our Fathers

(Worship II, No. 75)

Angelus

Postlude (11:00 AM)

Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

(Frederick Charles Maker, composed in 1887)



LATIN MASS PROPERS:
SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians II. 19-33; 12. 1-9 Brethren: You gladly suffer the foolish: whereas yourselves are wise. For you suffer if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take from you, if a man be lifted up, if a man strike you on the face. I speak according to dishonour, as if we had been weak in this part. Wherein if any man dare (I speak foolishly), I dare also. They are Hebrews, so am I. They are Israelites, so am I. They are the seed of Abraham, so am I. They are the ministers of Christ (I speak as one less wise), I am more: in many more labours, in prisons more frequently, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. Of the Jews, five times did I receive forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once I was stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I was in the depth of the sea: in journeying often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils from my own nation, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils from false brethren: in labour and painfulness, in much watching, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness; besides those things which are without, my daily instance, the solicitude for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is scandalized, and I am not on fire? If I must needs glory, I will glory of things that concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is blessed forever, knoweth that I lie not. At Damascus the governor of the nation under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes, to apprehend me: and through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and so escaped his hands. If I must glory (it is not expedient indeed) but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ about fourteen years ago, whether in the body I know not, or out of the body I know not, God knoweth, such a one caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man, whether in the body or out of the body I know not, God knoweth: that he was caught up into paradise, and heard secret words which it is not granted man to utter. For such a one, I will glory: but for myself I will glory nothing but in my infirmities. For, though I have a mind to glory, I shall not be foolish: for I will say the truth: but I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that

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Sexagesima Sunday

Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

SCRIPTURE
READINGS for THE 7th
SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Today's Missal, pages 63-65

Lesson (First Reading):

I Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD'S Anointed.

Epistle (Second Reading):

I Corinthians 15:45-49

It is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving Spirit.

Gospel Lesson: The Sermon on the Plain

Luke 6:27-38

Judge not and you will not be judged. Condemn not, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.



"I REJOICE TO BE LITTLE, BECAUSE ONLY CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO ARE LIKE THEM WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE HEAVENLY BANQUET"—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

which he seeth in me, or anything he heareth from me. And lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me, there was given me a sting of my flesh, and angel of Satan, to buffet me. For which thing, thrice I besought the Lord that it might depart from me. And He said to me: My grace is sufficient for thee, for power is made perfect in infirmity. Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

LATIN MASS PROPERS: SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

INTROIT: Ps. 43. 23-26 Arise, why sleepest Thou, O Lord? arise, and cast us not off to the end. Why turnest Thou Thy face away, and forgettest our trouble? our belly hath cleaved to the earth: arise, O Lord, help us and deliver us. *Psalm 43.2* We have heard, O God, with our ears: our fathers have declared to us. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by the protection of the Doctor of the Gentiles we may be defended against all adversity. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians II. 19-33; 12. 1-9 Brethren: You gladly suffer the foolish: whereas yourselves are wise. *(Turn to Page 9 for the full text.)*

GRADUAL: Psalm 82. 19, 14 Let the Gentiles know that God is Thy name: Thou alone art the Most High over all the earth. V. O my God, make them like a wheel, and as stubble before the wind. **TRACT:** Psalm 59. 4, 6 Thou hast moved the earth, O Lord, and hast troubled it. V. Heal Thou the breaches thereof, for it has been moved. V. That they may flee before the bow: that Thine elect may be delivered.

GOSPEL: Luke 8. 4-15 **At** that time, when a very great multitude was gathered together and hastened out of the cities unto Jesus, He spoke by a similitude: The sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon a rock: and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other some fell among thorns, and the thorns growing up with it choked it. And other some fell upon good ground: and being sprung up yielded fruit a hundredfold. Saying these things, He cried out: He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him what this parable might be. To whom He said: To you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables: that seeing they may not see, and hearing may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And they by the way side are they that hear: then the devil cometh and taketh the word out of their heart, lest believing they should be saved. Now they upon the rock are they who, when they hear receive the word with joy; and these have no roots: for they believe for a while, and in time of temptation they fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who have heard and, going their way, are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and yield no fruit. But that on the good ground are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 16: 5, 6-7 Perfect Thou my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps be not moved: incline Thy ear, and hear my words: show forth Thy wonderful mercies, Thou who savest them that trust in Thee, O Lord.

PREFACE OF THE HOLY TRINITY

SECRET May the sacrifice offered unto Thee, O Lord, ever quicken and protect us. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 42: 4 I will go in to the altar of God, to God who giveth joy to my youth.

POSTCOMMUNION We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God to grant that they whom Thou refreshest with Thy sacraments may serve Thee worthily by a life well pleasing unto Thee. Through our Lord.

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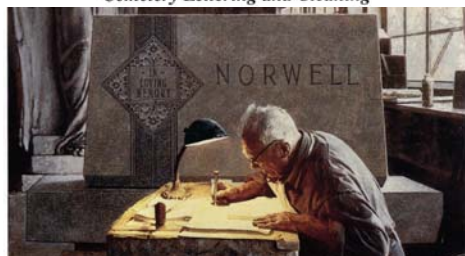
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