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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

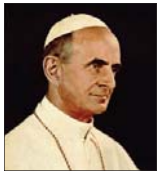
November 1st, All Saints

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.

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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



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)

+ APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT+

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion



Please join us for the Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM, the "Hour of Mercy", today, April 12th, in the Main Church.

Parish Lenten Mission 2026



THE LIFE OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, AN AMERICAN SAINT
(Conferences given at our Friday Night Stations of the Cross during Lent)

"WE CAME TO LOOK UPON A SAINT"

(Sixth & Concluding Conference given on Friday, March 27th)

February 12th, 1891 was the Foundation Day for the new congregation of missionary Sisters led by Katharine Drexel. It was she who chose Their congregation's name: the Sisters of the

Blessed Sacrament (S.B.S.). It was Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia who added on to their official name, "*For Indians and Colored People*", to underscore their core mission and the very purpose for their existence. Sister Katharine was making first vows (a period of five years). Besides the usual vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience (the three "evangelical counsels") she added a fourth: "*To be the mother and servant of the Indian and Negro races according to the rule of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament: and not to undertake any work which would lead to the neglect or abandonment of the Indian and Colored races.*"

Mother Katharine Drexel, the first Sister of the Blessed Sacrament, was in her 33rd year when she received the black veil of a professed Sister and took up the governance of this fledgling missionary order. From their newly built Mother House in Cornwells Heights, Pennsylvania they would be sending missionary Sisters out to the American West for the Indian Missions and to the American South for the emancipated Black slaves and their descendants, who were suffering under a new legal system of racial segregation being imposed upon them by white Southerners.

The story of Mother Katharine and the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament is but one part of the much greater story of the

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)

Phenomenal growth of the Catholic Church in the United States during this period, an era which seems to have come to its high-water mark in the mid-1960s. It was a period of intense missionary activity on behalf of the poor Catholic immigrants, for the evangelization of the Indians and the American Blacks. It was a missionary activity suffused with social concern for the betterment of the living conditions of the working class.

Mother Katharine Drexel's nuns were a part of that great identifying Catholic presence in America which was the habit-ed Catholic nun. The Catholic Sister was often the first personal contact many people had with the official Catholic Church. Vocations to the Sisterhood were abundant and there were many more nuns than priests.

Together with this apostolic work was an immense institutional building project. Mother Katharine directed her fortune to erecting buildings for the various apostolates and seeing to it that they had endowments to keep them going over the long-term. Over the past 60 years we have seen much of this institutional Catholic Church shrink and recede. Nonetheless, a great deal of what was achieved in this era does remain with us. We are still living off the "spiritual income", if you will, of this post-Civil War-to-1960s American Catholic Church.



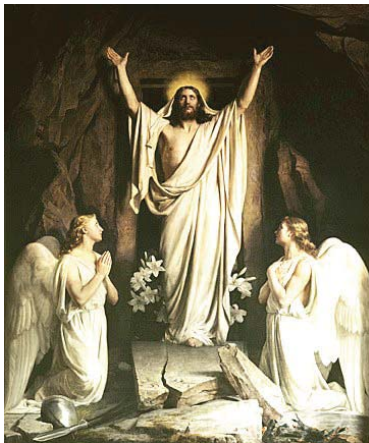
It is much to be lamented that our American Catholic story has been flattened, and that the many elements of greatness, goodness, and heroic sacrifices have been forgotten by American Catholics themselves. It is the counter-narratives and the scandal-narratives

which have the upper-hand nowadays, as if these are the only *real* stories and cancel out all the good. By reviewing the life of Mother Katharine Drexel and the origin story of her religious order during these Conferences, I hope I have been able to help us recover something of the fuller and truer story of the life of the Catholic Church in our American nations, a story of which we are very much a part and to which we are contributing even if we are hardly aware of it.

When Katharine Drexel was first discerning her vocation she felt an inexorable call to become a contemplative nun, to shut herself off from the busy-ness of the world and adore the Lord alone in the Blessed Sacrament. Yet, her work was to be a most active apostolate! In the last 20 years of her long life, however, that initial vocation was realized.

At the age of 78 her health collapsed and she had to relinquish the governance of her order. She retired to the Mother House and spent the last two decades of her life, from 1935-1955, in prayer and contemplation. Even during the nights, from her bed, she continued in what she called NA ("Nocturnal Adoration"). We have the witness of the Sisters who stayed with her overnight and also her own hand-written notes to help her remember her prayers and meditations. I will leave you with this one citation—from [February 11, 1942](#), when in her night-time prayer she recalled the visit to Lourdes, France, with her two sisters, after their parents had died. *Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 1942: I am in spirit in Lourdes with Lisa and Louise, kneeling at the Grotto ... O dearest Mother, what are the graces you have poured into my soul since that pilgrimage when I took the bath in the waters of that cold crisp morning some months after the shock of my dear father's death which left me with the seeds of a disease that was cured by that bath some months after we returned home. Our Lord was calling me to the religious life but my spiritual director, Bishop O'Connor, said: No. Wait, wait. How wonderful are God's ways, so full of Mercy. My life is a moving picture of scenes which recall His wonderful Providence in my regard*

SUNDAY April 12th	11:00 AM	Bishops & Priests	Courage/Fidelity/ Perseverance	Donor
<i>DIVINE MERCY</i> <i>SUNDAY</i>	5:30 PM	Linda Carol Harvey	Birthday Intention	Laura Harvey
MONDAY April 13th	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes		
<i>Pope St. Martin I/ St. Hermengild</i>	12:30 PM	+Ernest Nasif, Jr.	Memorial	Elissa Ferris
TUESDAY April 14th	7:30 AM	+Christopher Alden Belle-Isle	Year's Mind	Elisa Covino
<i>Easter Feria</i>				
WEDNESDAY April 15th	12:30 PM	+Carolyn Ward	Memorial	Elizabeth Hobbib & Family
<i>Easter Feria</i>				
THURSDAY April 16th	7:30 AM	+Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
<i>Easter Feria</i>	5:30 PM	+Norman Hobbib	Memorial	Hobbib Family
FRIDAY April 17th	7:30 AM	Sabrina Clair Palmieri	Special Intention	Botsolis Family
<i>Easter Feria/ Pope St. Anicetus</i>	<i>Health of the Sick</i> 12:30 PM	+John Dugan	Anniv. Memorial	Rod & Martha Phillips
SATURDAY April 18th	9:00 AM	Our Lady: Co-Redemptrix & Mediatrix of All Graces Pope/Priests/Bishops Divine Will/Peace	Special Intention	Michael Kent MPA
<i>Easter Feria</i>		On Earth	Special Intention	MPA
		+Alex. M. Barboza (7/12)	Memorial	Susana Barboza
		+All Souls (10/10)	Memorial	Maria
		Special Intention (10/10)		Brian & Lucy Prunier
		Camille Arcidi/Fam. (5/5)	Special Intention	Donor
		Kathryn Harvey Hinton	Birthday Intention	Laura Harvey
		+All Souls	Memorial	Laura Harvey
		+Peig Sayers	Memorial	Laura Harvey
		Anne Dickson	Special Intention	Laura Harvey
		Héloise Klein	Birthday Intention	Viollet Family (from 11 April 26)
	4:00 PM			
		(Anticipated Sunday Mass)		
		John Vito De Angelis (2/3)	Special Intention	Donor



April 12th, 2026 A.D.

Divine Mercy Sunday
Mary Immaculate of Lourdes, Newton/Needham, Massachusetts

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Prelude (9:00 AM) Thomas Qui Dicitur Didymus

(Johannes Wanning, first published in 1590)

Thomas, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples said, "We have seen the Lord." Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.

Introit: I Peter 2:2

Quasi modo

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that In Him you may grow to salvations, alleluia.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, page 70)

(7:30 AM & 9:00 AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass I, Lux et Origo

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 28ff. /pp. 60-62

Credo III (English)

Offertory Angelus Domini

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published in 1593)

The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven and said to the women:

"Whom do you seek? He has risen as He said, alleluia."

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 20:27

Mitte manum

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

(TODAY'S MISSAL, page 129)

Communion Meditation (9:00 AM) Anima Christi

(Marco Frisina)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from Thee. From the wicked enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come unto Thee, That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee Forever and ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: Easter Glory Fills the Sky

(*Extra Photocopy Sheet*)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (Usus Antiquior)

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Prelude (11:00 AM) Thomas Qui Dicitur Didymus

(Johannes Wanning, first published in 1590)

Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass) Ego Sum Alpha

I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, who before the foundation of the world and unto ages of ages live for ever. I am your redemption; I am your King; I shall raise you up on the last day, alleluia, alleluia.

Vidi Aquam, Parish Book of Chant, no. 24/pg. 35

Introit: (11:00 AM) I Peter 2. 2. *Quasi modo gēniti infāntes allelūja: ratiōnābiles, sine dolo lac concupiscite, allelūja, allelūja, allelūja. (Ps. 80: 2) Exsultate Deo adjutori nostro: jubilate Deo Jacob. Glōria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen. Quasi modo gēniti infāntes ...*

Ordinary Prayers: Mass I, Lux et Origo

Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei:

Parish Book of Chant, no. 28ff. /pp. 60-62

Credo III: *Parish Book of Chant, no. 119/pg. 114*

Paschal Alleluia: Matthew 28. 7. *Allelūja, allelūja. In die resurrectionis meae, dicit Dominus, praecedam vos in Galilaeam. Allelūja. John 20: 26 Post dies octo, januis clausis, stetit Jesus in medio discipulorum suorum, et dixit: Pax vobis. Allelūja.*

Offertory: (11:00 AM) Matthew 28. 2. *Angelus Domini descendit de Caelo, et dixit mulieribus: Quem quaeritis, surrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.*

Communion: John 20. 27. *Mitte manum tuam, et cognosce loca clavorum, alleluja: et noli esse incredulus, sed fidelis, alleluja, alleluja.*

Communion Meditation (11:00 AM)

Regina Coeli

(Johannes Bonnevin, Manuscript ca.1536)

Recessional Hymn: Easter Glory Fills the Sky

(*Extra Photocopy Sheet*)

Regina Caeli

Postlude (11:00 AM)

Salve Festa Dies

(Sixt Dietrich, Manuscript 1548)

(continued from Page 5)



"Please don't say that some great sorrow drove me into the convent. That's nonsense. I am, and have always been, one of the happiest women in the world."
--St. Katharine Drexel



For further reading on the life of Saint Katharine Drexel, I recommend this biography written by one of her Sisters, who also heard first-hand many stories from Mother Katharine. I drew on this book for the bulk of my Conference material. (Fr. Higgins):

Katharine Drexel: A Biography, by Sister Consuela Marie Duffy, S.B.S., with an Introduction by Cardinal Cushing. Published by the Peter Reilly Company, Philadelphia, PA, 1966

Mass of Pope Paul VI (Novus Ordo)

Saturday 4:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass),

7:30 & 9:00 AM

Divine Mercy Sunday

Postlude (9:00 AM) Salve Festa Dies

(Sixt Dietrich, Manuscript 1548)

Hail, great day, in all time most worthy of veneration, for today God conquered Hell while holding his place in heaven. 1. Look, the Spring-time beauty of the world bears witness: giving back its Lord it gives also all gifts. 2. For everywhere the groves with leaves and the meadows with flowers lend their support to Christ as he triumphs over dismal hell. 3. Seeing the human race submerged in the depths, you became yourself a man, in order to rescue mankind. 4. The dire chains of the law of hell have lost their power. Chaos quakes to see itself overwhelmed by the appearance of light.

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LATIN MASS PROPERS: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (LOW SUNDAY)

INTROIT: 1 Peter 2. 2; Psalm 80. 2 As newborn babes, alleluia, desire ye the rational milk without guile, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm.* Rejoice to God our Helper; sing aloud to the God 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. — As newborn babes ...

COLLECT: Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who have celebrated the Paschal Feast, may, by Thy bounty, retain its fruits in our daily habits and behavior. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

EPISTLE: From the First Epistle of Blessed John the Apostle (1 John 5. 4-10) Dearly beloved: Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory, which overcometh the world, our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit which testifieth that Christ is the truth. And there are three who give testimony in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that give testimony on earth: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three are one. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater: for this is the testimony of God, which is greater, because He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth in the Son of God hath the testimony of God in himself.

PASCHAL ALLELUIA: Matthew 28. 7; John 20, 26 Alleluia, alleluia. On the day of My Resurrection, saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. After eight days, the doors being shut, Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said: Peace be to you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. John 20. 19-31 *At that time, when it was late that same day, the first of the week, and the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together for fear of the Jews, Jesus came, and stood in the midst and said to them: Peace be to you. And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord. He said therefore to them again: Peace be to you. As the Father hath sent me, I also send you. When He had said this, He breathed on them, and He said to them: Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them: and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him: We have seen the Lord. But he said to them: Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days, again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace be to you. Then He saith to Thomas: Put in thy finger hither, and see My hands, and bring hither thy hand, and put it into My side; and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said to Him: My Lord and my God. Jesus saith to him: Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed. Many other signs also did Jesus in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, you may have life in His Name.*

OFFERTORY: Matthew 28. 2, 5, 6 An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said to the women: He whom you seek is risen, as He said, alleluia.

SECRET: Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts of Thine exultant Church: and to whom Thou has given cause for so great joy, grant the fruit of perpetual happiness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

COMMUNION: John 20. 27 Put in thy hand, and know the place of the nails, alleluia; and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION: We beg Thee, O Lord our God, that these sacred and holy mysteries which Thou hast given us to safeguard our rebirth, may be for us a remedy both now and in the future. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son ...



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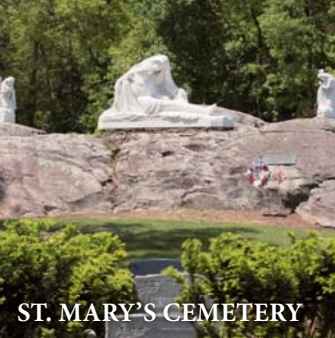


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