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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/miolnewton



Parish Cemetery of
Saint Mary's,
Needham
**GUARDIAN
ESTATE
MANAGEMENT
INC.**

Mr. Ron Goguen, Superintendent .

Guardian Staff on-site for service hours Mon.-Fri.,
9 AM—3 PM, April through November.

The Cemetery Office is located at the parish
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

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

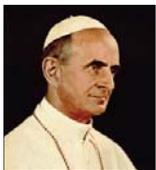
November 1st, All Saints

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.

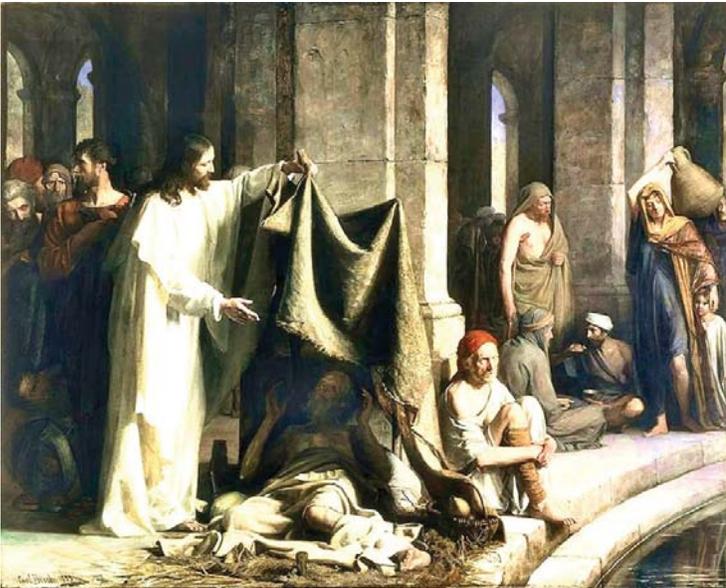
Pastoral Care of the Sick

**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)

+ FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY+



“Healing at the Pool of Bethesda”, by Carl Bloch, 1883. The Gospel Lesson for Ember Friday in Lent (First Week in Lent) is the account of Christ healing the paralyzed man by the Pool of Bethesda, John 5:1-15. In the sequence of the Lourdes Apparitions, it was on this Lenten day that the people of Lourdes discovered the fresh spring coming up out of the side of the rock, just where Bernadette had been struggling to “drink” from the dirt the day before. Thus we see the beautiful connection between the sign of the Lourdes spring and the graces of the waters of baptism. The Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate at Lourdes track closely the baptismal catechesis of the early Church, and the call to do penance and be converted to Christ.

The Religious Practice of Fasting

Fasting is an important means of continuing conversion to Christ and is placed front-and-center during Lent. Fasting is “an act of penitence and physical mortification imposed by the Church for exercise in temperance and the health of souls” (A Catholic Dictionary, D. Attwater, ed., 1949) The Church law on fasting is that on a fast-day only one full meal may be taken, and that after noon. Custom allows for two other small meals in order to maintain strength. This law obligates those over 21 and under 59, who are not impeded by severe work (manual or mental), or health concerns. Tied in with the practice of fasting, however, is growing stronger in the

Together we are
one

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON | CATHOLIC APPEAL

www.bostoncatholicappeal.org

Next Sunday is the launch for this year’s Catholic Appeal. This year’s Parish Assessment is **\$41,611.00**. “Commitment Weekend” will be on Sunday, March 15th.

virtue of temperance around food and drink. Fasting should help us in our relationship to food so that it is a balanced one. Two clear errors to avoid are building up an overwhelming appetite during our fasting hours and then binge eating, or turning the fast into self-starvation in the mistaken belief that we can get to a higher spiritual plane thereby.

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)

LENTEN REGULATIONS

CURRENT DISCIPLINE

Days of Abstinence

Begins on one's 14th birthday.

Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. Obliges abstinence from flesh meat.

Days of Penance

Applies to all the Faithful. Lent and Fridays outside of Lent.

Days of Fast

Everyone aged 18-59. 1 full meal permitted, two other meals may be taken which, when combined, are less than a full meal.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

(The obligation to do penance is lifted on Fridays which are also celebrated as a solemnity: e.g., Christmas Day).

OLDER DISCIPLINE

Days of Abstinence

Applies on one's 7th birthday.

Complete Abstinence on all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, and the Vigil of Christmas.

Partial Abstinence (meat and soup, or gravy made from meat permitted once a day at principal meal) weekdays of Lent, Ember Days of Wednesday & Saturday, Vigils of Pentecost & Assumption. (Abstinence dispensed on Holy Days of Obligation.)

Days of Fast

Everyone aged 21-59. Days of Lent from Ash Wednesday on, Ember Days, Vigils of Christmas, Pentecost and the Assumption.

One full meal permitted, with 2 smaller meals.

“Frustulum”, a definition of a Lenten breakfast: The Latin word means “a little bit”. The *frustulum* is the morsel of solid food (2-3 ounces) allowed at breakfast on fasting days, usually called in English a *pittance*.



“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 SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th, A.D. 2026, \$4,571.00 + OTHER OFFERINGS, \$6,370.00:
= \$10,941.00**



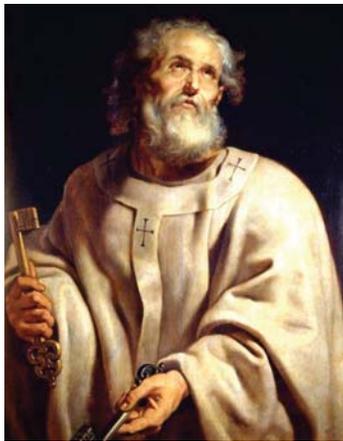
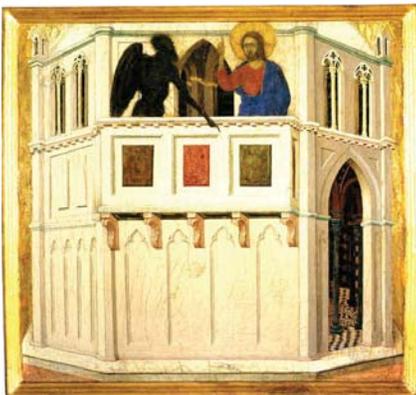
**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA:
= \$1,579.00**

“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)

<p>SUNDAY February 22nd</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>Commemoration: Chair of St. Peter at Antioch; St. Paul, Apostle</p>	<p>Saturday 4:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)</p> <p>7:30 AM</p> <p>9:00 AM</p> <p>11:00 AM</p>	<p>+Rosemary Nahas</p> <p>Pro Populo</p> <p>+Martin DeMatteo <i>MEMENTO: Dexting Liu, Health of the Sick</i></p> <p>For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church</p> <p>Dottie Fresolo</p> <p>Dexting Liu</p> <p>D.J. Gilmore</p> <p>+Marilou Taylor</p> <p>Pope/Priests/Bishops</p> <p>Divine Will/Peace on Earth</p> <p>All Seminarians</p> <p>+Alex. M. Barboza (12/12)</p> <p>“All Those In Need” (22)</p> <p>+All Souls (26/50)</p> <p>+John J. Nicoloro (21/30)</p> <p>+Dennis P. McCarthy</p> <p>+Carlos Rivera (1/3)</p> <p>+Sarah Boyle</p> <p>Sheila Brady (2/2)</p> <p>Carla Salv. Curley (3/10)</p> <p>Whitney Sayman Hood</p> <p>Robert W. Hood</p> <p>+A. Dora Gianfrancesco</p> <p>Liliana Josephine Hood</p> <p>Driscoll Family (8/10)</p> <p>+“Eddie” (1/30)</p> <p>Carmel Farrell (4/10)</p> <p>Int. of the Donor (2/10)</p> <p>Sheila Brady</p> <p>Elizabeth Wadsworth</p> <p>Catherine Wright</p> <p>Angie Cavallo</p> <p>Gabriella Steinkrauss</p> <p>Michael Steinkrauss</p> <p>Neil McGrath</p> <p>Steinkrauss Grandchil.</p> <p>+James Piepenbrink</p> <p>+All Souls (1/7)</p> <p>+John Pera (1/3)</p> <p>Int. of the Donor (6/7)</p>	<p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Health of the Sick</p> <p>Birthday Intention</p> <p>Birthday Intention</p> <p>Birthday Intention</p> <p>Special Intention</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p> <p>Memorial</p>	<p>Yvonne Hobbib</p> <p>Hobbib Family</p> <p>Laura Harvey</p> <p>Ruofan Wang (Granddaughter)</p> <p>Carmel Farrell</p> <p>Richard Petrilli</p> <p>MPA</p> <p>MPA</p> <p>Donor</p> <p>Susana Barboza</p> <p>MPA</p> <p>Barbara Opielowski</p> <p>Nicoloro Family</p> <p>McCarthy Family</p> <p>Donor</p> <p>Kasper Family</p> <p>DiDuca Family</p> <p>Anthony & Victoria Angelucci</p> <p>Anthony & Victoria Angelucci</p> <p>Anthony & Victoria Angelucci</p> <p>Her Nieces & Nephews</p> <p>Martin Angelucci</p> <p>Richard Driscoll</p> <p>Donor</p> <p>Farrell Family</p> <p>Mother</p> <p>Stephen E. Pollard</p> <p>Stephen E. Pollard</p> <p>David Wright</p> <p>Neal & Antoinette Steinkrauss</p> <p>Bill & Lisa Purtell</p> <p>Susana Barboza</p> <p>Susana Barboza</p> <p>Donor</p>
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SUNDAY February 22nd	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance	Donor
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT	5:30 PM	Nino Family		Ana Lara
MONDAY February 23rd	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
<i>Lenten Feria/ St. Peter Damian</i>	12:30 PM	+Anne Cole	Birthday Memorial	Diane Leonard
TUESDAY February 24th	7:30 AM	+Joseph & Anne Arcidi	Wedding Anniv. Memorial (26 FEBRUARY)	Arcidi Family
<i>Lenten Feria</i>				
WEDNESDAY February 25th	12:30 PM	+Joyce Marie Higgins	Birthday Memorial	
EMBER WEDNESDAY IN LENT				
THURSDAY February 26th	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
<i>Lenten Feria</i>	5:30 PM	+Gerard Leonard	6th Anniv. Mem.	Diane Leonard
FRIDAY February 27th	7:30 AM	John Paul Botsolis	26th B/day Int.	Botsolis Faily
<i>Health of the Sick</i>	12:30 PM	+Carlos Rivera	Memorial	Rosary Group
EMBER FRIDAY IN LENT				
SATURDAY February 28th	9:00 AM	Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix & Mediatrix of All Graces Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden (5/8)	Special Intention Special Intention	Michael Kent Mike & Annie Procopio MPA
EMBER SATURDAY IN LENT		Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace On Earth +All Souls (4/10) Special Intention (5/10) Cath. Dinon & Fam. (2/5) Nélie Dunham +Michael Burt +Steve D'Arcy	Special Intention Memorial Memorial Special Intention Special Intention Memorial Memorial	MPA Maria Brian & Lucy Prunier Donor Donor Michael Kent Laura Harvey
	4:00 PM	(Anticipated Sunday Mass) Kevin O'Leary	Special Intention	C. Smargie

PHOTO: The Lourdes spring at the Grotto.



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

First Sunday in Lent

Prelude (7:30 AM) Audi Benigne Conditor

(Gregorian Chant)

(9:00 AM) Audi Benigne Conditor

(Orlando di Lasso, first published in 1568)

1. Hear us, O gracious Creator, as we pour forth our prayers with tears, in this sacred fast, of these forty days. 2. O loving Searcher of hearts, Thou knowest the weakness of our strength; to us who return unto Thee grant the grace of forgiveness. 3. Much indeed have we sinned, but to those confessing in peace, for the praise of Thy Name, bestow healing upon the sick. 4. Grant that our body be brought low by abstinence, that our fasting hearts may forsake the leaven of sin. 4. O blessed Trinity, grant this, O simple Unity, bestow it: that unto Thee may be fruitful the offerings of our fasts. Amen.

Introit: Psalm 90(91):15-16 Invocabit me

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, page 6)

(7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

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

Credo I (English)

Offertory Benedic, Anima Mea, Domino

(Orlando di Lasso, first published in 1585)

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise His holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities; Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

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: Matthew 4:4

Non is solo pane

One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, page 102)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

First Sunday in Lent

Prelude (11:00 AM) Audi Benigne Conditor

(Orlando di Lasso, first published in 1568)

(5:30 PM) Audi Benigne Conditor

(Gregorian Chant)

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass) Attende Domine (chant)

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

Introit: (11:00 AM) Psalm 90. 15-16, 1 Invocabit me, et ego exaudiam eum: eripiam eum et glorificabo eum: longitudinem dierum adimplebo eum. V. Qui habitat in adiutorio Altissimi, in protectione Dei caeli commorabitur. Gloria Patri.

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

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

Credo I: *Parish Book of Chant, no. 117/pg. 110-112*

Gradual: Psalm 90:11,12 Angelis suis Deus mandavit de te, ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis. In manibus portabunt te, ne unquam offendas ad lapidem pedem tuum. Tract: Psalm 90:1-7,11-16 QUI habitat in adiutorio Altissimi, in protectione Dei caeli commorabitur. V. Dicit Domino: Susceptor meus es tu et refugium meum: Deus meus, sperabo in eum. V. Quoniam ipse liberavit me de laqueo venantium, et a verbo aspero. Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi, et sub pennis ejus sperabis. Scuto circumdabit te veritas ejus: non timebis a timore nocturno. V. A sagitta volante per diem, a negotio perambulante in tenebris, a ruina et daemónio meridiano. V. Cadent a latere tuo mille, et decem millia a dextris tuis: tibi autem non appropinquabit. V. Quoniam Angelis suis mandavit de te, ut custodiant te in omnibus viis tuis. V. In manibus portabunt te, ne unquam offendas ad lapidem pedem tuum. V. Super aspidem et basiliscum ambulabis, et conculcabis leonem et draconem. V. Quoniam in me speravit, liberabo eum: protegam eum, quoniam cognovits nomen meum. V. Invocabit me, et ego exaudiam eum: cum ipso sum in tribulatione. V. Eripiam eum et glorificabo eum: longitudine dierum adimplebo eum, et ostendam illi salutare meum.

Offertory: (11:00 AM) Psalm. 90:4, 5 Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus, et sub pennis eius serabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius

Communion: Psalm. 90:4, 5 Scapulis suis obumbrabit tibi Dominus, et sub pennis eius serabis: scuto circumdabit te veritas eius

Ave Dei Patris Filia

(John Taverner, manuscript ca. 1575

in *The Baldwin Partbooks*, no.49)

Hail, Daughter of the Lord, singularly noble, Mother of the Lord, singularly

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

First Sunday in Lent

Communion Meditation (9:00 AM)

Emendemus In Melius

(Baldassare Donato, first published in 1609)

Let us amend for the better in those things in which we have sinned through ignorance; lest suddenly overtaken by the day of death, we seek space for repentance, and be not able to find it. Hearken, O Lord, and have mercy: for we have sinned against Thee. (Baruk 3,2) Help us, O God of our salvation, and for the honour [glory] of Thy name deliver us. (Psalm 79:9a)

Recessional Hymn:

Lord, Who throughout The Forty Days
(Worship II, No.171)

Postlude (9:00 AM)

Ecce Nunc Tempus Acceptabile

(Nicolas Gombert, first published in 1539)

Behold, now is the acceptable time.

Behold, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore in these days, let us show ourselves as ministers of the Lord through great patience, in great watchfulness, with frequent prayer, in great fasting and unfeigned love.

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

First Sunday in Lent

Communion Meditation (11:00 AM)

Emendemus In Melius

(Baldassare Donato, first published in 1609)

Recessional Hymn:

Lord, Who throughout The Forty Days
(Worship II, No.171)

Angelus

Postlude (11:00 AM)

Ecce Nunc Tempus Acceptabile

(Nicolas Gombert, first published in 1539)



**“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)**

**PARISH LENTEN MISSION FOR
2026:**



**“MOTHER
KATHARINE
DREXEL, S.B.S.,
1858-1955”**

**Lenten Friday
Evenings,
7:30-8:30 PM**

February 20th-March 28th, 2026

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SERMON
EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

***MAIN CHURCH of MARY IMMACULATE
OF LOURDES***

***“KATHARINE DREXEL, Foundress of the Sisters
of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and
Colored People, was a woman of vision and
courage far ahead of her time. When she was
born, four years before President Lincoln
issued his Emancipation Proclamation,
4,000,000 Blacks were in slavery and some
300,000 Native Americans were living in
poverty and virtual bondage. Between the
years 1778-1868 the United States had made
394 treaties with the different Indian Nations
the perusal of which presents a flagrant
repetition of broken promises. These were the
downtrodden races of Americans that
Katharine Drexel, sensing sorrow, shame and
injustice, pledged her life and wealth to assist
and make free.”***

***—A Woman of Vision and Courage, Mother
Katharine Drexel, S.B.S. (1858-1955), by
Josephine Burdwell in Portraits In American
Sanctity, 1982***

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First Sunday in Lent

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LATIN MASS PROPERS: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT: Psalm 90: 15-16 He shall cry to me, and I will hear him: I will deliver him, and I will glorify him: I will fill him with length of days. Psalm 90:1 He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of Heaven. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT O God, who dost purify Thy Church by the yearly observance of forty days; grant to Thy household that what we strive to obtain from Thee by self denial, we may secure by good works. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10 Brethren: We exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He saith: In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold, now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation. Giving no offence to any man that our ministry be not blamed: but in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left: by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true, as unknown and yet known: as dying, and behold we live: as chastised and not killed: as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing and possessing all things.

GRADUAL: Psalm 90: 11-12 God hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. **TRACT:** Psalm 90: 1-7, 11-16 He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. V. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge: my God, in Him will I trust. V. For He hath delivered me from the scare of the hunters, and from the sharp word. V. He will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust. V. His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night. V. Of the arrow that flieth in the day, of the business that walketh about in the dark, of invasion or of the noonday devil. V. A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. V. For He hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. V. In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. V. Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk, and thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon. V. Because he hoped in Me I will deliver him: I will protect him, because he hath known My name. V. He shall cry to Me, and I will hear him: I am with him in tribulation. V. I will deliver him, and I will glorify him: I will fill him with length of days, and I will show him My salvation.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 1-11 **At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written: Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him: If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down. For it is written: That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to him: It is written again: Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God. Again the devil took Him up into a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them, and said to Him: All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus saith to him: Be gone, Satan! For it is written: The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him: and behold angels came, and ministered to Him.**

OFFERTORY: Psalm 90: 4-5 The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

PREFACE OF LENT

SECRET We solemnly offer Thee, O Lord, the sacrifice of the beginning of Lent, beseeching Thee, that by refraining from flesh at our meals, we may learn also to avoid sinful pleasures. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION: Psalm 90: 4-5 The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

POSTCOMMUNION May the holy partaking of Thy sacrament, restore us, O Lord, and cleansing us from our old life, make us to pass into the fellowship of the mystery of salvation. Through our Lord.



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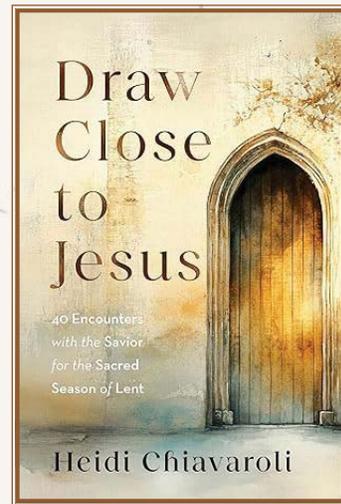
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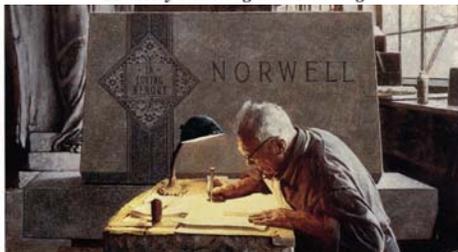
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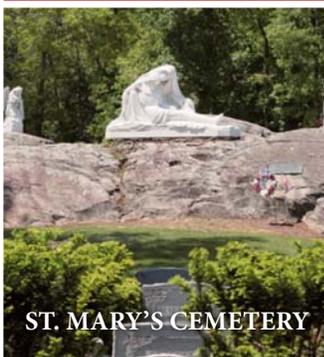
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