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**MASSES**  
Daily Mon - Sat: 8:00 AM  
Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 7:30 & 9:30AM  
Holy Days 8:00 AM, Noon, 5:30 PM  
PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM



Rev. Brian O'Toole  
Pastor  
Cheryl Orrell  
Admin Asst/Bookkeeper  
Rev. Francis J. Roach  
In Residence  
Mr. William Cotter  
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Rev. Robert E. Kelley  
In Residence  
Mary Jo Castrale  
Soup Kitchen  
Roland Gauthier  
Organist  
Mrs. Judy Verdini  
Religious Ed

**Mission Statement:**

"Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, disciples of Jesus Christ in Worcester, MA, reaches out with love into the neighborhoods to welcome, serve, support, and engage the community in Jesus. In creating a welcoming relationship with Eucharistic and prayerful celebrations, we gather to make a difference by coming closer to God and one another."

**December 9, 2018**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**



*"And this is my prayer:  
that your love may increase ever more  
and more in knowledge and every kind of  
perception, to discern what is of value..."*

(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.



**Prayer Shawl**

If any parishioner would like a prayer shawl for someone they know who might need one. Please call Donna at 508-304-1745 or 508-579-9299. You may also call the rectory at 508-757-0789.

**Mass Intentions and Calendar**

<b>Sat, Dec 8</b>	
8:00 am	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
10:00 am	First Penance
<b>Sun, Dec 9</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
7:30 am	Sophie Demarski 10th anniv req by the family
9:30 am	Margaret Adu-Frimpong 2nd anniv by the family
10:30 am opens	-Sharing Our Bounty in Church Hall
<b>Wed, Dec 12</b>	
6:30-7:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in church hall
<b>Thu, Dec 13</b>	
5:00 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for Knights of Columbus - All are welcome
<b>Fri, Dec 14</b>	
7:00 pm	NA Meeting in Church Hall
<b>Sat, Dec 15</b>	
4:30 pm	Anne Griffin anniv mass req by the family
	Baptism of Amaya Jean Gallagher
<b>Sun, Dec 16</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
7:30 am	Ona Pajeda req by the Jakubauskas family
9:30 am	Carmella Gesner req by Antoinette Seminerio
	Christmas Pageant and Advent Breakfast
10:30 am opens	-Sharing Our Bounty in Church Hall

**Scripture Readings**

- 9 SUN** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- 10 MON** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- 11 TUE** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- 12 WED** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- 13 THU** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- 14 FRI** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- 15 SAT** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME



**St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree**  
**All donations need to be brought in by Tuesday, December 11th.**

Thank you so much for your generosity in helping those who are in need.

**Trader Joe's-Sharing our Bounty Ministry is looking for HELP.** If you can spare one Sunday a month to help pick up food items to be distributed to our church community, please call Sandy 774-823-6817

### Church Cleaning

Don't forget, Friday, **December 14th** we will have another cleaning to prepare for decorating our church for Christmas. **We will start at 12 noon.** Please call Cheryl to let her know if you can come....even if only for one hour. Remember..."Many hands make light work."



**There will be a Hat, Gloves and Coat Drive from now until December 30. If you have any of these new or in good condition, please leave on the stage in the church hall. All donations will be distributed to the homeless teens at Burncoat High School.**



**There will be Christmas cards in the front entrance of the church to fill out with well wishes and happy holidays to our service men and women. These will be mailed on December 16th.**



We will be looking for help in decorating the church as the Birth of our Savior approaches. If you would be interested in lending a hand, please let Fr. Brian or Cheryl know.



### Great ideas for Christmas gifts.....

Our Lady of Lourdes Cookbook	\$15
Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Ornament	\$15
Our Lady of Lourdes Tote bag	\$3
Our Lady of Lourdes Magnet	\$1

**Christmas Pageant and Breakfast**  
**Next weekend, on Sunday, December 16th** is the Religious Ed Christmas Pageant to be held before the 9:30 am mass and the Advent Breakfast following mass in the church hall. All are invited!



### Rest in Peace

*We, the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes, extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Priscilla Barbato (11/29/18) who recently passed. May God grant her peace forever and bring comfort to her family and friends.*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 12/1-12/2	\$3,576.00
Maintenance	453.00
Christmas	30.00
Christmas Flowers	122.00
Utilities	300.00
Retirement for Religious	75.00
Immaculate Conception	1.00

**Thank you as always  
for your generous support!**

### Try Online Giving and Help Your Parish

**Go to:** [ololma.org](http://ololma.org) & click on *Online Giving* for easy and secure instructions to set up your personal and confidential account or make an appointment with Fr. Brian or Cheryl at the rectory for help to set up your account.

**-By doing this:** you can take the chore of filling your contribution envelopes unnecessary and take the guesswork out of how you support your parish.

**-By doing this:** you help your parish maintain a consistent budget, especially when you are away from the parish and reduce the expense of sending envelope packages each month.

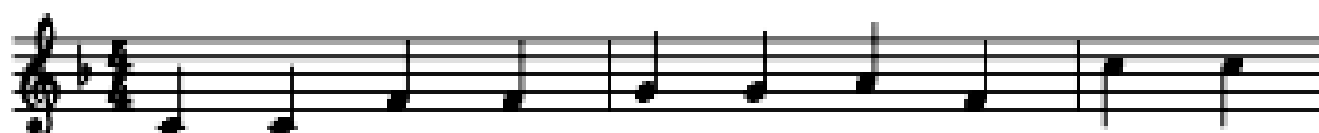
# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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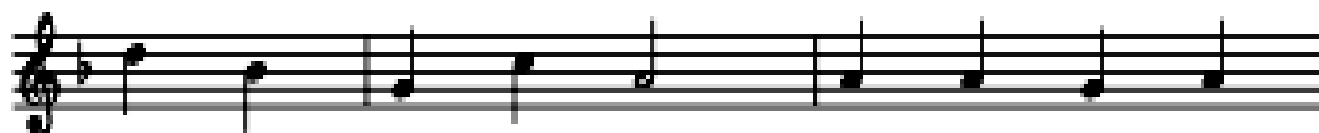
## GATHERING HYMN

### *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

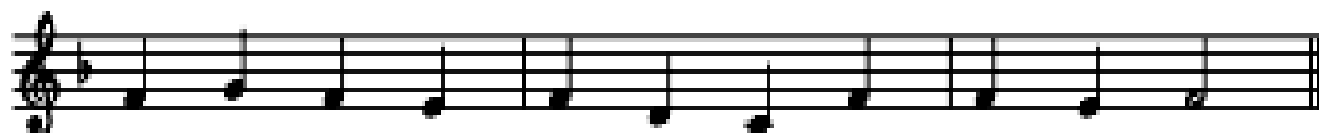
STUTTGART



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in



1. set thy peo - ple free! From our fears and
2. all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of
3. child, and yet a king: Born to reign in
4. all our hearts a - lone; By thine all - suf -



1. sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
2. ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
3. us for - ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
4. fi - cient mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

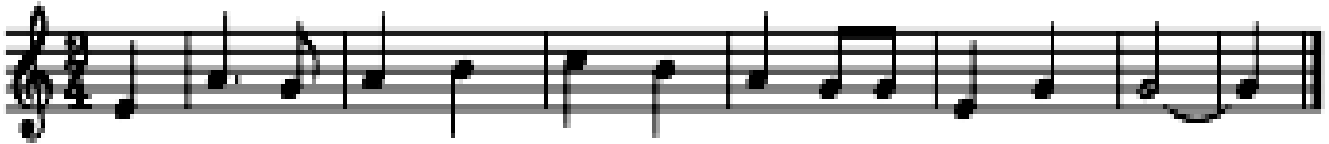
BAR 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PSALM 126**



**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

## SECOND READING

**PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

## GOSPEL LITANY

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Word of mer-cy,	Al-le-lu-ia,	Live a-mong us,	Ma-ra-na-tha!
Word of free-dom,	Al-le-lu-ia,	Save your peo-ple,	Ma-ra-na-tha!
Word of heal-ing,	Al-le-lu-ia,	Heal our sor-row,	Ma-ra-na-tha!
Word of glad-ness,	Al-le-lu-ia,	Fill our hearts now,	Ma-ra-na-tha!
Word of wis-dom,	Al-le-lu-ia,	Come re-new us,	Ma-ra-na-tha!

## GOSPEL

**LK 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

## HOMILY

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible  
and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only  
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before  
all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true  
God from true God, begotten, not made, con-  
substantial with the Father; through him all  
things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became  
man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and  
rose again on the third day in accordance with  
the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father. He will come again in  
glory to judge the living and the dead and his  
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic  
Church. I confess one baptism for the forgive-  
ness of sins and I look forward to the resurrec-  
tion of the dead and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS** *Please respond: "Come Lord Jesus Come."*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

GENEVA 42

1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now  
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert  
3. O make straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er

1. says our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,  
2. far and near, Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance  
3. plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

1. Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je - ru - sa -  
2. Since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o -  
3. As be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the

1. I am Of the peace that waits for them; Tell of all the  
2. hey! Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
3. Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad; And all flesh shall

1. sins I cov - er, And that war - fare now is o - ver.  
2. rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.  
3. see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

## HOLY, HOLY

## MASS OF CREATION

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

## MASS OF CREATION

When we eat this bread, and drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death O Lord,  
Until you come again.

## GREAT AMEN

## MASS OF CREATION

## OUR FATHER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD

## MASS OF CREATION

## COMMUNION

### *Blessed and Holy*

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1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, O Ra - diant Star of night,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, O Tree up - lift - ed high,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow - er, God of might,



1. all your works are blessed and ho - ly, sea and  
2. still your peo - ple walk in dark - ness, come a -  
3. in your pres - ence pow'r falls si - lent, in your  
4. all the earth and all the heav - ens sing your



1. earth and sun and sky. A - do - nai, O Lord of a - ges  
2. wake us to your light. O Key - stone of the na - tions,  
3. shade il - lu - sions die. O hum - ble Key of Da - vid,  
4. glo - ry day and night. Blessed and ho - ly your cre - a - tion,



1. who ap - peared as burn - ing flame, come ig - nite the spark of  
2. hold - ing place of ev - ery part, come and cher - ish your cre -  
3. hearts are known to you a - lone. Break the chains of ev - ery  
4. blessed is Je - sus whom you send. Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho -

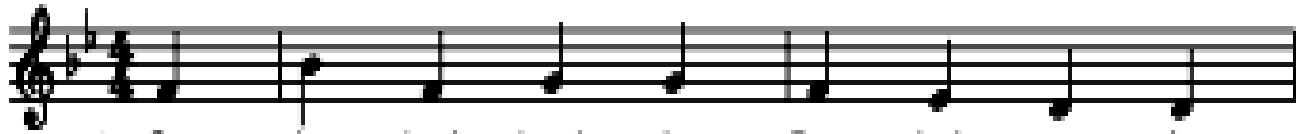


1. jus - tice till it burns in us a - gain.  
2. a - tion till it lives with - in our heart.  
3. pris - on, come and lead your peo - ple home.  
4. san - nal Sing ho - san - na with - out end!

## RECESSIONAL

## On Jordan's Bank

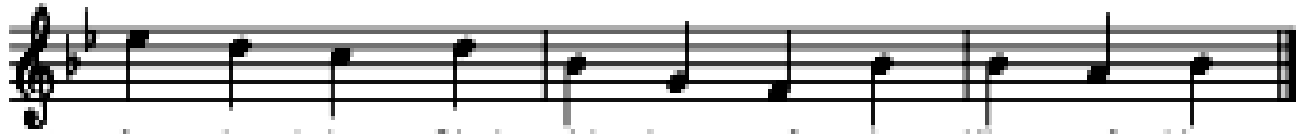
WINCHESTER NEW



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose



1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.



### Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday, December 22nd-2:00-3:30pm

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24th-4:00pm

Tuesday, December 25th-10:00am

### Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God-New Year's

Monday, December 31st-5:30pm

Tuesday, January 1st-8:00am

