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Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish

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Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Novus Ordo

4:00 P. M. (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 A. M. Traditional Latin

11:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

Weekdays:

Novus Ordo

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 7:30 A. M. *Traditional Latin*Mon-Wed-Fri 12:30 PM; Thu 5:30 P. M.

Sat 9:00 A. M.

Holy Days

Ascension Thursday (40 days after Easter); Assumption of Our Lady (August 15th); All Saints Day (November 1st); December 8th (Immaculate Conception of Our Lady)

If falling on Mon-Fri—

Novus Ordo, 7:30 A. M. & 5:30 P. M.

Traditional Latin, 12:30 & 7:30 P. M.

If falling on Saturday—

Novus Ordo, 7:30 A.M.

Traditional Latin, 9:00 & 11:00 A. M.

(Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and January 1st, as announced)

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 within its parish mission. The *Missale Romanum* of 1962 is celebrated here with the blessing of His Eminence Sean Cardinal O'Malley, 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 1964-1978)
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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.

<u>PENANCE</u>: 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.

<u>MATRIMONY</u>: Engaged couples should make arrangements with the parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

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Please contact Father Higgins at the Parish Office (617-244-0558)



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GOD GIVES ME, AND I SHOW HIM THIS IN A THOUSAND LITTLE WAYS."—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (+1897)

Pastor's Note



Fr. Higgins

TWO GREAT FEASTS IN THE MIDST OF LENT

Two great Feasts on the Calendar occur this coming week which mitigate our Lenten

Observances. The first is the Feast of St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, March 17th, who is the Principal Patron Saint of our local church, the Archdiocese of Boston. The second is the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Patron of the Universal Church, March 19th. St. Joseph's Day has a particular sweetness for us following the Jubilee Year of St. Joseph we have just observed.

In his weekly general audience on February 9th, 2022, Pope Francis spoke beautiful words regarding St. Joseph as the "Patron of the Good Death", some of which I quote here:

I would like to underline a real social problem. That "planning"—I don't know if it is the right word—but accelerating the death of the elderly. Very often we see in a certain social class that the elderly, since they do not have the means, are given fewer medicines than they need, and this is inhuman; this is not helping them, it is driving them towards death earlier. This is neither human nor Christian. The elderly should be cared for as a treasure of humanity: they are our wisdom. And if they do not speak, or if they do not make sense, they are still the symbol of human wisdom. They are those who went before us and have left us so many good things, so many memories, so much wisdom. Please do not isolate the elderly, do not accelerate the death of the elderly. To caress an elderly person has the same hope as caressing a child, because the beginning of life and the end are always a mystery, a mystery that should be respected, accompanied, cared for. Loved.



"THE LOURDES OF PILGRIMAGE and the LIFE OF THE CHURCH"

PARISH LENTEN MISSION for A.D. 2022 INTRODUCTORY CONFERENCE

(Given at the VIA CRUCIS, March 4th, 2022)



Ruth Harris in her 1999 book Lourdes: Body and Spirit in the Secular Age draws the distinction between the "Lourdes of the Apparitions" and the "Lourdes of the Pilgrimage." It is an

interesting distinction and, I think, a valid one. The more we scrutinize the Lourdes phenomena the more we can see the separation. What happened between Bernadette's visions in 1858, the official Church approval of them in 1862, and the building of a shrine at the Grotto of the Massabielle: this is its own stand-alone story. Then what happened in the 1870s and beyond, the organized movement of a "national pilgrimage of France" to Lourdes, this is another story, super-imposed on the earlier story of the Apparitions.

This year 2022 is the 150th Anniversary of the first National Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It was organized as a Pilgrimage of Penance in the wake of France's 1870 surprise defeat at the hands of the Kingdom of Prussia and its allies among the German states, and in the civil war which followed. For many religious French Catholics, the events seemed to have the character of a Biblical chastisement. God had punished France, the "eldest daughter of the Church", for her sins, just as He had punished His Chosen People Israel in the Old Testament. Therefore the All-holy, Just God had to be appeased by penance. Recourse to the prayers of the Mother of God in this was of the utmost importance in order to win a favorable hearing from the Divine.

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The 1872 Pilgrimage to Lourdes occurred in October for the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. It became know thereafter as the "Pilgrimage of the Banners" because the pilgrims had brought their parish banners from all across France and had left them there in the Church at Lourdes as votive offerings. The success of this Pilgrimage was the seed of inspiration for the head of a religious congregation called the Assumptionists to launch a movement for a recurring national pilgrimage each year to Notre-Dame de Lourdes. It is therefore to the Assumptionists and their lay co-operators that we owe the shape and character of the pilgrimage experience at the shrine of Lourdes as it is to this day, 150 vears later.

But I want us to plumb the depths a little further here in considering the distinction between the Lourdes of the Apparitions and this Lourdes of the Pilgrimage. Can we detect providential lines and purpose, standing as we do, a centuryand-a-half out?

I would like to suggest this one. The *Lourdes of* the Apparitions is the Christian Redemption Story. The two outward signs given to the world in the course of the Apparitions–Mary's identification of herself with her privilege of the Immaculate Conception and the underground spring appearing from the side of the rock–may be summed up in two Scripture verses: 1) Genesis 3:15, the Proto-Evangelium: "And God said [to the serpent]: I will put enmities between thee and the woman and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for her heel." and 2) John 19:34: "But one of the soldiers with a spear opened His side: and immediately there came out blood and water." And in these two verses we have the essential sketch of the Christian Redemption Story: the beginning, Mary, the "Woman" of the Prophecy, singularly preserved from all stain of sin (the Immaculate Conception) on account of the foreseen merits of Christ, brings forth the God-Man Jesus Christ, and provides Him the Body for the Sacrifice; and the consummation, Christ on the Cross, the water and blood flowing from His side already the sign of the sacramental graces

for His Church in the Baptismal Regeneration.

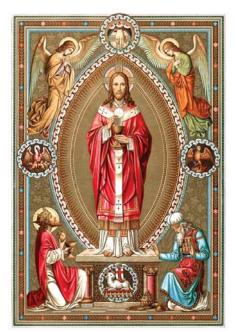
So if then the *Lourdes of the Apparitions* is the Christian Redemption Story, therefore we may interpret the *Lourdes of Pilgrimage* as the image of the Church herself in the course of human history—the pilgrim Church and its pilgrim People of God. And in this *Lourdes of Pilgrimage*, imaging as it does the life of the Church, we find the mysterious blend of the human and the divine. There are shades of light and dark; there are sure and striking signs of God's divine activity intervening in human affairs; but there is also the "human element", with all of the heaviness which that term implies.

These are some of the themes which we shall be considering as we gather here in our parish church of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes over the next few weeks. The *Lourdes of Pilgrimage* is indeed the story of the Church and therefore it is very much our story too.

Father Higgins

Please join us for our annual Parish Lenten
Mission over the Fridays of Lent, 7:30 PM:
Stations of the Cross, Sermon and
Benediction of the Most Blessed
Sacrament:
March 4th-April 8th, 2022, A.D
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FRONT COVER: (left) Jesus Christ on the Cross and in its unbloody representation on the Altar at Mass fulfills the work of our human redemption. The Transfiguration of Christ on Mt. Tabor before the Passion was a foreshadow of this Glorification by means of the ignominy of the Cross.





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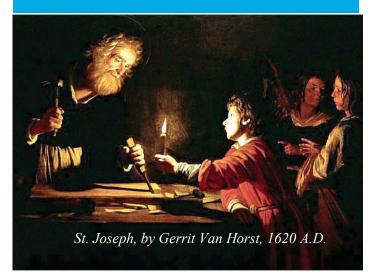
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LATIN MASS PROPERS: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

INTROIT: Psalm 24: 6, 3, 22 Remember, O Lord, Thy depths of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. *Psalm 24: 1-2* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. *V.* Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT: O God, who seest that we have no power whatever from ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may hurt the soul. Through our Lord.

EPISTLE: I Thessalonians 4: 1-7 Brethren: We pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus that, as you have received from us, how you ought to walk and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach nor circumvent his brother in business: because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL: Psalm 24: 17-18 The troubles of my heart are multiplied: deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. *V.* See my abjection and my labour, and forgive me all my sins. TRACT: Psalm 105: 1-4 Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. *V.* Who shall declare the powers of the Lord: who shall set forth all His praises? V. Blessed are they that keep judgment and do justice at all times. *V.* Remember us, O Lord, in the favour of Thy people: visit us with Thy salvation.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9 at that time Jesus taketh Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as He was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

OFFERTORY: Psalm 118: 47, 18 I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

SECRET: Peacefully look down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon these sacrifices, that they may both increase our devotion and contribute to our salvation. Through our Lord.

Preface of 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.

Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

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SUNDAY March 13th	4:00 PM (Vigil)	Mary J. Kerr Penzo William J. Kerr	10th Anniv. Mem. 80th Anniv. Mem.	Tony Penzo & Family		
	7:30 AM	Pro Populo				
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	9:00 AM	Nellie Wojtkowiak	Memorial	Slifka Family		
	11:00 AM	For the Preservation of the Free Exercise of the Latin Mass in the Life of the Church Evan Pfenniger Janka Izakovichova Our Lady of Fatima Intention of the Donor Extended Pino Family Gregory Jean Pierre Paul Quynh Evelyn Daniels Gerard Monahan Faith Hakesley Richie Cadotte Susan McGregor Ho Cong Tam Phong In Honor of St. Joseph William Blake Wisdom for Our Leaders & Peace Benjamin A. Wohlfarth Bishops and Priests		Provencher Family Izakovich Family Rusnack Family Rusnack Family Nick Pino Geraldine Jean Pierre Donor Horan Family Monahan Family Lucy Monahan Kathy Blake Kasper Family Donor Laura Harvey Kathy Blake Kathy Blake Kathy Blake Viola Lynch Donor		
	5:30 PM	Varvara & Yuriy Blidman	Special Intention	Paul & Elizabeth Szklennick		
MONDAY March 14th Feria in Lent	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes	Memorial			
	12:30 PM	Maura Hurley	Memorial	Sandra Lauzon		
TUESDAY March 15th	7:30 AM	Betty Whitney	Health of the Sick	Friends		

"Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand."
—St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars

Feria in Lent

WEDNESDAY March 16th Feria in Lent	12:30 PM	Dennis McCarthy	Memorial	Holy Face Prayer Group
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Francis I. Burokas	Anniv. Memorial	Donna Burokas
March 17th ST. PATRICK, APOSTLE of IRELAND	5:30 PM	Pro Populo		
FRIDAY March 18th	7:30 AM Health of the	Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston	Memorial	
St. Cyril of Jerusalem	Sick 12:30 PM	Teresa Bruni	Memorial	Stephen Miller

9:00 AM All Souls Memorial Donor **SATURDAY** Extended Pino Family Living/Deceased March 19th Nick Pino All Souls Memorial Laura Harvey ST. JOSEPH, Marie Blake Birthday Intention Kathy Blake SPOUSE OF THE Alison Wakefield Birthday Intention Kathy Blake **BLESSED VIRGIN** MARY & PATRON

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FOR THOSE TO BE CONFIRMED ON APRIL 23rd, 2022

Please bring to the Parish Office the following
(if you have not already done so):
Your Baptismal certificate
The Name of Your Confirmation Sponsor
The Saint's Name you have chosen for Confirmation
Your height (for the Confirmation gown)

\$50.00 for the gown rental IMPORTANT DATES!

Saturday, April 2nd, 2022, 2-5:15 PM
Confirmation Retreat at the Parish
Friday, April 22nd, 2022
Ceremony Rehearsal, Main Church
Saturday, April 23rd, 2022, 3:15 PM, arrival for the 4 PM Mass



Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Parce Domine (4PM Vigil and 7:30AM):

(Gregorian Chant)

Ecce Vidimus Eum (9AM)

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1582) Behold we shall see Him having neither form nor comeliness:

There is no beauty in Him. This is He who has borne our sins and suffered for us. He was bruised for our iniquities,

and with His stripes we are healed. Truly He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, and with His stripes we are healed.

Introit: Psalm 24(25):6, 2, 22 Reminiscere

Remember Your compassion, O Lord, and Your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

(7:30AM & 9:00AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Sundays of Lent

Kyrie, Sanctus-Benedictus, Agnus Dei: Parish Book of Chant, no. 107ff./pp. 107-108

Credo I (English)
Offertory: Psalm: 26(27):8-9
Tibi dixit cor meum

Of You my heart has spoken: Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me. (9AM)

He Humbled Himself

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published 1575)

He humbled Himself, and made Himself of no reputation, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

Communion: Matthew 17:5 Hic est Filius meus dilectus

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.

Communion Meditation:

Ave Regina Caelorum (4PM Vigil and 7:30 AM)

(Gregorian Chant)

In Monte Oliveti (9AM)

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published 1575)

Recessional: O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

(Worship II, **No.215**)

Postlude: I Bind Unto Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breatplate by Cecil Frances Alexander)

Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

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

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude: Ecce Vidimus Eum (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composed in 1582) Choir Hymn (11:00 Mass): Parce Domine (chant) Asperges (11:00 Mass)

Introit: Psalm 24:6,3,22,1,2 Reminíscere miseratiónum tuárum, Dómine, et misericórdiæ tuæ, quæ a sæculo sunt: ne umquam dominéntur nobis inimíci nostri: líbera nos, Deus Israël, ex ómnibus angústiis nostris. (Ps. 24: 1-2) Ad te, Dómine, levávi ánimam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubéscam. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio et nunc et semper et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Reminíscere miseratiónum tuárum

(11AM)

Ordinary Prayers: Mass XVII Sundays of Lent

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: Psalm 24:17,18 Tribulatiónes cordis mei dilatátæ sunt: de necessitátibus meis éripe me, Dómine, Vide humilitátem meam, et labórem meum: et dimítte ómnia peccáta mea. Tract: Psalm 105:1-4 Confitémini Dómino, quóniam bonus: quóniam in saeculum misericórdia ejus. Quis loquétur poténtias Dómini: audítas fáciet omnes laudes ejus? Beáti qui custódiunt judícium et fáciunt justítiam in omni témpore. Meménto nostri, Dómine, in beneplácito pópuli tui: vísita nos in salutári tuo.

Offertory: (11AM) Psalm 118:47, 48 Meditabor in mandatis tuis, quae dilexi valde: et levabo manus meas ad mandata tua, quae dilexi.

<u>Communion</u>: Psalm 5:2-4 Intellige clamorem meum: intende voci orationis meae, Rex meus, et Deus meus: quoniam ad te orabo, Domine.

Communion Meditation: In Monte Oliveti (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, first published 1575) Recessional: O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair (Worship II, No.215)

Angelus (Chant)

Postlude: I Bind Unto Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breatplate by Cecil Frances Alexander)

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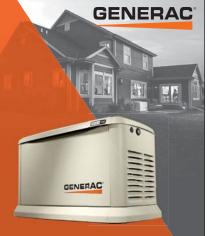
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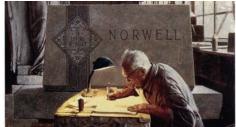
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