



*“Perhaps we can see in that woman, the mother-in-law of Simon and Andrew, a figure of our own flesh, languishing with sin’s various fevers, and burning with the immoderate urges of various passions. I would say that this fever of desire is no less burning than the heat of physical fire.”*

*—St. Ambrose, on Luke, Chapter 4*

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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*

March 8th, 2026 A.D.

Third Sunday in Lent

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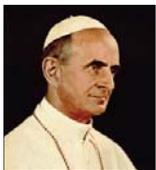
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# ABOUT OUR PARISH

## 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.

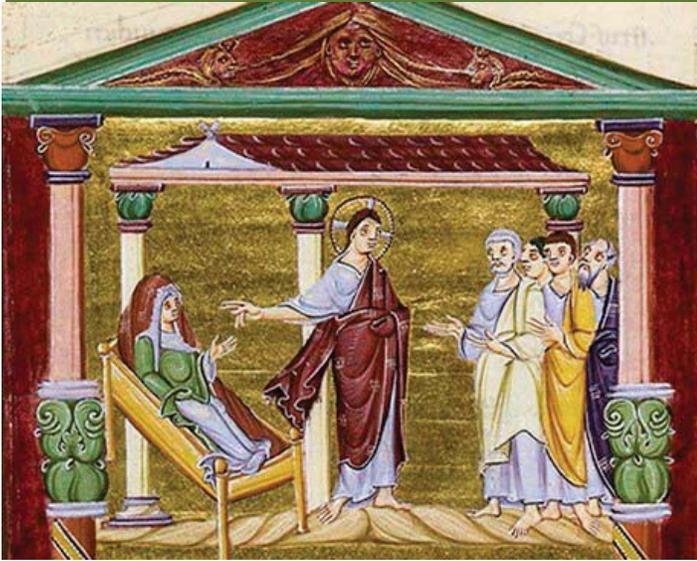
### Pastoral Care of the Sick

**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)

**+ MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH+**



*Christ Heals the Mother-in-law of St. Peter, from an 11th Century German manuscript, St. Luke 4:38-44. This is the Gospel Lesson in the traditional Missal for Thursday of the Third Week in Lent.*

**Parish Lenten Mission 2026**



*(Stations of the Cross, Friday nights during Lent, 7:30-8:30 PM)*

**KINDNESS AND ALMSGIVING**

*(Conference given on February 27th)*

We began our Mission last week by introducing the wealthy Drexel Family of Philadelphia bankers in the mid-1800s. In a family of three girls, Katharine—Katie, Kate—Drexel was the middle child.

The Drexel banking fortune was a great one, but not an old one. It was Katharine Drexel's German immigrant grandfather, a renowned portrait painter, who had tried his hand at banking in the midst of the financial panic of 1837 and had made the family fortune. He trained his own three sons with him in his new business venture. The oldest, Francis Anthony

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



BEGINS

**Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour for Sunday, March 8th.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 15th, after the 9:00 & 11:00 AM MASSES**



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)

(who would become Katharine's father) was only 14 at the outset.

I mention this because I think it significant that the Drexel's were not an "old-money" family. Their hard work had paid off handsomely in their case but they knew what it was like not to be rich and also how precarious the having of earthly riches really was.

In any case, being very rich is no protection at all against the sorrows of life. They come to rich and poor alike. Katharine Drexel's mother died five weeks after her giving birth. The only woman she ever knew as her mother was her step-mother, her father's second wife: Emma Bouvier Drexel. Frank Drexel re-married in April 1860. (One year later the American Civil war began.)

*"Katharine's childhood was a radiant springtime,"* writes one of her biographers. *"Everything that could have been fitted into a human existence to permeate it with joy and happiness was a constituent part of her earliest days."*

The Drexel parents were devout, practicing Catholics and they passed that Catholic faith on to their three daughters. Their expression of Catholicism was admirably free of the narrowness and gloominess which can trip up religious minded people. It was joyous and unencumbered. They loved life and enjoyed the good things of life. Their houses were beautiful and well-appointed. They lavished gifts and good experiences like travel on their daughters. Education, the fine arts, high culture: these were very important things to them. We might say that this was a family who really know how to enjoy and celebrate life under God's Providence. Theirs was a truly Christian and Catholic spirit of kindness, generosity, munificence, and mercy.

*Especially mercy.* Embedded into their privileged life was the serious practice of performing deeds of mercy, also known as "almsgiving". Emma Bouvier Drexel introduced her daughters Elizabeth, Katharine and Louise to the duties of service and assistance to the poor. Three afternoons a week the doors of

her mansion were open to the poor who were in need of help. Mrs. Drexel's almsgiving amounted to some \$20,000 a year (in the value of 19th Century dollars, which would be worth much more than \$20,000 in our present day). She hired a well-qualified person to help her investigate and follow-up with her many charity-cases. As the Drexel girls grew older they learned to assist their mother in this work.

One of the Catholic spiritual-reading books which we know was part of the Drexel Family's acquaintance was Father Frederick William Faber's *Spiritual Conferences*. In that book we read the following observations on almsgiving:

*In nothing is the genuine worth of real spirituality more tried than in the performance of works of mercy ... Patience, love, vigilance, inventiveness, wide judgments, a large heart and an obstinate cheerfulness are all necessary to the persevering success of real works of mercy, together with that humble, bashful earnestness which is such a peculiar feature of Christian compassion.*

Emma Bouvier Drexel fell sick with cancer in 1879, when Katharine was in her 21st year. It was a painful, debilitating cancer. Katharine became her mother's special nurse and caregiver during this time. Years later, as a nun, Katharine told her religious Sisters that it was at her mother's sick-bed that the thought of religious life came to her constantly and forcibly.

Mrs. Drexel died on January 29th, 1883. Her passing was a news-worthy event. In an editorial for the newspaper *The Public Ledger*, February 2nd, 1883, the scenes of her funeral were recounted:

*The poor, the sick, the unemployed, the dying were the constant objects of her cheering visits. Few women ever secured so many situations for needy but industrious and worthy persons—men, women, boys and girls. The families she has aided can be numbered by the hundreds, some of them supported entirely by her in time of need. And one of the most touching scenes of her funeral was that ...*

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SUNDAY March 8th	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance	Donor
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	5:30 PM	Kathleen Dirinian	For the Dying	Rosary Group
MONDAY March 9th	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial	
St. Frances of Rome ( <i>Francesca Romana</i> )	12:30 PM	Lisa Von Wendt	Birthday Intention	Diane Leonard
TUESDAY March 10th	7:30 AM	Jean Johnson	Birthday Intention	Margie Bibbo
<i>Lenten Feria</i>				
WEDNESDAY March 11th	12:30 PM	+Genevieve Maitre	Memorial	Nélie Dunham
<i>Lenten Feria</i>				
THURSDAY March 12th	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
<i>Lenten Feria/ Gregory Mass</i>	5:30 PM	+Mildred Kitselman Crapo	Birthday Memorial	Laura Harvey
FRIDAY March 13th	7:30 AM	+Gerard McCann	Memorial	Rosary Group
<i>Lenten Feria</i>				
	12:30 PM	Fr. John McLaughlin	Health of the Sick	Catherine E. Dinon
SATURDAY March 14th	9:00 AM	Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix & Mediatrix of All Graces Eric Procopio & Sarah Carden (7/8)	Special Intention	Michael Kent
<i>Lenten Feria</i>		Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace	Special Intention	Mike & Annie Procopio MPA
		On Earth	Special Intention	MPA
		+All Souls (6/10)	Memorial	Maria
		Special Intention (7/10)	Memorial	Brian & Lucy Prunier
		Cath. Dinon & Fam. (4/5)	Special Intention	Donor
		Kathy Blake (2/5)	Special Intention	Donor
		Camille Arcidi/Fam. (2/5)	Special Intention	Donor
		O. L. of Fatima	In Thanksgiving	Choy Family
		Herbert "Ricky" Hanscom	Birthday Memorial	Laura Harvey
	4:00 PM			
		( <i>Anticipated Sunday Mass</i> )		
		+Richard & Joseph Johnson	Memorial	Johnson Family



**“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

## Third Sunday in Lent

**Prelude (9:00 AM)** Domine, Quando Veneris

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1587)

*O Lord, when Thou comest to judge the world, where shall I hide myself from the face of Thy wrath? For I have sinned exceedingly in my life.*

*I dread my sins, I blush before Thee: When Thou comest to judge, do not condemn me. 1. For I have sinned exceedingly in my life. 2. According to Thy great mercy, have mercy on me, O God.*

**Introit: Psalm 24(25):15-16**

**Oculi mei**

*My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

(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 (9:00 AM)** Our Lady of Sorrows

(Traditional, Mainz composed in 1628)

**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: John 4:13-14**

**Qui biberit**

*For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.*

(TODAY'S MISSAL, page 102)

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

**Ave Regina Coelorum**

(Francisco Guerrero, first published 1589 in *Motecta liber secundus*)

*Hail, O Queen of Heaven. Hail, O Lady of Angels. Hail, thou root; hail, thou gate, From whom unto the world the Light hath arisen. Rejoice, O glorious*

*Virgin, Lovely beyond all others. Farewell, O most beautiful maiden,*

*And ever pray for us unto Christ.*

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

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**Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass)** Parce Domine II (chant)

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

**Introit: (11:00 AM) Psalm 24. 15-16, 1-2** *Oculi mei semper ad Dominum, quia ipse evellet de laqueo pedes meos: respice in me, et miserere mei, quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego. Ps. ibid. 1, 2. Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Oculi mei semper ad Dominum.*

**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 9:20,4** *Exsúrge, Dómine, non præváleat homo: judicéntur gentes in conspéctu tuo. In converténdo inimicum meum retrórsum, infirmabúntur, et peribunt a fácie tua.*

**Tract: Psalm 9:20,4** *Exsúrge, Dómine, non præváleat homo: judicéntur gentes in conspéctu tuo. In converténdo inimicum meum retrórsum, infirmabúntur, et peribunt a fácie tua.*

**Offertory: (11:00 AM) Psalm 18. 9, 10, 11, 12** *Justitia Domini recta, latificantes corda, et judicia ejus dulciora super mei et favum: nam et servus tuus custodit ea.*

**Communion: Psalm 83. 4-5** *Passer invenit sibi domum, et turtur nidum, ubi reponat pullos suos: altaria tua, Domine virtutum, Rex meus, et Deus meus: beati qui habitant in domo tua, in saeculum saeculi laudabunt te.*

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... the hundreds who passed through her late home for two hours yesterday morning for a mournful farewell were largely composed of those to whom she had been a benefactress in every way in which distress can be alleviated or relieved.

PHOTO: Emma Bouvier Drexel, +1883

**Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)**

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

**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Recessional Hymn:**

The Glory Of These Forty Days  
(Worship II, No. 264)

**Postlude (9:00 AM)**

Media Vita In Morte Sumus  
(Pierre de Manchicourt, Manuscript c.1565 in Leiden,  
Archieven van de Kerken)

*In the midst of life we be in death: Of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, which for our sins justly art moved?  
Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, Deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.*

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*Angelus*

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
“COMMITMENT SUNDAY” TODAY,  
MARCH 8th**

*“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*

## LATIN MASS PROPERS: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**INTROIT:** Psalm 24: 15-16 My eyes are ever towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me; for I am alone and poor. Ps. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed. V̄. Glory be.

**COLLECT:** We beseech Thee, almighty God, regard the desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defence. Through our Lord.

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 5:1-9 Brethren: Be ye followers of God, as most dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness. But fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints: or obscenity, or foolish talking, or scurrility, which is to no purpose: but rather giving of thanks. For know you this, and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean or covetous person, which is a serving of idols, hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness: but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth.

**GRADUAL:** Psalm 9: 20, 4 Arise, O Lord, let no man be strengthened; let the nations be judged in Thy sight. V̄. When my enemy shall be turned back, they shall be weakened and perish before Thy face. **TRACT:** Psalm 122: 1-3 To Thee have I lifted up my eyes, who dwellest in heaven. V̄. Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. V̄. And as the eyes of the handmaid are on the hands of her mistress: so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until He have mercy on us. V̄. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 11:14-28 *At that time Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb. And when He had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke, and the multitudes were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others, tempting, asked of Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils: doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him, he will take away all his armour wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest: and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to Him: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the paps that gave Thee suck. But He said: Yea, rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.*

**OFFERTORY:** Psalm 18: 9, 10, 11, 12 The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb: for Thy servant keepeth them.

**SECRET:** May this offering, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse away our sins, sanctifying Thy servants in both soul and body for the celebration of this sacrifice. Through our Lord.

### PREFACE FOR LENT

**COMMUNION:** Psalm 5: 2-4 Understand my cry: hearken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

**POSTCOMMUNION** We humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that we whom Thou hast strengthened with Thy sacraments, may henceforth serve and please Thee in worthiness of life. Through our Lord.



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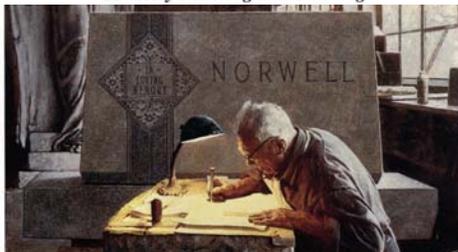
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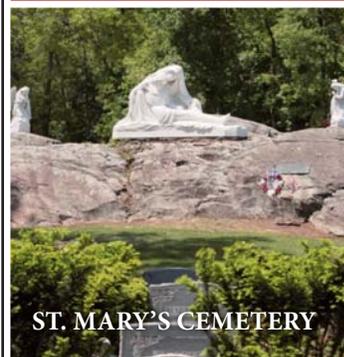
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