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OUR LADY OF PROVIDENCE PARISH
PARROQUIA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA PROVIDENCIA
228 Lincoln Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01605



MASS SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE MISA

Lord's Day Masses | Misas del Día del Señor
Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Español) & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses | Misas de la Semana
Wednesday – Friday: 8:15 a.m.
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Holy Days | Días Festivos
Feast: 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Español)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | Adoración de la Eucaristía
First Thursday of the month | Primer jueves del mes
8:30am -6:30 p.m.

PARISH INFO | INFORMACIÓN

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FOOD PANTRY | DESPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Harlow Street Entrance | 2nd Floor
4th Monday of the Month | 4^o Lunes del Mes
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

December | Diciembre

21

2025

Bishop of Worcester

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

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Mass Intentions | Intenciones Para Las Misas

December | Diciembre 20 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. Mary Durkin †

Req by Donald Hazen & Peg Morin

December | Diciembre 21 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. Ronald J. Anerson (10th ann.) † Req by Family
11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. The Youth of Our Parish

December | Diciembre 24 Wednesday | Miércoles

4:00 p.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

7:00p.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

December | Diciembre 25 Thursday | Jueves

12:00 a.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

9:00 a.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family, Living and Deceased

December | Diciembre 26 Friday | Viernes

8:15a.m. Armando Lazzaro †

December | Diciembre 27 Saturday | Sábado

4:00 p.m. Mary Boucher † Req by Family

December | Diciembre 28 Sunday | Domingo

9:00 a.m. June Eressy (1st ann.) † Req by Family

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p. m. Richard Hoover †



RECONCILIATION | RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

Thursday: 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. or by appointment

BAPTISM | BAUTISMO

Please call the office at least 2 months prior to the anticipated date. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina por lo menos 2 meses antes del bautismo.

MARRIAGE | MATRIMONIO

Please call the office at least 9 months prior to the anticipated date. Favor de comunicarse con la oficina por lo menos 9 meses antes de la boda.

Weekly Collection | Colecta Semanal

4:00.p.m.	\$627.00
9:00 a.m.	\$523.00
11:00 a.m.	\$557.00
5:00 p.m.	\$85.00
Mail-Ins	\$250.00
Online Contribution	\$1,011.95
Collection Sub-Total	\$3,053.95

We are deeply grateful to all who financially support the work of our parish community. May God help us to be responsible stewards of the material and spiritual goods that have been given to our parish.

Agradecemos profundamente a todos los que apoyan financiando el trabajo de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Dios nos ayude a ser administradores responsables de los bienes materiales y espirituales que se han dado a nuestra parroquia.

Word & Eucharist 120 | Palabra y Eucaristia 121

Journeysongs: 867

Entrance Hymn: 274

Offertory Hymn: 280

Communion Hymn: 121

Recessional Hymn: 297



Readings To-Go!

4th Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

(MATTHEW 1:24)

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Domingo 4o de Adviento

"Cuando José despertó del sueño, hizo como el ángel del Señor le había mandado, y recibió a María como su esposa." (MATEO 1:24)

Debemos poner nuestra completa confianza en el Señor sin esperar nada a cambio. Esforzarnos por poner a Dios primero en todo y seguirlo adondequiera que nos guíe. José es un modelo de estos pilares de nuestra fe. Mientras nos preparamos para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, recemos para que nos de la fuerza y el coraje para ser un ejemplo de discipulado, así como lo fue José.

GET TO KNOW YOUR FAMILY

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Patricia Trello

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As we begin the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we enter those final, grace-filled days of preparation before the birth of Christ. This week invites us to slow our pace, open our hearts, and make room for the Lord who comes to dwell with us.

We were blessed this past week to host the Parish Representatives from the Northern Pastoral Planning group. It was a wonderful gathering filled with honest conversation, shared faith, and a deep sense of hope for the future. Their visit allowed us to highlight the strength and vibrancy of our parish community, and together we reflected on the opportunities and needs that will guide us in the renewal process ahead. We are grateful for their presence and for the growing unity among all our parishes.

May these final days of Advent prepare us not only to celebrate Christmas, but to embrace with renewed faith the mission Christ entrusts to us as a parish family.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Al comenzar el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, entramos en esos días finales y llenos de gracia que nos preparan para el nacimiento de Cristo. Esta semana nos invita a bajar el ritmo, abrir el corazón y hacer espacio para el Señor que viene a habitar entre nosotros.

Esta semana tuvimos la bendición de recibir en nuestra parroquia a los Representantes Parroquiales del Plan Pastoral del Norte. Fue un encuentro maravilloso, lleno de conversación sincera, fe compartida y una profunda esperanza para el futuro. Su visita nos permitió resaltar la fortaleza y vitalidad de nuestra comunidad parroquial y reflexionar juntos sobre las oportunidades y necesidades que guiarán nuestro camino en este proceso de renovación. Agradecemos su presencia y la creciente unidad entre todas nuestras parroquias.

Que estos días finales de Adviento nos preparen no solo para celebrar la Navidad, sino también para abrazar con renovada fe la misión que Cristo nos confía como familia parroquial.

¡Ven, Señor Jesús!



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"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1: 20-21

Christmas 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This brief biblical text from the Gospel of St. Matthew summarizes the mystery and wonder of Christmas – out of divine love for us, Jesus took on human flesh in the virginal womb of Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit, to save all people of all times and places from their sins. The birth of the Christ Child in the manger of Bethlehem was unlike any other event in human history because this birth has transformed the ultimate destiny of humanity, giving men and women the hope of spending an eternity of peace and joy in the presence of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that the birth of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, true God and true man, is the theological basis for our unshakable hope for the gift of eternal life in heaven, a gift that makes each baptized person a pilgrim of hope, a theme that has been a focal point of our Jubilee Year, 2025 that is quickly drawing to an end.

I have often preached at Confirmation liturgies that our goal as disciples of Jesus Christ is "to get to heaven" and "to bring with us as many people that we possibly can," beginning with those people we love most in life. The true peace and joy of Christmas is to embrace the hope of eternal life that the Infant Jesus, with outstretched arms, offers to each of us once again this Christmas Day, 2025, especially through our worthy reception of Holy Communion.

During this Christmas Season, I invite you to welcome Jesus, our Lord and Savior, as if for the first time, into your life and the lives of your loved ones. Strive to share your gift of hope in eternal life in heaven with others by keeping your hearts and minds fixed on the one thing that truly matters, life on high in the eternal presence of the God who is Love itself.

I extend to all of you my prayers for a Blessed and Merry Christmas and I invite you to join your prayers to the prayers of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as he prays for peace, a peace our war-wearied world needs so desperately these days.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Robert J. McManus
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.
Bishop of Worcester

Saint Peter Canisius

1521 - 1597

FEAST DAY — DECEMBER 21

This Doctor of the Church was born in Holland and studied canon law in Belgium before turning to the study of theology in Germany. In 1543, after meeting St. Peter Faber, one of St. Ignatius of Loyola's companions, he entered the Society of Jesus and soon became a well-known preacher. He attended two sessions of the Council of Trent and was an important figure in the post-conciliar Catholic revival in Europe. After completing his doctorate, St. Ignatius assigned him to renew the Catholic faith in Germany. As the Jesuit provincial in southern Germany, Austria, and Bohemia, Peter Canisius started schools, colleges, and seminaries. He wrote three catechisms in German and is credited with keeping the southern German peoples Catholic.



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