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MASSES

Daily: Mon - Thur - Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30PM LIVE,
Sunday 10AM LIVE and ZOOM
PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM

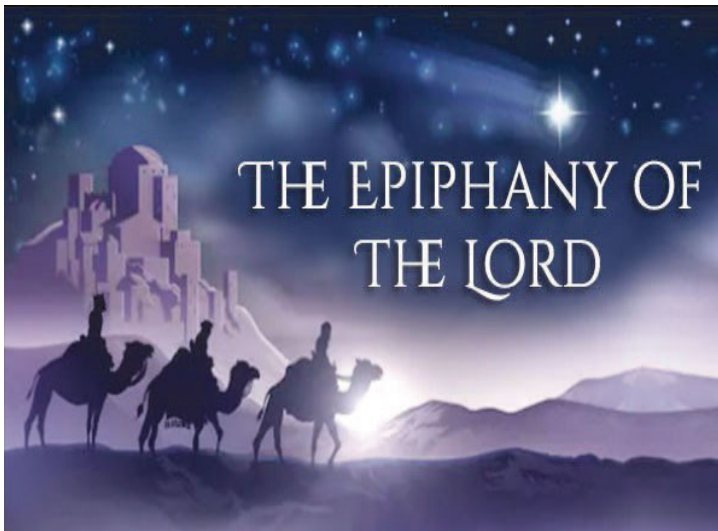


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Mission Statement:

"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."

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord



"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

- Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him.

Then they presented Him with their gifts.

We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Daily Rosary-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday through Friday and at 9:15am before the 10am Sunday Mass both Live and via Zoom. If you need the Zoom information, please contact the rectory.

Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Jan 6

4:30 pm **Angelo Arcuri** req by John (Jack) Healy

Sun, Jan 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom **Dario and Marcilia Suarez** req by the family

Mon, Jan 8 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am

Tue, Jan 9

Wed, Jan 10

Thu, Jan 11

8:00 am

Fri, Jan 12

8:00 am

Sat, Jan 13

4:30 pm **Mary Mattero-Marengo and James Mattero Jr** req by the family

Sun, Jan 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom **Ona (24th) and Stasys (20th)**

Marcinkevicius anniv remembrances req by daughter, Dana

Effective immediately: We will not be having a morning mass on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

7 SUN Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

8 MON Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

9 TUE 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

10 WED 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39

11 THU 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

12 FRI 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

13 SAT 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

The January Newsletter was mailed and emailed on Friday, December 29th. If you have not received and would like to receive, please contact the rectory and let us know.

Weekday Morning Mass

Effective immediately, there will not be a morning mass on Tuesday and Wednesdays. The rosary will still be done on those days but at 8:00am instead of 8:30.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Prayer Shawls

We have a couple blessed prayer shawls. If you need one or know someone that needs one, please call the rectory. You can join us the first Thursday of the month in the church hall or you can also work on at home and donate when completed.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory	12/23-12/25	\$1,831.59
Online Giving		390.00
Christmas		2,582.00
Faith Formation		40.00
Candles		139.24
Christmas Flowers		47.00
Fuel & Heating		45.00
Ascension		10.00
Immaculate Conception		25.00
Maintenance		20.00
Mass Offerings		50.00
Parish Events-Advent Breakfast		682.92
Retirement Fund for Religious		25.00
Snow Removal		32.00
Campaign for Human Development		5.00
Sunday Offertory	12/31-1/1/24	\$2,461.00
Online Giving		375.00
Christmas		190.00
Candles		160.41
Fuel & Heating		50.00
Immaculate Conception		15.00
Solemnity of Mary		193.00
Maintenance		55.00
Mass Offerings		40.00
Memorial Donation		250.00
Parish Events-Advent Breakfast		110.00
Retirement Fund for Religious		10.00
Snow Removal		20.00
Catholic University of America		40.00

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

Contribution Statements

If you are in need of a contribution statement for 2023, please call and leave a message or email the rectory at ladyoflourdes1290@gmail.com.

REST IN PEACE

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

Regina A. Duval

who died on December 26, 2023

*Please keep her family and friends in your prayers
as they grieve the loss of their loved one.*

Around Town...

There are many events around the diocese that make it impossible to list all of them in the bulletin. Go to <https://worcesterdioocese.org/the-diocesan-dispatch> or see them in the Catholic Free Press

Family Novena Celebrating Father Patrick Peyton's Birth

Join families and individuals praying together worldwide for family unity and world peace this year! The annual Family Novena Celebrating Father Patrick Peyton's Birth, **January 9 – January 17**, is your opportunity to seek Father Peyton and Our Blessed Mother's intercession for your family's needs in 2024. Father Peyton founded the global ministry of Family Rosary and is now a Sainthood candidate. For simple Rosary instructions, prayers, and reflections, please download the free Novena booklet at: FamilyRosary.org/TheGiftOfPrayer.

Family Dinner in Leicester

Leicester Knights of Columbus on 90 Manville St. in Leicester will have their Family Dinner on **Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6 PM**. Menu is choice of Meat Loaf or Baked Fish, includes Salad Entree and Dessert. Cost is \$15.00. Call Don at 508-615-8434 or email at ohn07g7@yahoo.com by January 4 for reservations. All are welcome.

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363
508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line




THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

GATHERING HYMN

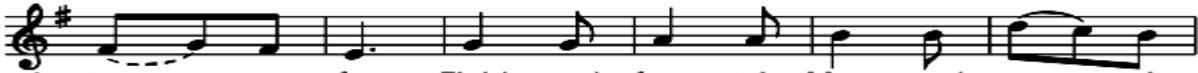
We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses




1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now, be - hold him a - rise, King and God and




1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Pray'r and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

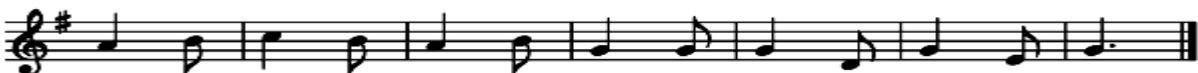
Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect light.

GLORIA

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

PROPHET ISAIAH 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72



SECOND READING

LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 3:2-3a, 5-6

A reading from letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Owen Alstott



GOSPEL

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 2: 1-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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: “Be born in us, be born in our world”

Lord Jesus Christ, who by your gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church of Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives. Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with the perfect sacrifice, which you offered on the altar of the Cross. Good and loving Shepherd, teach us how to lead your children home, that we might long together to glorify your name at the Supper of the Lord. For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5. Full rev - 'rent ly up - on the knee,
6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light;
3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,
4. And there it did both stop and stay,
5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence,
6. Who with the Fa - ther we a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF RENEWAL

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF RENEWAL

COMMUNION

Christ Our Light Has Come

Steve Angrisano and Curtis Stephan

Verses

1. Still, come be still; let us hear the proph-ets call - ing.
 2. Peace, there is peace; for new hope to - day is dawn - ing.
 3. Here in this place let us stand in awe and won - der.

1. Still, come be still; let us hear the an - gels sing. For true
 2. Peace, there is peace; come be - hold the face of God. In a
 3. Here in this place we be - hold the mys - ter - y. For the

1. light has ar - rived to il - lu - mine our lives so of - ten be -
 2. prom - ise ful - filled now his love is re - vealed; all heav - en and
 3. mes - sage goes out; there is no room for doubt; the child now

1. set by the dark - ness. We find who we are in the
 2. earth are re - joic - ing. Put a way all your fear for our
 3. laid in a man - ger; true God and true man, now re -

1. light of the star on the way to our jour - ney's end.
 2. path now is clear on the way to our jour - ney's end.
 3. veal - ing the plan, 7 the way to our jour - ney's end.

Refrain

Cast a - side all your fear and dread, come fol - low the light to
 Beth - le - hem. The way of sal - va - tion re - vealed to all:
 Christ our light has come, Christ our light has come.

RECESSIONAL

Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Verses

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
 3. Rich - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
 2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as -
 3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

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