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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



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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."

December 19, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



*"For behold,  
when the voice of your greeting came to my ears,  
the babe in my womb leaped for joy."  
(Luke 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

### Daily Rosary

Praying of the Rosary will continue after the daily mass in the church on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sundays. Live and Via Zoom.

If you need the Zoom information, please contact the rectory.

### Mass Intentions

Sat, Dec 18

2:00-3:30pm Penance & Reconciliation

4:30 pm LIVE Ann Parent req by daughter and son-in-law Michael & Delia Dooley req by the family

Sun, Dec 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom

Linda Whiterell Stevens for good health & friendship  
Rosalind Korp (25th) & Arthur Korp (5th) req by the Family

Tue, Dec 21

8:00 am Month's Mind-Dante Cariglia req by the Verdini Family

Thu, Dec 23

8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. John R. Gerardi Sr req by the family

Fri, Dec 24 Christmas Eve

8:00 am

4:30 pm

Sat, Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

10:00 am pm LIVE Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti and Rosalba Puca req by the D'Andrea Family

Sun, Dec 26 Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom Ellen Cote Birthday remembrance req by the family

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

19 **SUN** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 [4]/Heb10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

20 **MON** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

21 **TUE** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

22 **WED** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/ Lk 1:46-56

23 **THU** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

24 **FRI** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

25 **SAT** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,11-12,13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/ Heb1:1-6/ Jn1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year the celebration of Christmas resounds with the glad tidings of great joy that brought awe, wonder and peace to the shepherds at Bethlehem. Each of us has treasured family traditions that surround and support our celebration of Christ's birth - a family gathering after Mass, delivering dinners, trimming trees, displaying crèches, exchanging gifts or visiting friends.

For many months, COVID precautions have disrupted, curtailed or postponed the traditions and practices of everyday life. We long for a return to normalcy. As we edge closer to normalcy, reports of COVID variants, breakthrough infections and rising hospitalizations can give us the jitters and make us skittish.

But even as we heed prudent precautions, that skittishness and those jitters should not shake us. We should not be shaken because the essence of Christmas, the source of our joy and the cause of our awe, wonder and peace remain the same - God so loved the world that He sent His Son to take on human flesh, to become one of us so that we might become children of God and share forever in His love. Because of that, no virus, no variant, not even death itself will keep the faithful from sharing the joy of God's love both here amidst earth's uncertainties or forever in Heaven where no threat, shadow or separation will vex us.

While the essence of Christmas remains the same, its message never becomes static or grows stale. When our prayer life deepens, our sacramental life is sustained, our holiness grows and we gain an ever more profound awareness of God's closeness to us and His love for us. That realization is grace, God Himself with us, Emmanuel dwelling in our souls. That grace frees us from fear, allows us to persevere with prudence and fills us with confidence and peace to face and overcome every challenge.

In the new year may our weekly communal worship at Mass continue to inspire us with the Word of God and nourish us in the Eucharist that we may grow ever more confident in our conviction and joy that the Savior born to us at Bethlehem remains with us now and forever.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

Due to the Christmas Holiday,  
the bulletins have to be submitted  
earlier than normal.

Therefore the offertory for 12/11-12/12 will be in the  
12/26 bulletin and so on.

Thank you for your continued, generous support.  
We appreciate your support of the church.

#### Parish Assistance Raffle

Wk 1 - Al Morris	Wk 9 - Shadow Perron
Wk 2 - Robert Couture	Wk 10 - Amadeu Pavini Jr
Wk 3 - Philip Brunelle	Wk 11 - Mike & Chondra Provencher
Wk 4 - Jacqueline Adams	Wk 12 - Dan Harrington
Wk 5 - Linda Sarsfield	Wk 13 - Thomas Barrett Sr
Wk 6 - Susan Elowson	Wk 14 - Susan Elowson
Wk 7 - Lynette White	Wk 15 -
Wk 8 - John Gillio	

*One Week Left....  
Congratulations!*

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

#### Knitting Group

Starting in January, the group will now meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month (January 6th & 20th) in the morning from 9:30-11:00am. There will no longer be an evening gathering. Any questions, please contact Tina at 508-865-5833 or tmsmt1@hotmail.com



#### Confirmation Café

Our Confirmation Café will continue every Sunday after the 10am mass. Please join us for coffee, pastries and conversation!

#### Do you have an extra Christmas ornament?

If you do, please feel free to add an ornament to the tree outside across from the entrance of the church in the new serenity garden. Thank you.

#### Snow Day Policy Reminder

The policy for mass being cancelled is that if Worcester Public Schools is closed, there will be NO morning mass.

#### *Around Town...*

There are so many events being held in the diocese that make it impossible to list all of them in the bulletin. If you would like to see a complete list of events, go to <https://worcesterdiocese.org/the-diocesan-dispatch>

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CYCLE C

## GATHERING HYMN

*O Come Divine Messiah*

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

1. O come, di-vine Mes-si - ah;  
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for,  
3. You come in peace and meek - ness  
1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its  
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's  
3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man  
1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.  
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.  
3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.  
Refrain  
Dear Sav - ior, hasten Come, come to earth. Dis-pel the  
night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O  
come, di-vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si-lence waits the day when  
hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

MICAH 5:1-4A

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 80

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

## SECOND READING

## HEBREWS 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



R. Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

## LUKE 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

## 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, consubstantial 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 forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection 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

*See How the Virgin Waits*

Slovak Folk Melody



1. See how the Vir - gin waits for him; Ma - ry in won - der  
2. Gent - ly she hears the dis-tant breeze sway-ing the sil - ver  
3. Now a new pat - tern on the loom; now a new pres-ence



1. waits for him. Shake off your slum - ber: come all full of  
2. ol - ive trees. What is she think - ing as the sun is  
3. in the room. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, all her love she's



1. won - der. Je - sus is com - ing as the Prince of Peace.  
2. sink - ing, wait-ing the birth-day of her first - born Son?  
3. keep - ing, wait-ing the com - ing of the Son of God.

**HOLY, HOLY****HERITAGE MASS**

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****HERITAGE MASS**

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

**GREAT AMEN****HERITAGE MASS****OUR FATHER****SIGN OF PEACE****LAMB OF GOD****HERITAGE MASS****COMMUNION*****Come Lord Jesus***

M.D. Ridge



1. When the dark-ness clos - es in, Come, Lord Je - sus!  
 2. Wise and fool - ish, still we wait. Come Lord Je - sus!  
 3. Come to us, O liv - ing Lord, Come, Lord Je - sus!



1. Cour-age fails and hopes grow dim. Lord Je - sus, come!  
 2. Is our Bride-groom at the gate? Lord Je - sus, come!  
 3. Come with jus - tice like a sword. Lord Je - sus, come!



1. Clear the shad - ows from our sight; set our trou - bled \_\_  
 2. At his voice, our hearts have stirred, list - 'ning for his \_\_  
 3. Come in word and wine and bread; come a - gain that we



1. world a - right. Fill our eyes with ra-diant light. Lord Je-sus, come!  
 2. heal-ing word, Con - fi - dent our cries are heard. Lord Je-sus, come!  
 3. poor be fed. Raise your ser-vants from the dead. Lord Je-sus, come!

## RECESSATIONAL

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

**Verses**

1. O come, O come, Em - man - - - - u - el, And  
 2. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who  
 3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who  
 4. O come, Thou Rod of Jas - se's stem, From  
 5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And  
 6. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high And  
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In

1. ran - som cap - tive is ra - el, That mourns in  
 2. or - drest all things might i - ly; To us the  
 3. to thy tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient  
 4. ev - 'ry foe de - liv er them That trust thy  
 5. o - pen wide our heav - 'nly home; Make safe the  
 6. cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the  
 7. one the hearts of all hu - man - kind; Bid thou our

1. lone - ly ex - ile here Un - till the Son of  
 2. path of knowl - edge show, And teach us in her  
 3. times didst give the law, In cloud and maj - es -  
 4. might - y pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry  
 5. way that leads on high, And close the path to  
 6. gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ow  
 7. sad di - vi - sions cease, And be thy - self our

**Refrain**

1. God ap - pear, Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - - - - u -  
 2. ways to go.  
 3. ty and awa.  
 4. o'er the grave.  
 5. mis - er - y.  
 6. put to flight.  
 7. Prince of Peace.

el Shall come to thee, O Is - - - - ra - ell

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday - December 24th - 4:30pm

Christmas Day - Saturday - December 25th - 10:00am

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God ~ New Year's Day

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1st - 8:00am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday, January 1st - 4:30pm and Sunday, January 2nd - 10:00 am