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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**  
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**Immaculate Conception Chaldean-Rite Mission at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church:  
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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)

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



**FRONT COVER:** St. Francis of Assisi before the live Nativity Scene at Greccio, Christmas Midnight Mass, A.D. 1223, by the artist Giotto di Bondone.



*the Octave Day of Christmas*

**7:30 AM (Novus Ordo)**

**9:00 AM (Novus Ordo)**

**11:00 AM**

**(Traditional Latin Mass)**

**January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation**



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.



**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)**



"The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel ... Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above all is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of His life among us, with its varied background of place, of time, of customs, of language, of religious practices—in fact, everything Jesus made use of to reveal Himself to the world.

Here everything is eloquent, all has a meaning. Here, in this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ. How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths."

—An Address by Pope Paul during his Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:  
January 5, 1964



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ADORATION



**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)**

## 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?"*

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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  
 DECEMBER  
 28th

FEAST OF THE  
 HOLY INNOCENTS  
*Commemoration:  
 Octave of Christmas*

FEAST OF THE  
 HOLY FAMILY OF  
 JESUS, MARY, AND  
 JOSEPH

Saturday  
 4:00 PM  
*(Anticipated  
 Sunday Mass)*

7:30 AM  
 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

+Ludmila & Jan Dostal

Pro Populo

All the Family  
 Households of Mary  
 Immaculate of Lourdes  
 Parish

For the Preservation of  
 the Free Exercise of  
 the Latin Mass in the  
 Life of the Church  
 The Holy Family  
 Jessica Perdomenico  
 Maureen Nyhen (2/10)  
 Pope/Priests/Bishops  
 Divine Will/Peace on  
 Earth  
 All Seminarians  
 +Alex. M. Barboza (4/12)  
 "All Those In Need" (16)  
 +All Souls (18/50)  
 +John J. Nicoloro (13/30)  
 Eliza. Wysocka (10/10)  
 Neal/Antointette Stein.  
 John Steinkrauss  
 Thomas Steinkrauss  
 +Robert Kwash  
 D.J. Gilmore  
 Minh Thu Duong  
 Jonathan Duong  
 Holy Trinity of God  
 +Matthew Sweeney (3/3)  
 Sarikos/Allin/Buta (3/7)

Memorial

Lida Reed



Special Intention  
 In Thanksgiving  
 Birthday Intention  
 Special Intention  
 Special Intention

Special Intention  
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 Memorial

Memorial  
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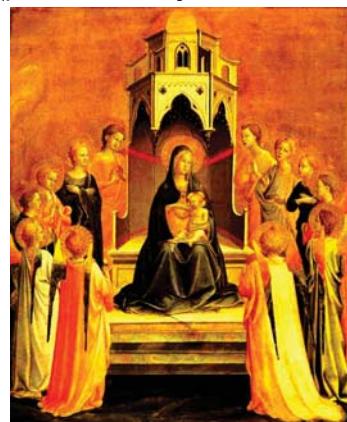
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 Kwash Family  
 Carmel Farrell  
 Duong Family  
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 Maria Tran  
 Maria Pia  
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*N.B.: Due to an early printing deadline, any Mass Intention requests received after December 18th do not appear in today's Sunday Bulletin.*



SUNDAY	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests +All Souls (5/10)	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance Memorial	Donor Susana Barboza
December 28th				
HOLY INNOCENTS				
	5:30 PM	+William Vo	Memorial	Maria
MONDAY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
December 29th				
St. Thomas Beckett, Bishop & Martyr	12:30 PM	Nic & Danby	Special Intention	Donor
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	+Cynthia Hildebrand (3/5)	Memorial	Camille Arcidi
December 30th				
Sixth Day of Christmas				
WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM	Thanksgiving to the Divine Mercy	Birthday Intention	Berthie Cherubim
December 31st				
St. Sylvester, Pope & Confessor				
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Pro Populo	Memorial	
JANUARY 1st				
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	9:00 AM	Mary, Holy Mother of God	In Thanksgiving	Choy Family
	11:00 AM	Rose DelGrosso	Birthday Intention	Elizabeth Wadsworth
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	Maureen Nyhen (3/10)	Special Intention	Kumar Family
January 2nd				
SS. Basil & Gregory, Bishops & Doctors/ Octave Day of St. Stephen				
First Friday	12:30 PM	+Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix & Mediatrix of All Graces		
January 3rd		All Souls (8/10)	Memorial	
Octave Day of St. John the Divine		Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden	Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio MPA
First Saturday		Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace	Special Intention	MPA
		On Earth	Special Intention	Schnur Family
		Elizabeth Schnur (5/9)	Special Intention	Stephen Miller
		Julie, Eliza & Stella Miller	Special Intention	Stephen Miller
		Miller/Ramsdell Family	Living & Deceased	Colbe Mazzarella
		Corcoran/Mazzarella Fam.	Living & Deceased	Seven Sisters Apostolate
		Priests of the Parish	Special Intention	Donor
		Archbishop Henning	Special Intention	Duong Family
		+William Vo	Memorial	Duong Family
		Ai Duong	Special Intention	



# 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

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Prelude (9:00 AM)

### Introit: Luke 2:16

### **Venerunt pastores**

*The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*  
(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 5)

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

#### Ordinary Prayers: Mass II, Kyrie Fons Bonitatis

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:  
*Parish Book of Chant*, no. 34ff./pp. 63-66

### **Credo I (English)**

### Offertory

**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: Baruch 3:38

### **Deus noster**

*Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.*  
(TODAY'S MISSAL, Page 100)

### Communion Meditation

**Recessional Hymn:** Once In Royal David's City  
(Worship II Hymnal, **No. 220**)

### Postlude



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

## Feast of the Holy Innocents

### Prelude (11:00 AM)

### Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass)

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

**Introit:** Psalm 8: 3, 2 *Ex ore infantium, Deus, et lactentium perfecisti laudem propter inimicos tuos. V. Domine, Dominus noster: quam admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra! V. Gloria Patri ...*

### **(11:00 AM)**

#### Ordinary Prayers: Mass II, Kyrie Fons Bonitatis

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:  
*Parish Book of Chant*, no. 34ff./pp. 63-66

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

**Gradual:** Ps. 123:7-8 *Anima nostra, sicut passer, erepta est de laqueo venantium. V. Laqueus contritus est, et nos liberate sumus. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini, qui fecit caelum et terram. Alleluia* Psalm 112:1: *Alleluia, alleluia. V. Laudate, pueri, Dominum, laudate nomen Domini. Alleluia.*

**Offertory:** (11AM) Psalm 123:7 *Anima nostra sicut passer erepta est de laqueo venantium: laqueum contritus est, et nos liberati sumus.*

**Communion:** Matthew 2:13 *Vox in Rama audita est, ploratus et ululatus: Rachel plorans filios suos, et noluit consolari, quia non sunt.*

### Communion Meditation (11:00AM)

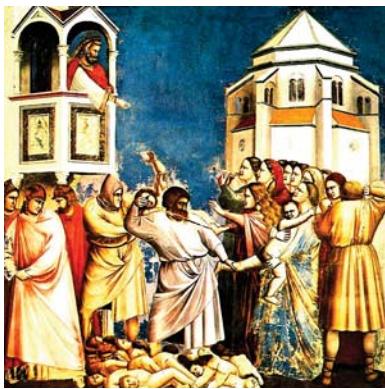
### Recessional Hymn

Once In Royal David's City  
(Worship II Hymnal, **No. 220**)

*Angelus*

### Postlude





ROMAN  
STATIONAL  
CHURCH  
**FEAST OF THE  
HOLY  
INNOCENTS:  
BASILICA OF ST.  
PAUL-OUTSIDE-  
THE-WALLS**

“At the station church, St. Paul’s, in a sarcophagus beneath the apse, five bodies of the Holy Innocents have been venerated from early times. Approaching the altar we hear the little martyrs praising the Lamb in the words of Psalm 8

(*Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, O God, Thou hast perfected praise because of Thy enemies.*); and we quickly add our voices to their song. The world and Israel refused to pay due honor to God and His Anointed, while these infants in the cradle offered choicest praise. Study the *Collect*; its message is deepest liturgy: *non loquendo sed moriendo*,

“not by talking, but by dying!” Liturgy is not primarily words, rather action; or better, words that turn into action. Liturgists will apply the principle to themselves. Sacrifice is paramount, not reading or liturgical dramatics. The *Epistle* draws back the curtains of heaven to reveal the mystery of heavenly worship: the divine Lamb standing slain upon the altar, surrounded by 144,000 pure souls, firstlings of God! How well the Book of the Apocalypse unveils the inner nature of every Mass! In the company of God’s chosen multitude we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. The *Gospel* introduces an austere note into the peace-melody of Christmas as it provides a speedy exemplification of what we heard in the Third Mass on Christmas: “*He came unto His own and His own received Him not.*” The Messiah must flee to Egypt; from Egypt He had once freed His people. The tragedy of Christ’s rejection by the Chosen People has already taken place. In the remaining chants the Holy Innocents speak of heavenly things: they are rejoicing because, like trapped birds, they escaped Herod’s snares and now enjoy eternal liberty

It is not exactly easy to explain why the *Communion* repeats Rachel’s “*weeping and mourning*”. There are tensely solemn moments in liturgical drama; this may be one of them.”

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



Stained glass window of the Flight into Egypt of the Holy Family, Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church: PHOTO taken by parishioner Paul Eldridge.

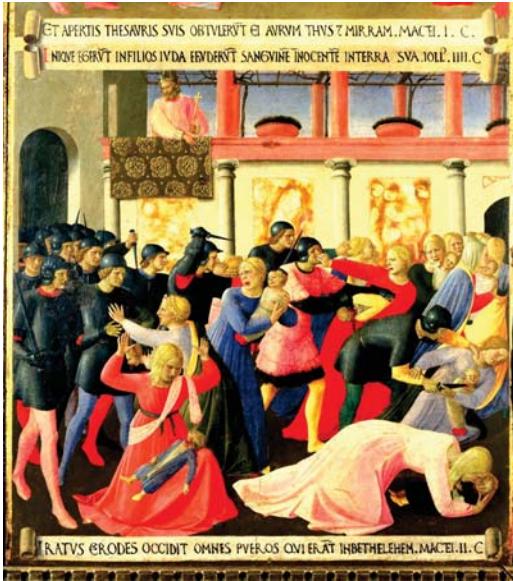


“I WOULD  
MAINTAIN THAT  
THANKS ARE THE  
HIGHEST FORM  
OF THOUGHT,  
AND THAT  
GRATITUDE IS  
HAPPINESS  
DOUBLED BY WONDER.”  
—G. K. CHESTERTON (+1936)



“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)

## LATIN MASS PROPER: THE HOLY INNOCENTS (CHILDERMAS)



*The Massacre of the Holy Innocents, by  
Fra Angelico, 1451-1452 A.D.*

INTROIT: Ps. 8.3 Out of the mouths of infants and of sucklings, O God, Thou hast perfected praise, because of Thy enemies. *Psalm O* Lord, our God, how admirable is Thy Name in the whole earth! *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, whose praise the martyred Innocents confessed this day, not in speech, but by death: mortify within us all vices: that Thy faith which our tongues profess, our lives also by their actions may confess. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: *Apocalypse 14:1-5* In those days I saw upon Mount Sion a Lamb standing, and with Him an hundred forty-four thousand, having His Name and the Name of His Father written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the noise of many waters, and as the voice of great thunder: and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers, harping on their harps. And they sung as it were a new canticle before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the ancients: and no man could say the canticle, but those hundred forty-four thousand who were purchased from the earth. These are they who were not defiled with women: for they are virgins.

These follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were purchased from among men, the first-fruits to God and to the Lamb: and in their mouth there was found no lie: for they are without spot before the throne of God.

GRADUAL: *Psalm 123.7-8* Our soul hath been delivered as a sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers. *V.* The snare hath been broken, and we have been delivered. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ALLELUIA: *Psalm 112.1* Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* Praise the Lord, ye children, praise ye the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 2: 13-18* At that time an Angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the Child and His mother, and fly into Egypt, and be there until I tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him. Who arose and took the Child and His mother by night and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the Prophet, saying: Out of Egypt I have called My Son. Then Herod, perceiving that He was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry, and sending killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently acquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by the Jeremias the Prophet, saying: a voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning: Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

OFFERTORY: *Psalm 123.7* Our soul hath been delivered as a sparrow out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken and we are delivered.

SECRET May the devout prayer of Thy saints now be wanting to us, O Lord: may it make our offerings acceptable to Thee and ever obtain for us Thy pardon. Through our Lord.

### Preface of Christmas

COMMUNION: *Mark 2:18* A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning: Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

POSTCOMMUNION Do Thou grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, through the prayers of the saints, that these votive offerings, partaken by us, may gain help both in this life and in the life to come. 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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Half day: 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Extended day option: until 4:30 PM

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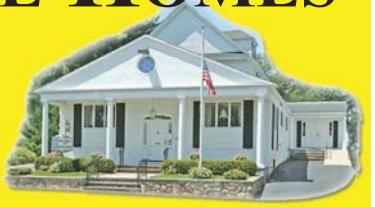
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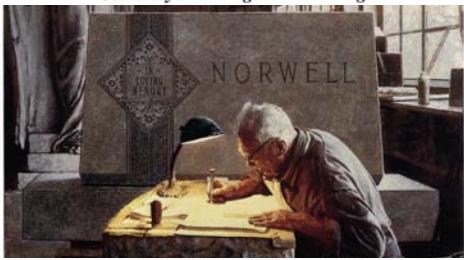
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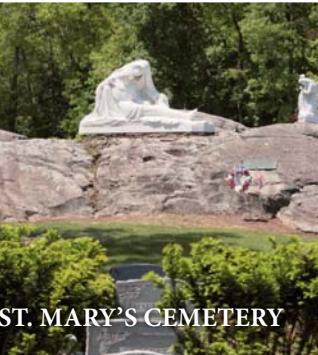


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