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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

Our Lady of Lourdes

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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."

March 22, 2020
4th Sunday of Lent

"…. for God does not see as mortals see; they look at the outward appearance but the Lord looks on the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7
Stewardship is a matter of the heart.
As the comedian Bob Hope once said:
"If you haven't got charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble."

We will try to keep our website updated….
Please go to
www.ololma.org
for any current news.

Mass Intentions and Calendar

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes,

As you are aware, Gov. Baker has declared a State of Emergency and declared that any gathering over 25 people be suspended. As of March 16, Bishop McManus decreed that all public events and gatherings of more than 25, such as Weekend Masses and Daily Masses be suspended in the Diocese of Worcester until it is safe to return. As of now, all Weekend Masses and Daily Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes church are suspended. Also, all groups will cease to meet. However, the church will remain open daily from 8:00 am - 5:30 pm for any individual who would like to come and pray before the Holy Eucharist.

Due to the cancellations, any masses in memory of a loved one will be moved to a later date. Please call the rectory on Monday or Tuesdays to set up a new date.

May God keep you safe and healthy.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

22 SUN 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
23 MON Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/ Jn 4:43-54
24 TUE Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
25 WED Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
26 THU Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
27 FRI Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
28 SAT Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Kitchen Dedication in Memory of Fr. Robert Kelley….

Due to the uncertainty of the next couple of weeks,
all plans for the Kitchen dedication will be put on hold.
Stay tuned for information as it becomes available.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Partners in Charity

Please donate to the *2020 Partners in Charity Appeal* online or by sending to the church or directly to the diocese.

SCAM: Please be aware there is a phone scam soliciting for the *Bishops Fund* (name has not been used in years). Please know that the diocese and church does not solicit gifts of support for *Partners in Charity* over the phone; gifts are solicited by mail, online, or through the parish.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 3/14-3/15	**$2,039.00**
Maintenance	**27.00**
Easter Flowers	**44.17**
Catholic Relief Services	**10.00**

Thank you for your generous support!

Sunday Offertory

With the social distancing restrictions set and the uncertainty of what the future holds, we ask you to please continue to donate to the Sunday Offertory of our church so that we may continue to pay our operating expenses.

Environmental Stewardship

3rd Week of Lent	**Did You Know**:	**To Do:**
March 23	-On average, Americans receive 16 pieces of junk mail a week, compared to 1.5 personal letters. 44% goes to landfills unopened.	-Use CatalogChoice.org or DMAchoice.org to reduce or eliminate unsolicited direct mail.
March 24	"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the Work of His hands." (Psalm 19:1)	-Plants improve the air we breathe by taking in carbon Dioxide and releasing oxygen. Plant something- inside or out!
March 25	-Clothes dryers use about 3000W. They consume 5 times more energy than washers.	-Skip using the dryer whenever possible. Use clotheslines in the summer or indoor racks in the winter
March 26	-Aluminum cans are 100% recyclable. Aluminum can be recycled perpetually which saves 95% of the energy needed to produce from ore	-Recycle your used aluminum can. Choose lightweight aluminum cans which have lower carbon impact than plastic or glass.
March 27	-A washing machine uses up to 40-45 gallons of water per load; about 12,000 gallons per year for a family	-Ensure that you only run full loads of wash. New high efficiency washers can reduce this by 1/2 or more. .
March 28	-The Massachusetts legislature meets in 2 year sessions with the current session ending in July 2020.	-Find your state rep and email or call. Tell them to act with justice on Climate Change. https://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
COMMUNION LITURGY
CYCLE A

As your enter the church parking and receive this worship aid, begin with the sign of the cross,

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Then say,

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with me and all who sit in this automobile

Take this time as you wait to receive Holy Communion to reflect on your prior week and examine those times you did not live up to the call of our faith and then say:

PENITENTIAL RITE **CONFITEOR**

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PRAYER BEFORE THE READINGS

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebration to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING — 1SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

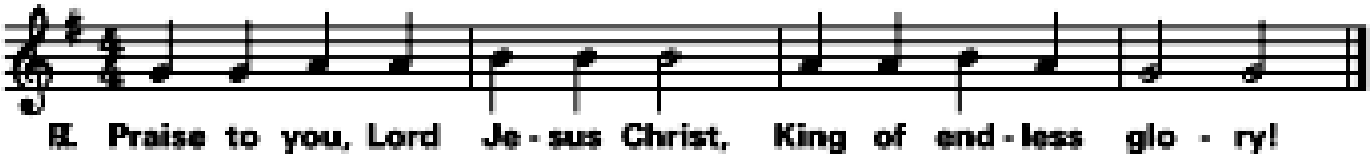
As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM — *PSALM 23*

SECOND READING — EPH 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL — JN 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—.So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is, " but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And

they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

HOMILY

APOSTLES CREED (Stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

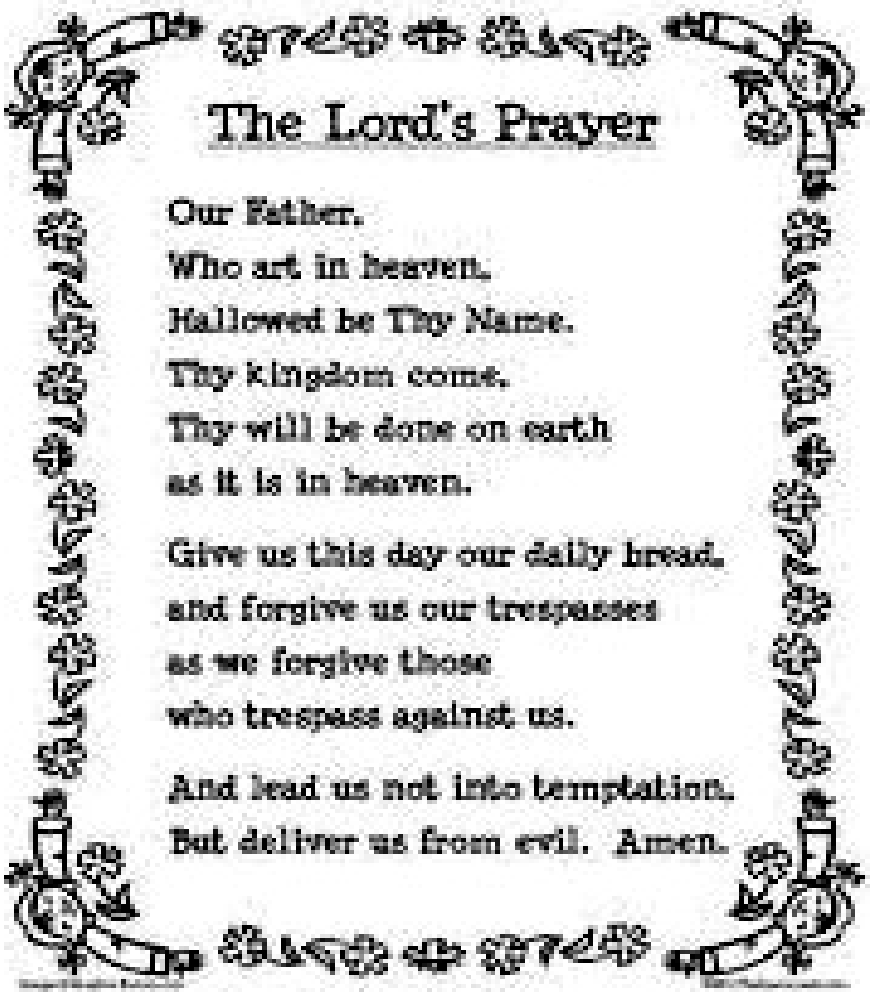
Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS **Prayer For The Earth**

Before you offer your prayer for the earth we live on, please say a prayer for the special needs of our community, our families, and our very selves. Especially pray for the healing hand of Jesus for the world in this Coronavirus pandemic.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

LORD'S PRAYER



For yours is the Kingdom,
The Power,
And the Glory,
Now and Forever, Amen

OFFERTORY DONATION BASKETS

Please remember your offering of stewardship in thanksgiving for the goodness of God in your life. Baskets will be on both sides of your automobile for you and your passengers. Please drive between the offertory baskets.

Before receiving communion please pray:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

Ministers of Communion will approach your automobile from both sides, giving opportunity for driver and passengers to receive. When receiving please observe receiving in communion in the palm of your hand for safety reasons.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

When everyone in your automobile has received communion please pull forward about 10 feet and say the following prayer:

O God, who enlightens everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of our grace, that we ma always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to our majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

May God and the healing hand of his Son, Jesus Christ, keep you safe and healthy until we encounter each other next Sunday.