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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 25, 2024  
2nd Sunday of Lent



*"Here I am!" he answered.*

Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

**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 24

4:30 pm Eldon Ellerbeck req by the family

Sun, Feb 25 2nd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom

Mon, Feb 26

8:00 am

Tue, Feb 27

Wed, Feb 28

Thu, Feb 29

8:00 am

Fri, Mar 1

8:00 am

Sat, Mar 2

4:30 pm Alice M. Howard 44th anniv req by the family

Sun, Mar 3 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**25 SUN** Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**26 MON** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**27 TUE** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**28 WED** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**29 THU** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**1 FRI** Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**2 SAT** Mi 7:14-15,18-20/Ps 103:1-2,3-4, 9-10,11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Daily Rosary - Change**

Until further notice, we **will not** be praying the rosary on only Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent**

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 12:00 noon. All are welcome!

**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 Commemorative Booklet**

To celebrate our 75th anniversary this year, we will be producing a commemorative booklet highlighting our church, ministries and what we have accomplished in the last 25 years. If you would like to be a sponsor, there are different levels of sponsorship. Please see the information and form to fill out.

Our anniversary celebration will take place on Saturday, May 18 with a catered meal in the church hall. We will be selling tickets (\$25 per person) to attend the celebration. All are welcome!

**Fr. Brian will be away and Fr. Hanlon will be the celebrant next weekend, March 2nd and 3rd.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

<b>Sunday Offertory 2/17-2/18</b>	<b>\$1,754.82</b>
Online Giving	405.00
Ash Wed/Priest Retirement	537.00
Catholic Free Press Subscription	132.00
Church in Latin America	10.00
Candles	109.71
Fuel & Heating	35.00
Maintenance	114.00
Mass Offerings	40.00
Snow Removal	348.71

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

**Upcoming Church Events**

Our **Senior Luncheons** start back up next month....**Thursday, March 7** at 11:30 am in the church hall for a light lunch and entertainment for \$5 per person. Please sign up on the board at the entrance of the church so we can plan for food.

Also, our 1st monthly event will be hosted by our very own Knights of Columbus for their membership breakfast to be held on **Sunday, March 17** after mass in the church hall. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased after mass.

**Please come join us.....All are welcome!**

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**On the Mountain**

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

*"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1*

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## CYCLE B



### GATHERING HYMN

### *Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here*

SWABIA

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your  
 2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your  
 3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom -  
 4. Be - fore we taste of death, We  
 5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet

1. glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments,  
 2. beau - ty to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E -  
 3. ise of things to be! We hail your bod - y  
 4. see your king - dom come; We long to hold the  
 5. we may not re - main; But since you bid us

1. like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 2. li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 3. glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.  
 4. vi - sion bright, And make this hill our home.  
 5. leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

### 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.



### KYRIE ELEISON

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

GENESIS 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 116



## SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:18-22

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan*



## GOSPEL

MARK 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

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As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

## **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.

**A**men.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**The Response is:           “Lord have mercy.”**

**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

*This Alone*

Tim Manior

**Refrain**



One thing I ask, this a-lone I seek, to  
dwell in the house of the Lord all my days. For one  
day with-in your tem-ple heals ev - 'ry day a - lone. O  
Lord, bring me to your dwell - ing.

**Verses 1, 3**



1. Hear, — O — Lord, — the sound of my call - ing.  
3. Wait on — the Lord, and — hope in his mer - cy.  
to Refrain

1. Hear, — O — Lord, and show me your way.  
3. Wait on — the Lord, and live in his love.

**Verse 2**



2. The Lord is my light and hope of sal - va - tion. The  
to Refrain

2. Lord is my ref-uge; whom should I fear?

## 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

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD

## MASS OF RENEWAL

# COMMUNION

# Transfigure Us, O Lord

Bob Hurd

Refrain



Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.




Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and



where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.


Verses



1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low, the  
2. Light for those in dark-ness, the hun - gry have their fill, glad  
3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep - herd for the sheep, a  
4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go; your



1. love of God self-emp-tied, the love of God to show. You  
2. tid-ings for the hum-ble, the heal-ing of all ills; in  
3. drink of liv - ing wa - ter for all who thirst and seek, and  
4. face set toward the end-ing, the cross to be your throne. y




1. light the path be - fore us, the way that we must go.  
2. these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.  
3. feast-ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.  
4. Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pasch - al road?

to Refrain

# RECESSIONAL

# The Glory of These Forty Days

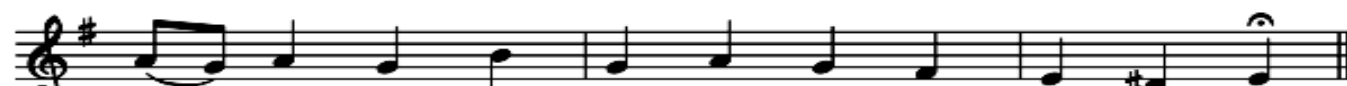
ERHALT UNS, HERR



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We cel - e -  
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw The lov - ing  
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De - liv - ered  
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con - sumed in  
5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all  
2. God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,  
3. from the li - ons' might; And John, the Bride - groom's  
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir - its strength - en  
5. ev - 'ry pray'r ad - dressed; Who are in three - fold



1. things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2. fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3. friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.  
5. Name a - dored, From age to age the on - ly Lord.



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