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MASSES
Daily Mo, Tu, Thu, Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30PM LIVE,
Sunday 10AM LIVE and ZOOM
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."

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday



*"Think of what is above,
not of what is on earth."
(COLOSSIANS 3:2)*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia."
Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year!
Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Daily Rosary

Praying of the Rosary will continue after the daily mass in the church on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions and Calendar

Sat, APR 3 Holy Saturday

8:00 am LIVE/Zoom Morning Prayer of the Church

7:30 pm LIVE/Zoom The Vigil of Easter Mass

Sun, APR 4 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti,

Rosalba Puca req by the D'Andrea family

and Robert Joseph 7th anniv req by Jacqueline Barrett

Mon, APR 5

8:00 am LIVE

Tue, APR 6

8:00 am LIVE

Thu, APR 8

8:00 am George O'Toole req by the Pastoral Care Dept of UMass/Mem

Fri, APR 9

8:00 am LIVE

Sat, APR 10

4:30 pm Ann Parent remembrance req by daughter and son-in-law

Sun, APR 11 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom George O'Toole req by the Pastoral Care Dept of UMass/Mem and Gerard Vigeant req by Ann and Paul Vigeant

3:00 pm Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- 4 **SUN** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
- 5 **MON** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- 6 **TUE** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
- 7 **WED** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
- 8 **THU** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
- 9 **FRI** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- 10 **SAT** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/
Mk 16:9-15



Renew.....Refresh.....Re-Open

Renew

As we end one long year of the Covid pandemic, and the future looking brighter every day, we come together today to renew our Baptismal Promises and to help us renew our commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

What will your commitment be for your renewal?

Rest in Peace

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes, extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Delores Perrone.

who passed on March 18, 2021.

Please keep the Perrone family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their mother and father who passed last month.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Due to Easter Sunday and bulletin having to be submitted earlier,

the Sunday Offertory for 3/27-3/28

will be posted in next weekends bulletin.

Thank you for your continued, generous support during this unprecedented pandemic.

You are greatly appreciated.

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Imagine the joy of Christ's grieving followers gathered in the Upper Room when on Easter the Risen Lord suddenly appeared and said, "Peace be with you." Their joy and peace at Christ's Victory must have been unbounded as they recognized Him in their presence.

But not all of Christ's followers shared that joy. Saint Thomas, who was absent, experienced not joy but doubt. Two other disciples after hearing of Christ's Resurrection, instead of immediately joining the others, departed Jerusalem and were downcast. Even when Jesus drew near and spoke to them of the Scriptures, they did not recognize Him. Only in the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist) did they recognize Him. Only then did they return to Jerusalem to join the disciples assembled in the Upper Room and share in the joy of Easter.

On this Easter Sunday, after a year of COVID isolation, when we seek peace and joy amidst doubts and losses we can profitably reflect on the importance of gathering at the Eucharist. As Jesus came to the disciples gathered together in Jerusalem so, too, He is most present to us, not in our individual reflections upon the Scriptures, but when the Scriptures and Eucharist are celebrated at Mass.

It has been a long year with necessary and prudent precautions keeping many of us from Sunday Mass. Given the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID pandemic, personal prayer, reading the Scriptures and watching the Mass live-streamed have been prudent choices for many. However, such choices are all inferior to being present at Sunday Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist, which the Second Vatican Council proclaimed as the source and summit of the Church. Like St. Thomas and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it is harder to recognize Jesus, ward off doubts and avoid being downcast by the trials and tragedies of life when we are not nourished by the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

As signs of progress in the COVID pandemic begin to give way to hope for a return to a more normal life, and as vaccines become more widely available, it may be time to begin to consider prayerfully a return to Sunday Mass. Certainly, everyone needs to consult family and doctors and use prudence taking into account one's own circumstances and health. Our parishes will continue to require masks and social distancing and employ sanitary precautions. As society moves towards reopening, may the Holy Spirit guide you, along with prudent medical advice, in your consideration about coming back to Sunday Mass in the weeks and months ahead.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

EASTER SUNDAY

CYCLE B

GATHERING HYMN

Mute Mics

Three Days



THAXTEC

1. Three days our world was bro - ken; the
 2. Three days— and on the third day, the
 3. Three days our world was bro - ken and

1. Lord of life lay dead. "Take up your cross," he
 2. wom - en came at dawn. His tomb, they said, was
 3. in an in - stant healed, God's cov - e - nant of

1. told us who fol - lowed where he led. Would
 2. emp - ty, his bro - ken bod - y gone. Who
 3. mer - cy in mys - ter - y re - vealed. Two

1. we now hang in tor - ment with thieves on ev - 'ry side,
 2. could be - lieve their sto - ry? The dead do not a - rise,
 3. thou - sand years are one day in God's e - ter - nal sight,

1. our Pass - o - ver shat - tered, our hope cru - ci - fied?
 2. yet he walks a - mong us, and with our own eyes
 3. and yes - ter - day's sor - rows are this day's de - light.

1. Three days we hid in si - lence, in
 2. we've seen him at this ta - ble; we've
 3. Though still Christ's bod - y suf - fers, pierced

1. bit - ter fear and grief. Three days we clung to -
 2. shared his bread and wine. Hearts burn - ing bright with -
 3. dai - ly by the sword, yet death has no do -

1. geth - er where he had washed our feet.
 2. in us, we've seen his glo - ry shine.
 3. min - ion: the ris - en Christ is Lord!

GLORIA

Mass of Renewal

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord, God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us:

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10: 34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118



R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

SECOND READING

FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 5:6b-8

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

SEQUENCE

Christ Is Arisen

Randall DeBruyn

Verses

1. To the Pas - chal Vic - tim Give thank - ful praisel
 2. Ma - ry, speak, con - fess - ing What you have seen.
 3. Chris - tians, sing his glo - ry With ev - 'ry breath;

1. Christ, ev - er sin - less, his sheep now he saves.
 2. "Christ's tomb lies emp - ty where once he had been;
 3. Sing of his king - dom, vic - to - rious o'er death!

1. Death and life con - tend - ed In dread - ful strife;
 2. An - gels bright, con - firm - ing; Shroud laid a - side;
 3. Je - sus, grant us mer - cy: New life from heav'n!

1. Death did not hold — him, im - mor - tal his life.
 2. He goes to Gal - i - lee, he lives though he died."
 3. Christ ev - er reigns! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, his tri - umph we sing!
 Christ is a - ris - en, the Vic - tor, the King!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

GOSPEL OF JOHN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

BLESSING OF THE EASTER WATER & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Unmute Mic

Presider: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

-Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you 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?

The Baptized: I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

The Baptized: Amen

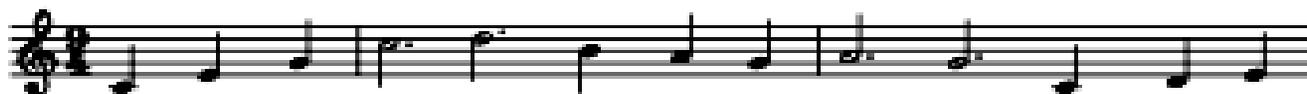
GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Response is: "Hear Our Prayer."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS **Mute Mics**

Baptized In Water



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his
 2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
 3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



1. prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 2. giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 3. chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF RENEWAL

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 RENEWAL

Save us, Savior of the World,
 For by your Cross & Resurrection,
 You have set us free

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF RENEWAL

OUR FATHER

Unmute Mic

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF RENEWAL

Prayer For Making A Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

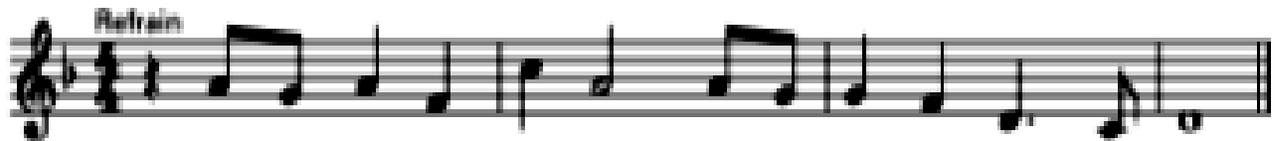
I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
 and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Blest are those in - vit - ed to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

Verses

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| 1. Let us come, the worn and weary,
to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord. | 9. Let us come as wanting and waiting
to receive the light of Christ, the Lord. |
| 2. Let us come, the meek and mighty,
to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord. | 10. Let us come as burdened and broken
to receive the peace of Christ, the Lord. |
| 3. Let us come, the lost and lonely,
to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord. | 11. Let us come as friend and stranger
to receive the gift of Christ, the Lord. |
| 4. Let us come, the frail and fallen,
to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord. | 12. Let us come as saint and sinner
to receive the hope of Christ, the Lord. |
| 5. Let us come, the glad and grateful,
to the feast prepared by Christ, the Lord. | 13. Let us come as sons and daughters
to receive the love of Christ, the Lord. |
| 6. Let us come as fathers and mothers
to receive the gift of Christ, the Lord. | 14. Let us come as prince and pilgrim
to receive the light of Christ, the Lord. |
| 7. Let us come as brothers and sisters
to receive the hope of Christ, the Lord. | 15. Let us come as young and seasoned
to receive the peace of Christ, the Lord. |
| 8. Let us come as humble and homeless
to receive the love of Christ, the Lord. | |

RECESSIONAL

Alleluia!, Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

Anonymous



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an - them rise, And the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make us rise From the



1. choirs of heav - en chant it In the tem - ple of the skies; Let the
2. ris - en up in tri - umph From the dark - ness of the grave. He's the
3. life of this cor - rup - tion To the life that nev - er dies. May your



1. moun - tains skip with glad - ness, And the joy - ful val - leys ring With ho -
2. splen - dor of the na - tions, He's the lamp of end - less day; He's the
3. glo - ry be our por - tion, When the days of time are past, And the



1. san - nas in the high - est To our Sav - ior and our King!
2. ver - y Lord of glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day!
3. dead shall be a - wak - ened By the trum - pet's might - y blast!