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# Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

270 Elliot Street Newton, MA 02464

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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

<u>Weekdays:</u> 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.

December 2nd, 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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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: The Advent Wreath alight for Christmas Eve, December 24th, 2012. The Four Sundays of Advent symbolize the time the world awaited its Savior from the Fall of our First Parents Adam and Eve until the Birth of Jesus the Christ Child in Bethlehem. (PHOTO by

parishioner Paul Eldridge, +2017.)
"Behold, the Name of the Lord cometh from afar, and His glory fills the whole world."—First Vespers for the First Sunday of Advent

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



#### THE SEASON **OF THE** ADVENT OF **OUR LORD**

**3**n the stational Mass for the First Sunday of Advent in Rome the Church selected is the Basilica of St.

Mary Major at the Crib. Here is where the precious relic of Christ's manger is kept. It is as if Mary the Mother of Christ is greeting us as she prepares the Crib to lay her Divine Son Jesus. The *Introit* Psalm 24 may be applied to the lips of Mary as the prayer of her expectation: "To You I lift up my soul, O my God. In You I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame" (Psalm 24(25): 1-3). We shall return again to this stational Church of the Crib on Christmas Eve when we celebrate our Savior's Birth. Let us make good use of these days of Advent which are given to us in order to prepare our hearts anew for the coming of the Lord.

(Fr. Higgins)



#### FEAST OF THE **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE** BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**DECEMBER 8th** (Saturday of this week) Patronal Feast of the United States of America

**HOLY DAY MASSES AT MARY IMMACULATE OF LOURDES:** 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Trad. Latin)

Don't forget to fulfill this important obligation by attending Mass on this day.



## **SCRIPTURE STUDY**

# COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2018:

St. Andrew Apostle

**J** or our weekly meditation of the Collects of the Roman Missals, we turn today to the Collect for the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, which we celebrated on Friday (11/30). The following is the official ICEL translation of this Collect in the MR'70, and it is identical to that of the MR'62:

"We humbly implore Your majesty, O Lord, that, just as the blessed Apostle Andrew was for Your Church a preacher and pastor, so he may be for us a constant intercessor before You. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, etc., Amen."

This prayer is deceptively simple, but it actually speaks eloquently of the person and character of St. Andrew in particular, as well as the heavenly office of the Twelve Apostles collectively. On earth, they brought others to Jesus in their preaching, sanctifying, and governing. In heaven, this mission continues uninterruptedly, as they exercise powerful solicitude for the Church by their intercession. Indeed, this is why the celebration of their feasts, the veneration of their relics, and pilgrimages to their tombs (and the sites connected with their lives and miracles) have always been integral to the Church's life.

If we recall from St. John's Gospel, there are three instances where St. John shows St. Andrew bringing other people to Jesus. He acts as a mediator by introducing his brother Simon Peter to Jesus (1:40-42), by bringing the boy with the five loaves and two fish to Jesus prior to the miraculous multiplication (6:8-11), and by making a bold intercession to Jesus on behalf of some Gentiles who wanted to see Him (12:20-22). In doing all these things (and probably more), St. Andrew is just like his previous teacher, St. John the Baptist, whose sole mission and desire was to point other people to Jesus (cf. John 1:29, 36; 3:30). In this way, St. Andrew was St. John the Baptist's model disciple, which made him especially fit to be one of Jesus' Twelve Apostles.

In his life, just like the rest of the Apostles, St. Andrew boldly preached Christ to many peoples

after the Resurrection, and suffered a terrible martyrdom (crucifixion on an X-shaped cross). His martyrdom testifies to his deep share in the love which Jesus demonstrated and proclaimed so beautifully before His Passion: "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (cf. John 15:12-13, RSV).

In heaven, the love of the Apostles for Christ and His Church is not diminished, but intensified, as are the spiritual capacities of *all* the saints who stand before the Throne and the Lamb (cf. Rev. 4-5; 21:14). Thus, St. Andrew's love for us as a spiritual father is quite strong. His will is in perfect conformity with the will of Jesus, and so, he desires for us every grace that we need to become the saints that God has called us to become.

In view of this, we could apply these words of St. John in his Third Letter to any of the Apostles, including St. Andrew: "No greater joy can I have than this, to hear that my children follow the truth" (cf. 3 John 1:4, RSV). In heaven, St. Andrew continues to be the mediator that he always was while on earth, doing all possible to bring us, his spiritual children, into greater communion with Christ.

The following excerpt from St. John Chrysostom, read in the Divine Office for St. Andrew's feast, is certainly worthy for our meditation: "Andrew's words ["We have found the Messiah"] reveal a soul waiting with the utmost longing for the coming of the Messiah, looking forward to His appearing from heaven, rejoicing when He does appear, and hastening to announce so great an event to others. To support one another in the things of the spirit is the true sign of good will between brothers, of loving kinship, and sincere affection."

Like St. Peter, we can confidently count on St. Andrew's "support, good will, loving kinship, and sincere affection" in his powerful intercession for us. Thanks be to God!

(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.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2018 ADVENT BAKE SALE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

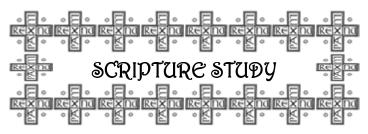
Please support our Advent Bake Sale this Sunday, December 2nd. Please join us also for our St. Nicholas

Pancake Breakfast in the Lower Church Hall after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 AM Masses.











#### 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





# LADIES' SODALITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Monthly meeting today in the Lower Rectory Conference Room after the 10:30 AM Mass.

Inquirants welcome to attend.

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

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

(Masses are at 2:00 PM)



"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

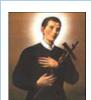
GOD GIVES ME, AND I SHOW HIM THIS IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS."—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

# CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE" PROJECT FOR 2018:

Our Christmas "Giving Tree" is set up in the front vestibule of the church for this year's Christmas charity drive. As in past years we continue to help the Second Step Shelter and Julie's Family Learning Center. If you wish to participate, please take an ornament from the tree, buy the gift, and return it to the church no later than

(Also, please attach the ornament to your gift.) There will be baskets for the gifts at the main entrance to the church. Thank you for your generous help in this project.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th.



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:

Patricia (Poutas) Lynch, aged 76
Marie Mitchell (mother of parishioner Joan Reynolds)



December 2nd, A.D. 2018

First Sunday of the Advent of the Lord

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

INTROIT: Psalm 24. 1-4. TO Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. *Ps. ibid.* 4. Show me, O Lord, Thy ways: and teach me Thy paths. ℣. 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. — To Thee ...

COLLECT: STIR up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and come: that from the threatening dangers of our sins, we may deserve to be rescued by Thy protection, and be saved by Thy deliverance: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Romans, 13. 11-14 BRETHREN, knowing that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy: but put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL: Psalm 24. 3, 4. ALL they that wait on Thee shall not be confounded, O Lord. V. Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me: and teach me Thy paths. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. Psalm 84. 8 O Lord, hear my prayer; and let my cry come to Thee. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 21. 25-33 AT THAT TIME Jesus said to His disciples: There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, by reason of the confusion of the roaring of the sea and of the waves: men withering away for fear and expectation of what shall come upon the whole world. For the powers of heaven shall be moved. And then they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great power and majesty. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a similitude: See the fig tree and all the trees: when they now shoot forth their fruit, you know that summer is nigh. So you also, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand. Amen, I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away. —

**OFFERTORY:** Psalm 24. 1-3. TO Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

SECRET: MAY these holy Mysteries, O Lord, cleanse us by their powerful efficacy, and enable us to come with greater purity to Him who is their foundation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

COMMUNION: Psalm 84. 13. THE Lord will give goodness: and our earth shall yield her fruit.

**POSTCOMMUNION:** MAY we receive Thy mercy, O Lord, in the midst of Thy temple: that we may with becoming honor prepare for the approaching solemnities of our redemption. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...



## 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

#### First Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 24 (25):1-3 (SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 4)

To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

#### **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 Psalm 24 (25):1-3 (SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 4)

To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

## **Communion Antiphon**: Psalm 84 (85):13 (SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 4)

The Lord will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

#### **Communion Meditation:**

Alma Redemptoris Mater Parish Book of Chant, no.212/pp. 212

#### **Recessional Hymn**

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying (Extra photocopy sheet)



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

#### First Sunday of Advent

Asperges (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

**Processional:** Creator Alme Siderum Parish Book of Chant, no.227/pg. 230

Introit: Psalm 24:1,3,4 Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te exspectant non confundentur. Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me.

#### **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 24:3,4 Universi, qui te exspectant, non confundentur, Domine. Vias tuas, Domine, notas fac mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me. <u>Alleluia</u>: Alleluia, alleluia. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutare tuum da nobis. Alleluia.

Offertory: Psalm 24:1-3 Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irrideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te exspectant non confundentur.

<u>Communion</u>: Psalm 84:13 Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

#### **Communion Meditation:**

Alma Redemptoris Mater Parish Book of Chant, no.212/pp. 212

#### **Recessional Hymn:**

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying (Extra photocopy sheet)

Noon Angelus (Chant)



#### Calendar of Masses

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

SUNDAY	4:00 PM (Sat)	Dottie Fresolo	Health of the Sick	Provencher Family
December 2nd (FIRST SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT OF THE LORD)	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 5:30 PM	Pro Populo Laura & Dominic Villella et alia Fr. Maccalli & Fr. Salako Dorothy Fresolo Francisca A.S. e Silva Eu-Tteum Na Dawn Na Thomas Juhasz Marie Mitchell Peter Provencher Mary Beth Monahan Janet Pino Barbara Gotal Rita Murphy Marie-Thérèse Pappin Hannah Rita & Robert Hickey Antoinette Covino	Memorial Special Intention Health of the Sick Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Birthday Intention Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Health of the Sick Health of the Sick Special Intention Special Intention Memorial Health of the Sick	John O'Connor David & Ellen Allen Erika da Silva Erika da Silva Haley Lee Haley Lee Haley Ee Juhasz Family Juhasz Family Provencher Family Monahan Family Our Lady's Sodality Laura Harvey Laura Harvey Rod & Martha Phillips  Judy Spaulding Kathy Blake
MONDAY December 3rd St. Francis Xavier	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	,
	12:30 PM	Sarah Wakefield	Birthday Intention	Kathy Blake
TUESDAY December 4th St. John Damascene	7:30 AM	Barbara Nyhen	Special Intention	(Q)
WEDNESDAY December 5th Advent feria	12:30 PM	Jerry Higgins	39th Anniversary	
THURSDAY December 6th St. Nicholas FRIDAY December 7th St. Ambrose first friday	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		TO COMPANY OF THE PROPERTY OF
	5:30 PM	Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
	7:30 AM Health of the Sick	Mary Provencher	Special Intention	Provencher Family
	12:30 PM	Jon Ferris	Special Intention	
SATURDAY December 8th IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY	7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Pro Populo Our Nation Holy Day Parish Intention All Souls (3) Intention of the Donor Charlie & Josephine	Memorial	Donor

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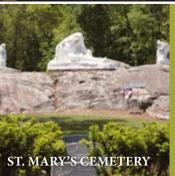
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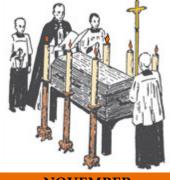
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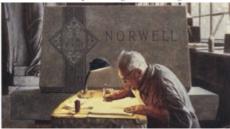
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