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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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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 Served 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)

**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)



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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.



Christmas Mass Collection: For the Support of the Sick and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston



"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)



"Devotion to the most holy Virgin of Guadalupe must be for all of you a constant and specific demand for authentic Christian renewal. The crown which she expects from all of you is not so much a material one as a precious spiritual crown, shaped by a profound love of Christ and a sincere love of all: the two commandments which sum up the Gospel message. The same most holy Virgin, with her example, guides us on these two paths."

In the first place, she exhorts us to make Christ the Center and Summit of our whole Christian life. She remains hidden, with supreme humility, so that the Image of her Son might appear to humanity with all its incomparable brightness. For this reason, true Marian devotion reaches its fullness and its most rightful expression when it is a path to the Lord and directs all its love toward Him, just as Mary knew how to do, so as to intertwine in one and the same impulse the tenderness of a mother and the piety of a creature."

—Pope Paul VI, Message to the Mexican People, *L'Osservatore Romano*, 18 October 1970



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Weekly Holy Hours:
Fridays, 6:30-7:30 AM
11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 AM



"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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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 LAST SUNDAY after
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OTHER OFFERINGS, \$3,774.00:
= **\$10,542.00**



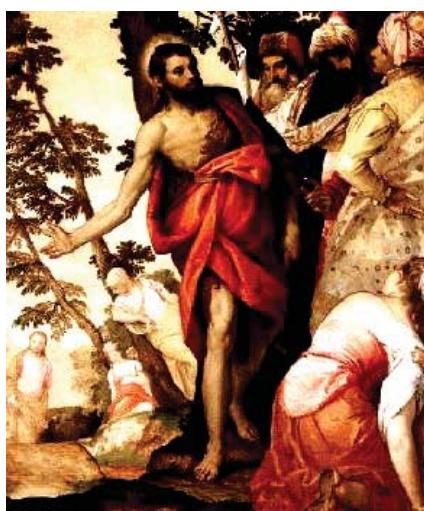
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= **\$4,713.00**

"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 DECEMBER 21st	Saturday 4:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)	+Brian Yates	Memorial	Alicia Kerr
RORATE SUNDAY of ADVENT	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
Commemorations: Octave of the Immaculate Conception	9:00 AM	Jean DuRocher	75th Birthday Int.	DuRocher Family
	11:00 AM	For the Preservation of		



“Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand.”

—St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars

SUNDAY December 21st	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests Eamon Gaffey (4/4) +All Souls (4/10)	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance Health of the Sick Memorial	Donor Susana Barboza Susana Barboza
RORATE SUNDAY	5:30 PM	+Mark Pollander & Douglas Pollander	Memorial	Kurt & Ann Pollander
MONDAY December 22nd <i>Greater Feria of Advent/ St. Thomas, Apostle (transferred)</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes		
	12:30 PM	Catherine Dinon	Birthday Intention	Laura Harvey
TUESDAY December 23rd <i>Greater Feria of Advent</i>	7:30 AM	+Cynthia Hildebrand (2/5)	Memorial	Camille Arcidi
WEDNESDAY December 24th <i>Vigil of Christmas, CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	4:00 PM	+Brian Slifka	Memorial	Slifka Family
	7:00 PM	CHALDEAN RITE		
	12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS	+Catherine Blake Marielle Viollet Léopoldine Viollet Alexandre Sinonnot Anthony Phuong Nguyen Mary Bich Nguyen John Nguyen	Birthday Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention Special Intention	Kathy Blake Viollet Family Viollet Family Viollet Family Maria Tran Maria Tran Duong Family
THURSDAY December 25th <i>FEAST of the NATIVITY, CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	Memorial	
	9:00 AM	+Brian Slifka	Memorial	Manya Hughes & Slifka Fam.
	11:00 AM	Antoinette Steinkrauss Anthony Laubacher +Catherine Blake Catherine Dinon Maria Pia	Birthday Intention Special Intention Birthday Memorial Special Intention Special Intention	Kwash Family Neal & Antoinette Steinkrauss Antoinette Steinkrauss Elizabeth Wadsworth Elizabeth Wadsworth
FRIDAY December 26th <i>ST. STEPHEN, Proto-martyr</i>	7:30 AM <i>Health of the Sick</i>	+Alexis Manuel Barboza Cisneros	Anniversary Mem.	Susana Barboza
	12:30 PM	+Mary McCarthy	Memorial	Mary McCarthy (Daughter)
SATURDAY December 27th <i>ST. JOHN the DIVINE, Apostle</i>	9:00 AM	Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix & Mediatrix of All Graces All Souls (7/10) Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace On Earth Elizabeth Schnur (4/9)	Memorial	Michael Kent Maria
			Special Intention Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio MPA
			Special Intention Special Intention	MPA Schnur Family

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

Rorate Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Prelude (9:00 AM) Canite Tuba

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published 1572 in Motettorum liber secundus)

Introit: Isaiah 45:8

Rorate Caeli

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rains down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

(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 Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

(Michael Praetorius)

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 7:14

Ecce Virgo

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

(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 99)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

Rorate Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Prelude (11:00 AM) Canite Tuba

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina,

first published 1572 in Motettorum liber secundus)

Blow the trumpet in Zion, for the day of the Lord is nigh. Lo, He comes to our salvation. The crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain. Come, Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above and let the clouds pour down righteousness: let the earth open and bring forth the Saviour. Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation: come, O Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia.

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass) Qui Regis Sceptra

Thou who alone rulest all things with Thy mighty right hand bearing the sceptre: show unto Thy people the greatness of Thy power now awakened. Grant unto them the gifts of salvation, which the prophetic utterances foretold. From the bright royal palace of Heaven, send unto our fields Jesus, O Lord. Amen.

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

Introit: Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 18:2 Rorate, coeli, desuper, et

nubes pluant iustum: aperiatur terra, et germet Salvatorem.

(Psalm) Coeli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum.

(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 : 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: relaza 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 7:4 *Ecce Virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.*



Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

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

Rorate Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Communion Meditation (9:00 AM)

Magnificat

(Jean Mouton, Manuscript ca.1515)

1. *My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.* 2. *For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.* Behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. 3. *For He that is mighty hath done great things unto me, and holy is His Name.* 4. *And His mercy is upon them that fear him, from generation unto generation.* 5. *He hath shown strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their hearts.* 6. *He hath cast down the mighty from their thrones, and hath exalted the humble.* 7. *He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent away empty.* 8. *He, remembering His mercy, hath upheld His servant Israel, as He promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.* 9. *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.*

Recessional Hymn

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

Postlude (9:00AM)

Orietur Stella Ex Jacob

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published 1584 in
Motettorum liber quintus)

A star shall rise forth out of Jacob, and a man shall spring up from Israel; he shall break in pieces all the princes of the heathen, and the whole earth shall become his possession. All the kings of the earth shall adore him, all nations shall serve him, and the whole earth shall be his possession.

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

Rorate Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Communion Meditation (11:00AM)

Magnificat

(Jean Mouton, Manuscript ca.1515)

Recessional Hymn

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

Angelus

Postlude (11:00AM)

Orietur Stella Ex Jacob

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published 1584 in
Motettorum liber quintus)



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

“Formerly this Sunday was a-liturgical because the Ember Day ceremonies lasted well into Sunday morning. Later, when its liturgy was transferred to Saturday morning, another formulary was composed from the texts of the Ember Day Masses. Accordingly, the Introit, Gradual and Communion are as on Wednesday and the Gospel as on Saturday. Thus today’s Mass serves as a belated Ember Day observance for those of the faithful who for some reason could not participate during the week; or we may regard it as a kind of Ember Day observance for the whole assembled community—a grateful reminder of the past three months and a covenant renewal for the coming quarter [year].”

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



LATIN MASS PROPS: RORATE SUNDAY



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 declarereth 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 *N*ow 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.



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The program runs from June 22 to August 14, offering 8 weeks of activities.



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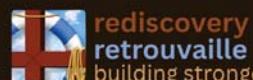
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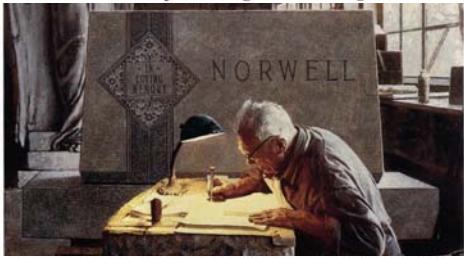
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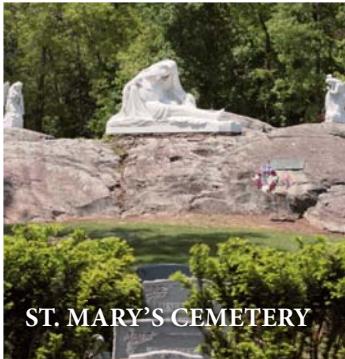
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