

# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Diocese of Covington's Latin Mass Parish

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HOLY FAMILY ORATORY ❁ Liberty Hill Drive ❁ Union ❁ KY

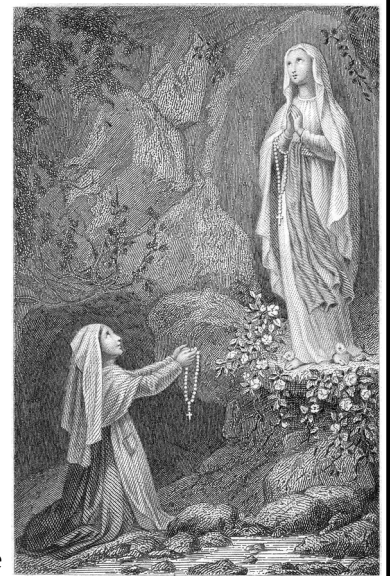
"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"

### MATER DIVINAE GRATIAE

"A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Apoc., XII, 1)



IF ALL THE GIFTS which may enrich an intelligent being, none is greater, more precious or more desirable than grace. This divine gift we owe to the merits of our Saviour, a gift which makes man the friend of God, brother of Jesus Christ, and heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. It makes us in some sort sharers in the Godhead, according to the words of St Peter: "By whom He hath given us most great & precious promises: that by these you may be made partakers of the divine nature." As Mary was destined to become the Mother of the Author of grace, she must needs have been herself enriched with this gift, in a degree superior to that of all other creatures. For this reason, at the moment of her conception, she was exempted from every stain of sin, and was endowed with an abundance of grace, above that which any of the saints ever possessed. And this grace went on always increasing to such a degree, that when Mary left this world, her grace surpassed that of all the saints put together. Thus, the words of Holy Scripture are particularly applicable to her: "The path of the just, as a shining light, goeth forward and increaseth even to perfect day." O Mary, what can I say of the beauties of thy soul enriched with the ineffable gift of grace? Thou art in truth an object of infinite complacency to God, who sees in thee the purest reflection of the perfections of Jesus Christ! In calling Mary, "Mother of Divine Grace" we do not mean to say that she of herself bestows upon men this priceless gift.



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#### Legion of Mary

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Junior Legion: Fridays 1:30-3pm

#### League of the Tarcisians

tarcisians@lolparish.org  
First Fridays at 11am

#### Adoration of Bl. Sacrament

Mondays: 1-6:30pm

#### Perpetual Novenas

Tuesday—Our Lady of Lourdes  
Thursday—Holy Face of Jesus

#### Confessions

30 minutes before Masses

#### 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

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 3: Fourth Sunday after Easter</b>
7:00 AM	Grandchildren of Carol Riesser
(Union) 7:00 AM	Stephen & Rita Brueggemann and family
9:30 AM	(+) Luu Canh Lu
11:30 AM	Pro Populo
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 4: St. Monica, Widow</b>
6:30 AM	St. John of God Mission Intentions
12:10 PM	Maggie Garst
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 5: St. Pius V, Pope &amp; Confessor</b>
6:30 AM	Sr. Theresa Elizabeth
12:10 PM	Christian Judd
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 6: St. John before the Latin Gate</b>
12:10 PM	(+) Sr. Chiara, mfmt
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 7: St. Stanislaus, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
6:30 AM	Eric Miller
12:10 PM	(+) Mary Listerman
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 8: Our Lady, Mediatrix of All Graces</b>
6:30 AM	For the intentions of Our Blessed Mother
12:10 PM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 9: St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
(Union) 9:00 AM	For our godchildren

Fourth Sunday after Easter

May 3rd, 2026



To impart grace is proper to God alone, who is the King of glory, immortal and invisible. To Him only belongs by right of dominion this supernatural good; none but He is its primary dispenser.

However, the distribution of the treasure of grace is regulated by wise and provident laws. Just as the princes of the earth have ministers to distribute their largess, so also the King of Heaven has willed that His riches should be distributed by the sage bounty of Her who, by privilege, has received the plenitude thereof. She intercedes as a Daughter, she commands as a Mother; and at her voice the gifts of Heaven are lavished upon men.



It is not therefore for herself only that Mary is full of grace, she is so, on our account as well; and this is the precise meaning of the glorious title with which the voice of the Christian people at large loves to call her: "Mother of Divine Grace".

Mother of Divine Grace! Could the piety of the faithful have chosen for our Heavenly Queen a more glorious title? Is it not by the aid of Mary that the princes of the earth, whilst holding firm the reins of government, know how to procure for their subjects peace and prosperity? "By me kings reign." Is it not by Her favor that wise lawgivers make truth and justice to prevail in their states? "By me lawgivers decree just things." In fine, is it not by and through Mary that sinners obtain their return to grace, and the just their final perseverance?

Yes! ALL the benefits of conversion, of sanctification and of salvation which God has granted or shall ever grant to men, from the first grace of repentance given to Adam after his fall, down to that grace of final perseverance which shall secure the heavenly kingdom to the last of God's elect, must come from Jesus Christ by the mediation of Mary. — THE FAIREST FLOWER OF PARADISE



AY THESE DAYS, in which all principles are growing shadowy, find that the supernatural light is kept up, in full splendor and purity, by the zeal of the guides of Christ's flock. May the compromises and flinchings of a generation, in which all truth is being etiolated and diminished, never lead our priests, either themselves to shorten, or to permit anyone else to curtail, the measure of the perfect man (Eph. iv, 13) which was bestowed on them, in order that they might apply it to every Christian who is desirous of observing the Gospel! In spite of all threats, in spite of the noisy passions which are boisterous against any priest who dares to preach the truth, let their voice be what it should be—that is, an echo of the Word: let it vibrate with the holy firmness of the saints!"



—Abbot Guerranger, OSB, *The Liturgical Year*

### Weekly Financial Report Week of Sunday April 26, 2026

Sunday Collection:	
Checks	\$6035.00
Cash & Coin	\$1109.01
Other Donations	\$0.00
Candles	\$286.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7430.01</b>
<b>Weekly Budgetary Needs</b>	<b>\$4,940</b>

† **First Holy Communion** will occur on Sunday, June 7th, 2026, External Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please email [secretary@ololparish.org](mailto:secretary@ololparish.org) if you have any children of age.

† Mary invites you to visit Legion of Mary especially during the month of May. Ask, "Mary, how may I serve you?" Mondays from 7-8:30pm in the Undercroft for prayers, spiritual reading and reflection, and an apostolic mission to save souls. Open to all practicing Catholics 18 years old and up.

*O Mary, Conceived without original sin,*

*make my body pure & my soul holy.*

*Hail Mary... (3 times morning and night)*



**M**AJESTIC 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.*

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.