

Our Lady of Lourdes

Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

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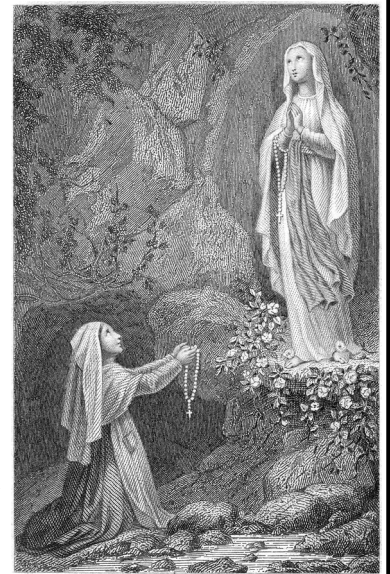
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"

On this Sunday's Gospel by Ven. Louis of Granada



ON THE RETURN FROM JERUSALEM, Mary discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan, and after having searched for Him in vain among relatives and friends, she returned once again with Joseph to Jerusalem. There they searched throughout all the city, in all its streets and squares, asking everyone they met if they had seen the Child, but no one could give an answer to their question. Three days and three nights passed in this way, during which time the holy Virgin neither slept nor rested, seeing that she had lost her treasure. Since so much of her life since the birth of Christ had been spent in flights, now that she saw that the Child was lost, her fears and sorrows were very great. The reason is evident. Sorrow is based on love, and when one's love is stronger, so also are the effects and movements of love. And who can explain the greatness of Mary's love for her Son? ... It was the greatest love that a simple creature could ever have. And she who had so great a love for her Son, must have experienced great happiness to have Him ever at her side, to see Him seated each day at the family table, to hear His voice, to enjoy His company, and to see the majestic bearing which already shone forth in His small body. How often the Blessed Mother must have sat at table without eating but just watching Him who sustains the angels. How often she must have spent most of the night on her knees at the crib of the divine Infant, seeing Him sleep who watches over the world... And if Mary's love was so immense, what must have been her sorrow at the loss of the object of her love? Three days were given to Abraham to prepare for the sacrifice of his



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Baptism and Marriages

All Sacraments at Our Lady of Lourdes are performed according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the 1962 liturgical books being normative. Contact the pastor for any sacramental needs.

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Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	January 12: The Holy Family
7:00 AM	(+) Eric Lord
(Union) 7:00 AM	for ALL our godchildren
9:00 AM	private intention
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
MONDAY	January 13: Commemoration of Our Lord's Baptism
6:30 AM	Silas Dry
12:10 PM	Olivia Meinhart
TUESDAY	January 14: St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor
6:30 AM	(+) Eric Lord
12:10 PM	(+) Marilyn R Vogele
WEDNESDAY	January 15: St. Paul, the first Hermit
12:10 PM	(+) Gabriela Aguilar
THURSDAY	January 16: St. Marcellus, Pope & Martyr
6:30 AM	For the restoration of the MSJB
12:10 PM	(+) Emma Grace Haacke
FRIDAY	January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot
6:30 AM	Mitch Meinhart
12:10 PM	(+) Nancy Lloyd
SATURDAY	January 18: Saturday of Our Lady
9:00 AM	Building of the grotto



son and to suffer by anticipation the loss of his son through death. Three days were given to Mary to suffer the loss of her Son. O Lord, Thou dost afflict those who love Thee! How careful Thou art to give them matter for merit and the crown, offering them so many occasions to suffer, to pray, to hope, to be humbled, and to hasten to Thee in their needs! When God desired to put an end to this martyrdom of the Blessed Virgin, He ordained that she should find her Son in His proper place, which is the temple and house of God. This is what generally happens – we find a thing in its proper place; and since the temple is the place of God, it is reasonable that one should look for and find Jesus there. The temple is a house of prayer, and there certainly is where God is to be found. Therefore when you find yourself sad, disconsolate, distracted, or without a spark of devotion, enter into this temple and persevere in prayer. If you are faithful, you will find God and the indication that you have Him will be the devotion and strength and interior joy that you will receive... When the Bl Mother found her Son, the Evangelist tells us that she asked Him: "Son, why hast Thou done this? Behold, Thy father and I sought Thee, sorrowing." Her Son answered: "Why have you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" This seems a harsh reply for a son to give to his mother, but Jesus here gives us an example of how we ought to act toward our parents if they become an impediment to the things of God, although in all things else they are to be respected and obeyed. The same Lord who taught us the one thing, teaches us the other, for the Evangelist says later that Jesus went with them to Nazareth & was subject to them.

Statement of Parish Operations for 2024

Parish Income

Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$194,432
Candle Collection	\$5,395
Various Donations & Refunds	\$14,907
Total Parish Income	\$214,734

Parish Expenses

Priest Salaries & Benefits	\$36,794
Parish Employees	\$66,581
Parish Office & Books for Parish	\$4,650
Parish Music (Director, books, etc.)	\$26,074
Insurance	\$8,803
Altar (Sacristy, Candles, Furniture, etc.)	\$11,699
Rectory (groceries, supplies, etc.)	\$2,337
Festivals & Socials	\$4,265
Diocesan Assessments & ACUE	\$27,469
Plant Expenses & Parish Utilities	\$17,699
Other (charity, visiting priests, use of churches by the parish etc.)	\$12,455
Total Parish Expenses	\$218,826

Parish Deficit from 2024 **-\$4,092**

Overall Parish Reserves **\$220,365**

2025 Weekly Operating Budget **\$4,208**

• The Undercroft Special Project finished in early 2024, with the addition of a niche for the Sacred Heart in the lower Sacristy, replacement of some of the windows, and new exterior door in undercroft.

May God reward you for your support and generosity!

**Weekly Financial Report
Week of Sunday January 5, 2025**

Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$4100.00
Cash & Coin	\$836.00
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Online & Other Donations	\$0.00
Candles	\$78.00
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TOTAL	\$5014.00
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<i>Weekly Budgetary Needs</i>	<i>\$4,208</i>



MAJESTIC QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MISTRESS OF THE ANGELS, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of Hell. "Who is like unto God?" O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us. *Amen.*

- † Catechism class resumes on Monday, Jan. 13th at 6:30pm.
- † Religious items will be blessed by Fr Cushing after the 9am First Sat. Mass each month in the Church social hall.
- † If you brought jugs of water to be blessed for the Epiphany, please note that these received the blessing of normal holy water. Due to various circumstances, there is no Epiphany water this year.
- † Epiphany Party after 11:30 AM Mass today. Please bring a hearty dish to share. The play will be performed at 2:30pm
- † Banns of marriage are published between Dan Warner and Mary Gruen, both of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it. This is the second time of asking...

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.