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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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"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."

March 31, 2024 Caster 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 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

Sat, Mar 30 Holy Saturday

8:00 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Ray Trainque 1st anniv req by Cindy

Sun, Mar 31 Easter Sunday

8:00 am

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti, Rosalba Puca req by the D'Andrea family

Mon, Apr 1 April Fool's Day

8:00 am

Thu, Apr 4

8:00 am

10:00 am Knitting Group in church hall

11:30 am Senior Luncheon in church hall

Fri. Apr 5

8:00 am

Sat, Apr 6

4:30 pm **Dorius Brodeur** b'day remembrance req by the family

Fr. Walter Riley req by James Leclaire

Sun, Apr 7 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom Fr. Walter Riley req by Joe

SCRIPTURE READINGS

31 <u>SUN</u> 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

1 MON Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,11/ Mt 28:8-15

2 TUE Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

3 WED Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

4 THU Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

5 FRI Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/

Jn 21:1-14

6 <u>SAT</u> Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/ Mk 16:9-15

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.

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 forms on the table at the entrance of the church. We will be accepting sponsorship forms until April 18th.

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

Save the Dates

Our next Senior Luncheon is Thursday, April 4th and on Sunday, April 21st, we will be holding another breakfast.

April Newsletter

The April newsletter was emailed/mailed by March 26th. If you have not received one and would like to, please contact the rectory to be added to our list.

Thank you from the Catholic Men's Conference

Thank you to all who attended, promoted and helped at the Men's Conference!!! There were 795 registered participants, plus vendors and other workers. A wonderful day, truly blessed by God! Please mark your calendars for the 24th Catholic Men's Conference on April 5, 2025. Thank you again!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Due to Holy Week and Easter, the bulletin for Easter weekend had to be submitted by Friday, March 22. Therefore, the offertory for 3/23-3/24 will be in the bulletin the following weekend.

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



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"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."

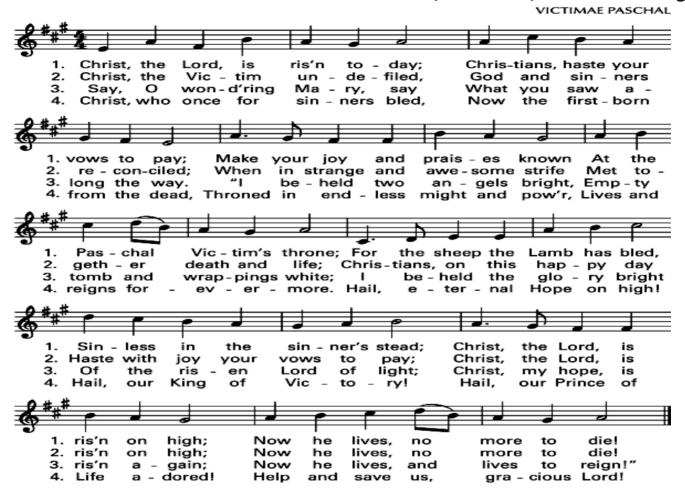
— John 20:2

HOLY WEEK: EASTER SUNDAY CYCLE B



GATHERING HYMN

Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today



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 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

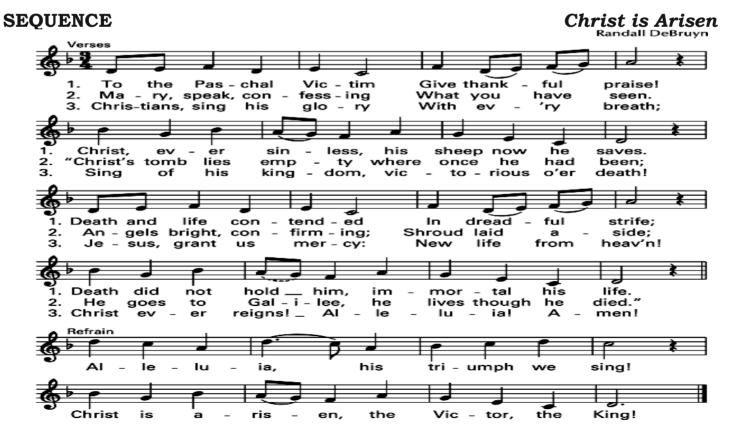
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SECOND READING

COL 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.





GOSPEL MK 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'"

BLESSING OF THE EASTER WATER & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

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: "Risen 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

Alleluia! Love Is Alive



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

Save us, Savior of the world

For by your Cross & Resurrection

You have set us free

GREAT AMEN

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

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