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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."

February 4, 2024
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"

(Mark 1:35, 38)

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Daily Rosary-Praying of the Rosary will continue after the 8am daily mass in the church on Monday, Thursday and 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, Feb 3

4:30 pm **Susie Anusauskas** b'day remembrance req by mom and dad

Sun, Feb 4 **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom **Richard Riley Sr** 23rd anniv req by the family and

Gerald Parent 52yr anniv req by daughter and son-in-law

Mon, Feb 5

8:00 am

Tue, Feb 6

Wed, Feb 7

Thu, Feb 8

8:00 am

Fri, Feb 9

8:00 am

Sat, Feb 10

4:30 pm **Gloria Walsh** anniv remembrance req by the family

Sun, Feb 11

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom

SCRIPTURE READINGS

4 SUN Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps147:1-2, 3-4,5-6 (see 3a)/1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

5 MON 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

6 TUE 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4,5 and 10,11/Mk 7:1-13

7 WED 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

8 THU 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

9 FRI 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 7:31-37

10 SAT 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/
Mk 8:1-10

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Daily Rosary

We will continue to pray the rosary on Tuesday and Wednesdays at 8:30am even though there is no morning mass.

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.

75th Anniversary Meeting

There will be another meeting this Sunday, February 4th after the 10am mass in the church hall to finish putting together a sponsor list for a mailing for our 75th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet. 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*

June T. Beam

who died on January 26, 2024

and

Kenneth J. Greene

who died on January 27, 2024

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 1/27-1/28	\$1,560.00
Online Giving	230.00
Ash Wednesday-Priest Retirement	2.50
Catholic Home Missions	101.00
Catholic Univ. of America	5.00
Christmas	5.00
Easter Sunday	5.00
Candles	70.00
Flowers-Easter & Christmas	10.00
Fuel & Heating	240.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	2.50
Maintenance	15.00
Mass Offerings	20.00
Snow Removal	914.00

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

Snow Day Policy Reminder

The policy for the daily morning mass being cancelled is that if

**Worcester Public Schools is closed or delayed,
there will be NO morning mass.**

Poinsettias

If anyone is interested in taking a poinsettia home, feel free to take off the altar after mass.

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

Around Town...

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

St. Vincent de Paul Free Pickup of Donations

The society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester County is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books and household items. To schedule a free home pick-up, visit svdpworcester.org and click on "How You Can Help" tab, then "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Or contact our partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need with services including food, clothing, rent and utilities

Tickets now available for 2024 Men's Conference

Tickets are now available for the 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference which will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 2024** at Worcester's DCU Center. The early availability is for those who may wish to purchase tickets as Christmas gifts! Tickets are only \$50 for Adults and \$30 for Students and can be purchase online at www.catholicmenworc.com or by calling (978) 537-3016. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg (brother of actors Mark and Donnie Wahlberg), Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers ("The Dynamic Deacon") and other Catholic Thought Leaders. Tickets include Lunch, and the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation, all-day Adoration, and to visit 50 plus relevant vendors, all within the same area of the spacious and ultra professional surroundings of the DCU Center. Sound, lighting, seating, comfort and convenience will be a huge upgrade for 2024, in addition to our usual great slate of speakers.

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will

1. dark - ness van-ish-ed a - way, See in this space our
 2. old - who yearn for your face, We have been sung through-
 3. take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your

1. fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this
 2. out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu-man
 3. sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the

1. day. Gath-er us in - the lost and for - sa - ken, Gath-er us
 2. race. Gath-er us in - the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us
 3. earth. Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion, Give us to

1. in - the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a -
 2. in - the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so
 3. eat the bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and teach us to

1. wa-ken, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 2. low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 3. fash-ion lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

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

BOOK OF JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 147



SECOND READING

FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan*



GOSPEL

GOSPEL OF MARK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

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:

“Lord hear us.”

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

Drawn To You

Sarah Hart

Refrain



Drawn to you, Lord, we are drawn to you, to the
beau-ty of your pres-ence in this place. Here for you, God, we are
here for you as the gifts we bring be-come a feast of
grace. We are drawn to you.

Verses



1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us, we bring these
2. Drawn by the faith that you ac - cept our gifts, and sanc - ti -
3. Drawn by the ta - ble you have laid for us, the wel - come

1. gifts, works of our hands. You gath - er all we of - fer
2. fy what we have shared. To make us ho - ly by this
3. feast your heart pre - pares, the words now spo-ken that will

to Refrain

1. to your-self, re-ceive our prayer.
2. bread and wine, re-ceive our prayer.
3. make us one, re-ceive our prayer.

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

High Above Our Way

Steve Angrisano and Curtis Stephan

Verses

1, 4. There's a love that is great - er than my own; there's a
 2. There's a mer - cy that's wid - er than my own; there's a
 3. There is wa - ter for ev - ery thirst - y soul; there is

1, 4. spir - it that brings me back to life. There's a
 2. hope ev - ery sin - ner can be saved. There's a
 3. bread that will tru - ly sat - is - fy. There's a

1, 4. seed that's been plant - ed in my soul that can
 2. pow - er that rolls a - way the stone that is
 3. seed that's been plant - ed in my soul that can

1, 4. on - ly grow in the light of Christ.
 2. on - ly found in the light of Christ.
 3. on - ly grow in the light of Christ.

Refrain

High a - bove our way is the mind of God, love much great - er
 than my own. In - to your hands I com - mend
 my life; true love is found in Christ a - lone.

1: to Vs. 2
 2-4: to Refrain

1: to Vs. 3
 2: to Bridge

Bridge

All you who wander, come and see.
 All you who labor, come find peace.
 Lay down your burden and be free;
 come to the Lord. (Repeat, then to Verse 4)

RECESSIONAL

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

GROSSER GOTT

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

1. all, we bow be - fore thee! All on earth thy
 2. choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and
 3. Spir - it, Three we name thee; While in es - sence

1. scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
 2. Ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;
 3. on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;

1. In - fi - nite, thy vast do - main, Ev - er -
 2. Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly,
 3. And a - dor - ing, bend the knee, While we

1. last - ing is thy reign. In - fi - nite, thy
 2. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! Fill the heav'ns with
 3. own the mys - ter - y. And a - dor - ing,

1. vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2. sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 3. bend the knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

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