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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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.

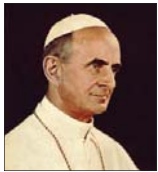
(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and
January 1st, as announced)

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**

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

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)



**“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)**

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

THE RORATE MASS

Our fourth and final Sunday of Advent, which brings us to the threshold of Christmas, is a summary of the whole message of Advent: the

Prophecies of Isaiah, the preaching of John the Baptist as the Herald of the Lord, the Mystery of the Incarnation in Mary's virginal womb. The event of the Christ-Child's Birth reveals at last the mysterious meaning of Isaiah's prophecy. As we read in the following Missal note:

The "Rorate caeli" of Isaias, a piece of marvelous lyric poetry and at the same time a text of unrivalled educative value, makes a fitting refrain for the whole course of Advent. The "earth" which opens to receive the "dew" and "bud forth the Saviour" is Mary. (St. Andrew's Missal, 1952 edition)

CARDINAL SEAN'S MASK-MANDATE

Our Cardinal Archbishop has imposed a universal mask-mandate, regardless of vaccination status, for all churches and shrines in the Archdiocese until at least January 17th, 2022. For us here at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes this mandate merely reinforces the mask-mandate which has been imposed on us by the City of Newton since September. At the same time Cardinal Seán has also urged everyone who can be vaccinated against COVID-19 to do so.

Co-operation with these double mandates from State and Church is necessary for the continued freedom to keep this parish church open for worship and accessibility to the Sacraments during a time of contagion.

I urge everyone to make use of the opportunity to practice virtue by co-operating with the mask-mandate inside the church, namely the virtues of penance, patience, self-control, denial of self-will, respect for authority, obedience to our bishop, social duty and social charity.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES for CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY (December 24th-25th)

*THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON DECEMBER
24th until the CHRISTMAS EVE MASS at 4 PM.*

**CHRISTMAS EVE, FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 24th, 2021:
4:00 PM (Novus Ordo)**

**12 Midnight (Traditional Latin)
MIDNIGHT MASS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 25th, 2021:**

**7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)
11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)**

NO 4 PM or 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day

**SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 2021:**

**7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)
11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)
5:30 pm (Traditional Latin)**

**OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2022:**

**7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)
11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)**

**NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2022:**

**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
(transferred)**

**4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 AM
(Novus Ordo)**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF
JESUS**

11:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2022
EPIPHANY MASS, 7:30 PM**



**ROMAN
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CHURCH
FOURTH
SUNDAY IN THE
ADVENT OF
THE LORD:
BASILICA OF
THE TWELVE
HOLY
APOSTLES**

Here in an immense crypt lie the relics of two of the Twelve Holy Apostles, SS. Philip and James the Less, together with other martyrs' relics taken from the Catacombs.

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—Elizabeth Lev, Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches (with George and Stephen Weigel, 2013)



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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



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Edward Nicoloro**

Born, December 12th, 2019
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Born again in Baptism in the Octave
of Christmas, 2019.
Born to Eternal Life,
June 19th, 2021

LATIN MASS PROPERS: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 Now 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)

SUNDAY December 19th	4:00 PM	Intention of the Donor		
	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
RORATE SUNDAY <i>in the ADVENT of the LORD</i>	9:00 AM	Liam Bascle	Memorial	Slifka Family
	11:00 AM	For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church		
		Janka Izakovica	Memorial	Izakovic Family
		Angelo Nicoloro	Mass of the Angels	Nicoloro Family
		Angelo Nicoloro	In Thanksgiving	Nicoloro Family
		Leavey Family	Special Intention	Nicoloro Family
		Carmelita Catherine Olohan	Year's Mind	Monahan Family
		Fraternity/Institute Priests	Special Intention	Monahan Family
		Marie Hong Tran	Memorial	Mary Tran
		Mary Casey Farrell	Health of the Sick	Theresa Casey
		Genevieve Kasper	Birthday Intention	Kasper Family
		In Honor of St. Anthony	In Thanksgiving	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Carmella Gianfrancesco	Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Neal Steinkrauss	Health of the Sick	Kathy Blake
		Fr. Gerry DiGiralamo	Year's Mind	Horan Family
		Louis & Marie Fuda	Memorial	Belmonte Family
		Paul & Susan Belmonte	Memorial	Belmonte Family
		Maria Centofanti	Special Intention	Catherine E. Dinon
		Karin Booth and Family	Special Intention	Rusnack Family
		Jackson & Connor Booth	Special Intention	Rusnack Family
		Helen "Sunny" McCloskey	92nd Birthday Int.	Jimmy McCloskey
		All Souls	Memorial	Duong Family
		John Mary Nguyen Xuan Hung	Health of the Sick	Duong Family
		Our Priests & Bishops	Memorial	Donor
	5:30 PM	Gertrude Hickey Newfell		Pamela & Philip Newfell
MONDAY December 20th <i>Greater Advent feria</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	Neal Steinkrauss	Health of the Sick	Laura Harvey
TUESDAY December 21st <i>Greater Advent feria</i>	7:30 AM	Dacy Family	Special Intention	Rosemary Krawczyk
WEDNESDAY December 22nd <i>Greater Advent feria</i>	12:30 PM	Susan & Rob Goeller	Special Intention	Catherine E. Dinon



THURSDAY December 23rd <i>Greater Advent feria</i>	7:30 AM 5:30 PM	Deceased Priests of the Memorial Archdiocese of Boston Catherine Blake	Birthday Intention Kathy Blake
FRIDAY December 24th <i>Vigil of Christmas/ CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	7:30 AM 12:30 PM 4:00 PM	<i>NO MASS OFFERED TODAY</i> <i>NO MASS OFFERED TODAY</i> PARISH HOLY DAY INTENTION	<i>No Masses until the First Mass of Christmas at 4:00 PM</i> Memento: +Brian Slifka +Mr./Mrs. William Kisil +Mr./Mrs. William Slifka

SATURDAY December 25th THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	12:00 MIDNIGHT 7:30 AM <i>Shepherds' Mass</i> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	PARISH HOLY DAY INTENTION Pro Populo PARISH HOLY DAY INTENTION PARISH HOLY DAY INTENTION	Memento: Antoinette Steinkrauss (Birthday Intention) Memento: +Louis & Rita Post +Bro. John Post +Robert M. Noviello, Sr.
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NO MASSES after 11 AM TODAY

Calendar of Masses *from week of December 12-18, 2021*
(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SUNDAY December 12th	4:00 PM 7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor Pro Populo		
GAUDETE SUNDAY in the ADVENT of the LORD	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Keith Wilcox For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Angelo Nicoloro Nicoloro Family Nicoloro Family Luke Kasper Marybeth Monahan Angelo Nicoloro Priests of the Parish	Memorial Mass of the Angels Special Intention Special Intention Birthday Intention Birthday Intention 2nd B/day Mem. Special Intention	Tom & Carrington Shaughnessey Choy Family Nicoloro Family Nicoloro Family Kasper Family Kasper Family Monahan Family Monahan Family Monahan Family



SUNDAY December 12th	11:00 AM	Shannon Marie Demont Dorothy M. Gerhard Françoise DeLord Cornelius Murphy Christopher Norwood Henry Bambrick, Sr. John F. Drohan Paul Quynh Nguyen Marie Hong Tran Our Priests and Bishops Norman Hobbib	Special Intention Memorial Memorial Birthday Intention 16th Anniversary 58th Anniversary 45th Anniversary Memorial Memorial Memorial	Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Anthony & Victoria Angelucci Viollet Family Kenneth Murphy Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Duong Family Mary Tran Donor Hobbib Family
GAUDETE SUNDAY in the ADVENT of the LORD				
	5:30 PM		Memorial	
MONDAY December 13th <i>St. Lucy</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
	12:30 PM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
TUESDAY December 14th <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	7:30 AM	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>		
WEDNESDAY December 15th <i>EMBER WEDNESDAY IN ADVENTIDE</i>	12:30 PM	Rev. Robert D. Smith	20th Anniversary	
THURSDAY December 16th <i>Advent feria/ St. Eusebius of Vercelli</i>	7:30 AM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Clare Donohoe	Special Intention	Catherine E. Dinon
FRIDAY December 17th <i>EMBER FRIDAY IN ADVENTIDE</i>	7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i>	Intention of the Donor		
	12:30 PM	Janka Izakovicova	Year's Mind	Izakovic Family
FRIDAY December 18th <i>EMBER SATURDAY IN ADVENTIDE</i>	9:00 AM	All Souls Rev. Joseph Santos Intention of the Donor Mary Rose Belmonte All Souls Ho Cong Tam Intention of the Donor	Memorial 7th Day after Bur. Mass of the Angels Memorial Memorial	Donor Christine Quagan Donor Belmonte Family Duong Family Duong Family Kathy Blake



**“Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand.”
—St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d’Ars**

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)
4:00 PM (*Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 AM

Rorate (4th) Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
(Michael Praetorius)

Introit: **Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 18:2**

Rorate Coeli

Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let Him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

(7:30AM & 9:00AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108.

Credo I (English)

Offertory: Missus Est Gabriel
(Ambrosian Chant)

Communion: **Isaiah 7:14**

Ecce Virgo

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Communion: Veni Redemptor Gentium
(Ambrosian Chant)

Recessional: O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(Worship II Hymnal, **No.195**)

Postlude: The Angel Gabriel
(Basque Carol)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)
11:00 AM (5:30 P.M.)

Rorate (4th) Sunday of Advent

Prelude: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
(Michael Praetorius)

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass): Missus Est Gabriel

Asperges (11:00 Mass)

Introit: **Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 18:2** *Rorate, coeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem. (Psalm) Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum. . Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Rorate, coeli, desuper ...*

(11AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Adventus

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108.

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

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: relaxa facinora plebis tuae Israel. Alleluia.*

Offertory: **(11AM) Luke 1:28,42** *Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui.*

Communion: **Isaiah 7:14** *Ecce Virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.*

Communion: Veni Redemptor Gentium
(Ambrosian Chant)

Recessional: Veni, Veni Emmanuel
(Parish Book of Chant, no.230/pg. 234~236)

Angelus (Chant)

Postlude: The Angel Gabriel
(Basque Carol)

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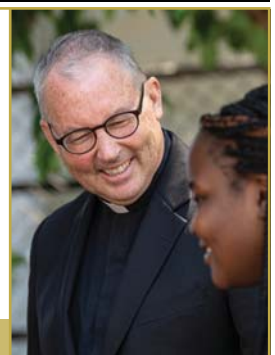
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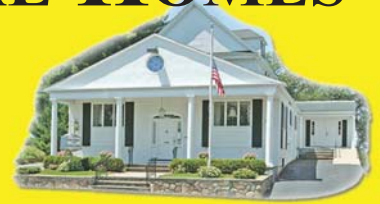
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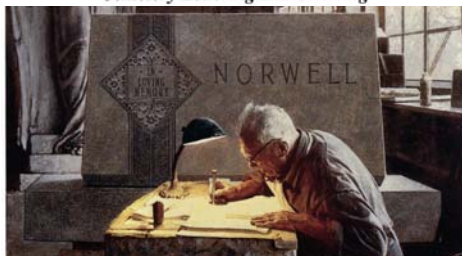
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