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## Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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rectory on 270 Elliot St, Newton Upper Falls and is  
open Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Telephone: 781-235-1841

[saintmaryscemetery.org](http://saintmaryscemetery.org)

### Mass Schedule

#### Sunday:

*Novus Ordo*

Saturday 4:00 PM (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*),  
7:30 & 9:00 AM

*Traditional Latin*

11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

#### Weekdays:

*Novus Ordo*

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 AM

*Traditional Latin*

Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM

#### Holy Days

(Mass Timetables, as announced close before  
the occurring Feast)

*December 8th, The Immaculate Conception of  
Our Lady (Patronal Feast of the USA)*

*December 24th/25th, Christmas*

*January 1st, Octave Day of Christmas-Mary  
the Mother of God*

*Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter)*

*August 15th, The Assumption of Our Lady*

*November 1st, All Saints*



# 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**

**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)

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

**Christmas & Epiphany at  
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes  
2025-2026**

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 24th, 2025:**  
4:00 PM (Novus Ordo)  
7:00 PM (Chaldean-Rite)  
12 Midnight (Traditional Latin)  
**MIDNIGHT MASS**

**CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 25th, 2025:**  
7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)  
11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)  
*NO 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day*

**OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2026:**  
7:30 & 9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)

11:00 AM (Traditional Latin)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2026  
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
(Sunday observance)**  
4:00 PM (Sat.), 7:30 & 9:00 AM  
(Novus Ordo)

**FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS**  
11:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Traditional Latin)

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2026:**  
7:30 PM  
(Traditional Latin)



**Christmas  
Flower  
Offering  
Envelopes  
are  
available to  
you at the  
entrance**

**tables to the church. Your generosity makes it possible for us to decorate our sanctuary with such beautiful poinsettia plants for the Christmas Season. The names of those memorialized or honored in our Christmas Flower envelopes will be remembered at all of our parish Masses throughout the Forty Days of Christmas, from Christmas Eve to Candlemas Day.**



**+Angelo Christopher  
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**

**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)**



“But note what is taking place here this morning. While We close the

Ecumenical Council, We are honoring Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Christ, and consequently, as We declared on another occasion, the Mother of God and our Spiritual Mother. We are honoring Mary Most Holy,

the Immaculate One, therefore innocent, stupendous, perfect. She is the Woman, the true Woman who is both ideal and real, the creature in whom the image of God is reflected with absolute clarity, without any disturbance, as happens in every other human creature.

Is it not perhaps in directing our gaze on this Woman who is our humble sister and at the same time our heavenly Mother and Queen, the spotless and sacred Mirror of infinite Beauty, that we can terminate the spiritual ascent of the Council and

Our final greeting? Is it not here that our post-conciliar work can begin? Does not the beauty of Mary Immaculate become for us an inspiring model, a comforting hope?”

—Pope Paul VI, Closing Mass of the Second Vatican Council, December 8th, 1965 A.D.



## The Four Sundays of Advent The Forty-days of Christmas



“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)

## STEWARDSHIP



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE SUPPORT  
OF OUR PARISH AND THE WIDER CHURCH MISSION

*“What return can I make to the Lord for all His kindness to Me?”*

**OFFERTORY for the TWENTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY after PENTECOST/33rd SUNDAY of  
the YEAR, NOVEMBER 16th, A.D. 2025,  
\$7,702.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS, \$1,064.00:  
= \$8,766.00**



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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)

GAUDETE SUNDAY  
of ADVENT  
Commemorations:  
Octave of the  
Immaculate  
Conception

7:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
11:00 AM

## Pro Populo

# Memorial

## O'Shaughnessey Family

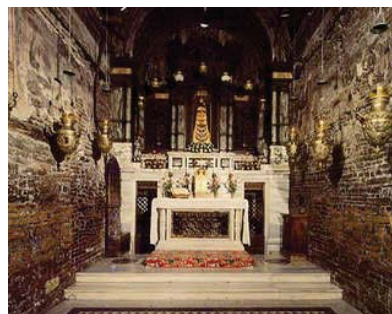
Centofanti  
In Thanksgiving  
Nicoloro Family  
+Angelo C. E. Nicoloro  
Pope/Priests/Bishops  
Divine Will/Peace on

## Memorial

Aubrey Landon/Family  
+Jarrod Paquette  
Henry & Jamy  
+Matthew Sweeney (1/3)  
Sarikos/Allin/Buta (1/7)  
Catherine Dinon  
+David Rainey  
+Dorothy M. Gerhard  
Shannon Marie Demont  
+A. Dora Gianfrancesco

Special Intention  
Special Intention  
Memorial  
  
Memorial  
Memorial  
Healing  
Health of the Sick  
Special Intention  
Memorial  
Special Intention  
Memorial  
Special Intention  
Memorial  
Living & Deceased  
Birthday Intention  
Memorial  
Memorial  
Special Intention  
Memorial

Susan DiMascio  
Stephen Choi  
Nicoloro Family  
Nicoloro Family  
MPA  
  
MPA  
Donor  
Susanna Barboza  
MPA  
Barbara Opielowski  
Nicoloro Family  
Sister  
Friend  
Their Children  
Gabriella Belmonte  
Gabrielle Belmonte  
Dolores Burke  
Izakovic Family  
Maria Pia  
Maria Pia  
Kathy Blake  
Rosary Group  
Anthony & Victoria Angelucci  
Anthony & Victoria Angelucci  
Her Nieces & Nephews



## Gaudete Sunday

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SUNDAY December 14th  GAUDETE SUNDAY	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests  Eamon Gaffey (3/4) +All Souls (3/10)	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance Health of the Sick Memorial	Donor Susana Barboza Susana Barboza
	5:30 PM	Fr. Sean Connor	Health of the Sick	Belmonte Family
MONDAY December 15th OCTAVE DAY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes		
	12:30 PM	+Maria Centofanti	Memorial	Laura Harvey
TUESDAY December 16th Advent Feria	7:30 AM	+Cynthia Hildebrand (1/5)	Memorial	Camille Arcidi
WEDNESDAY December 17th EMBER WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM	+Mary Maila  MEMENTO: Mary Gabriel Goguen, Birthday Intention, Req. by the Goguen Family	50th Anniv. Mem.	Julianne Maila
THURSDAY December 18th Expectation of the Virgin Mary	7:30 AM	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
	5:30 PM	Catherine Dinon	Birthday Intention	Maureen Nyhen
FRIDAY December 19th EMBER FRIDAY	7:30 AM	+Rev. Robert D. Smith	24th Anniv. Mem.	
	Health of the Sick 12:30 PM	+Carolyn Ward	Memorial	Hobbib Family
SATURDAY December 20th EMBER SATURDAY (Vigil of St. Thomas, Apostle)	9:00 AM	Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix & Mediatrix of All Graces All Souls (6/10) Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace On Earth Elizabeth Schnur (2/9) +Carmine A. Molisse	Memorial	Michael Kent Maria
			Special Intention Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio MPA
			Special Intention Special Intention	MPA Schnur Family
			28th Anniv. Mem.	Tyler C. Molisse
	4:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass) +Brian Yates		Memorial	Alicia Kerr



**“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 (Novus Ordo)

Saturday 4:00 PM (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*),  
7:30 & 9:00 AM

### Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)

#### Prelude (9:00AM) Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary.*

*Rejoice! At this time of grace and longed-for blessing,*

*Love faithfully offers a song of praise. Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*God is made human in this wonderful birth: The world is cleansed through the rule of Christ. Rejoice! Rejoice! The gate of heaven now opens which to us was closed, Sending forth transforming light through which holiness is found.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Therefore we meet in pure songs of joy; We bless the Lord, King of our Salvation. Rejoice! Rejoice!*

#### Introit: Philippians 4:4-5

##### Gaudete in Domino

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 4)

#### (7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

#### Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII, Adventus

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

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

#### Credo I (English)

Offertory Of the Father's Love Begotten  
(medieval plainchant)

**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: Isaiah 35:4

##### Dicite pusillanimes

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God come, and He will save us.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 99)

#### Communion Meditation (9:00 AM)

Magnificat, H, 80

(Marc-Antoine Carpentier, first published in 1698)

## Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

### Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)

#### Prelude (11:00 AM) Gaudete

(Anonymous: Published: Piae Cantiones, 1582)

**Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass)** Corde Natus Ex Parentis  
(Chant)

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

#### Introit: Philippians 4:4-6; Ps. 84:2 Gaudete in Domino

*semper: iterum dico gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud eum.*

*Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob. Glória Patri ...*

#### (11:00 AM)

#### 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: Psalm 79:2,3,2 Qui sedes, Domine, super Cherubim, excita potentiam tuam, et veni. Qui regis Israel, intende: qui deducis velut ovem, Ioseph. Alleluia: Alleluia, alleluia. Excita, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni ut salvos facias nos. Alleluia.

Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 84:2,3 Benedixisti, Domine, terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Iacob: remisisti iniquitatem plebis tuae.

Communion: Dicite: pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos.

#### Communion Meditation (11:00AM)

Magnificat, H, 80

(Marc-Antoine Carpentier, first published in 1698)





Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)  
Saturday, 4:00 PM (*Anticipated Sunday Mass*),  
7:30 & 9:00 AM

**Gaudete Sunday**  
(Third Sunday of Advent)

**Recessional Hymn**  
O Come, Divine Messiah  
(Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Hymnal, No.14)

**Postlude (9:00AM)**  
Juste Et Pie Vivamus  
(Samuel Webbe, composed in 1786)  
*Let us live just and godly lives, while we wait for the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.*



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

**Gaudete Sunday**  
(Third Sunday of Advent)

**Recessional Hymn**  
O Come, Divine Messiah  
(Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Hymnal, No.14)

*Angelus*

**Postlude (11:00AM)**  
Juste Et Pie Vivamus  
(Samuel Webbe, composed in 1786)



**"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)**



**ROMAN STATIONAL CHURCH**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN THE**  
**ADVENT OF THE LORD:**  
**ST. PETER'S BASILICA**

"Today's stational church is the burial place of the Prince of the Apostles, St. Peter...The Introit [*"Gaudete"*] fulfills its purpose perfectly, i.e., it sets the tone for the Mass and for the day: *'Rejoice in the Lord; again I say, rejoice. For the Lord is near!'* With these words the Church greets us as we enter. Again, it is a double-coming that we joyfully await—Christ's coming in the flesh and His coming in glory, both of which are fulfilled at Mass. In response to these glad tidings, we sing Psalm 84, the 'Psalm of Redemption' (used three times today—at the Introit, Offertory, Communion—the three processions.)

—Dr. Pius Parsch, *The Church's Year of Grace, Volume I (A.D. 1957)*



## LATIN MASS PROPER: GAUDETE SUNDAY

**INTROIT:** Philippians 4. 4-6; Psalm 84. 2 REJOICE in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Ps. 84. 2. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. 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. — Rejoice ...

**COLLECT:** INCLINE Thine ear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our petitions: and, by the grace of Thy visitation, enlighten the darkness of our minds: 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 Philippians, 4. 4-7 BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 79. 2-3, 2 THOU, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. V. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep. ALLELUIA Alleluia, alleluia. Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John I. 19-28 **AT THAT TIME** the Jews sent from Jerusalem Priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**OFFERTORY:** Psalm 84. 2-3 LORD, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

**SECRET:** MAY the Sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be continually offered up to Thee: may it both complete the institution of the holy Mysteries, and wondrously accomplish in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord ...

**COMMUNION:** Isaias 35. 4 SAY: Ye fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come, and will save us.

**POSTCOMMUNION:** WE implore, O Lord, Thy mercy: that these divine helps may expiate our sins, and prepare us for the approaching Feast. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...







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Tuesday, December 9th: 6:00 - 6:30 pm Tours, \*\*Show at 6:30 pm  
\* Dia De Los Muertos Show \*\*Noche Buena Navidad Show



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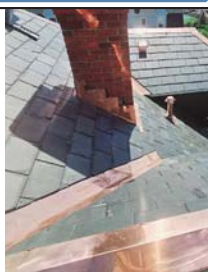
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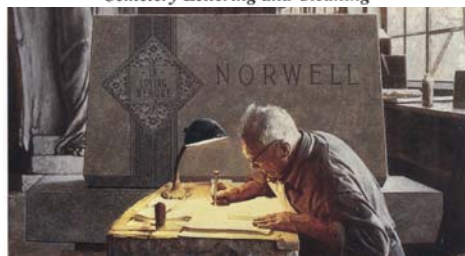
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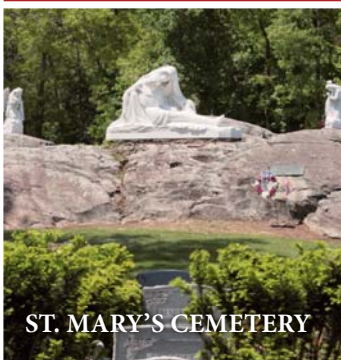
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