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

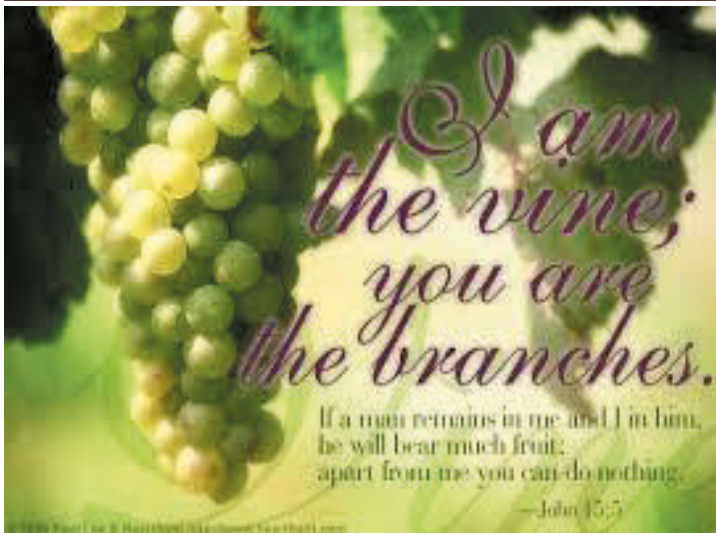


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Mission Statement:

"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."

April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter



"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."

(1 JOHN 3:18)

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

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, Apr 27

4:30 pm **Richard Walsh** birthday remembrance req by family

Sun, Apr 28 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am **Marie A. Cherry** 4th anniv req by the family

3:00 pm **Confirmation of our 5 candidates at St. Paul's Cathedral**

Mon, Apr 29

8:00 am **Bill Kellicker** 2nd anniv req by his wife
Irene & Al Morris req by the family

Tue, Apr 30

8:00 am

Wed, May 1

8:00 am

Thu, May 2 National Day of Prayer

8:00 am

Fri, May 3

8:00 am

Sat, May 4

4:30 pm **Sharon Whitenett** remembrance req by her family

Sun, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

SCRIPTURE READINGS

28 SUN Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

29 MON Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

30 TUE Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

1 WED Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

2 THU Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

3 FRI 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

4 SAT Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

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

Our anniversary celebration will take place on Saturday, May 18 with a catered meal in the church hall. Tickets are on sale after each mass at \$25 per person. Please join us. All are welcome!



Save the Date

Our next Sr. Luncheon will be held on Thursday, **May 2 at 11:30** in the church hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church so we will have a head count.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL - 2024

Our **goal** this year remains the same at **\$47,500**

Donations received as of 4/9/24:

Gifts: 42 Total: **\$21,130** 44% of goal

Ways to donate:

- Online: Go to partnersincharity.net
- By phone: Development office 508-929-4366
- By mail: Checks payable to Partners in Charity Appeal, note the parish, and send to: Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609
- Through the Parish: at Mass or the Church office

Thank you for your support and generosity.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 4/20-4/21	\$1,438.63
Online Giving	495.00
Candles	62.09
Maintenance	55.00
Snow Removal	50.00
Mass Offerings	65.00

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



Congratulations to

Jack Ronan Shea

who is being baptized this Sunday, April 28, 2024

Congratulations to the family and
welcome to our church community!

Tuesday and Wednesday Morning Mass

Beginning on Tuesday, April 30th we will start back up with our morning mass on Tuesday and Wednesday. Fr. Jean-Louis Arlin will be celebrating mass.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, **"He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit"** (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

~Father John Muir

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE B



GATHERING HYMN

This Is The Day

Bobby Fisher

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

This is the day! This is the day! This
is the day that the Lord has made! Let us re-joyce!
Let us re-joyce! Let us re-joyce and be glad! (to Verses)
Final time only
Let us re-joyce and be glad!

Verses: Cantor

1. This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad.
2. Give thanks to the Lord!
Our God is good.
Whose love endures forever.
Let all the children of Israel say:
God's love endures forever.
3. The right hand of God has struck with power.
The right hand of God is exalted.
I shall not die, but I shall live
and proclaim the works of the Lord!
4. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the foundation of our house!
By the Lord has this been done.
How wonderful to behold!

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 OF THE APOSTLES 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22



R. I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sem-bly of your peo - ple.

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

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

Vine And Branches

Trevor Thomson

Refrain




I am the vine and you the branch-es. Re-main in




me as I re-main in you; you will bear great fruit in me.

Verses



1. A new com-mand - ment I give you: e - ven
2. No great - er love is there than this: than to
3. I am the liv - ing bread from heav - en; if you
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood re -
5. The words that I have spo - ken are
6. And now as I have washed your feet, so



1. as I have loved you, now love one an - oth - er.
2. lay down your life, your life for your friends.
3. eat this bread, you will live for - ev - er.
4. main in me and I re-main in them.
5. spir - it and life, they are spir - it and life.
6. you must do just as I have done.

to Refrain

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

By Our Love

Tom Kendzia

Refrain

By our love, by our love, they will know we are
Chris-tians by our love. Not by words, but how we live, yes, they'll
know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Verses

1. When we feed the hun - gry, they will know by our love,
2. Wel-come to the strang - er, they will know by our love,
3. Free-dom to the cap - tive, they will know by our love,
1. lift - ing up the low - ly, by our love, by our love. We are
2. shel - ter for the home - less, by our love, by our love. We will
3. com-fort to the bro - ken, by our love, by our love. We will
1. one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we
2. walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -
3. work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll
1. pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored.
2. geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
3. guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each oth-er's pride.

Bridge

We sing praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
they will know we are Christians by our love. (to Refrain)

RECESSIONAL

The Day Of Resurrection

ELLACOMBE

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, spread the news a - broad;
2. Our hearts be free from e - vil That we may see a - right
3. His love is ev - er - last - ing; His mer - cies nev - er cease;
4. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, And earth her song be - gin;
1. The Pas - chal feast of glad - ness, The Pas - chal feast of God.
2. The Sav - ior res - ur - rect - ed In his e - ter - nal light,
3. The res - ur - rect - ed Sav - ior, Will all our joys in - crease.
4. The whole world keep high tri - umph And all that is there - in;
1. From death to life e - ter - nal, From earth to heav-en's height
2. And hear his mes-sage plain - ly, De - liv - ered calm and clear:
3. He'll keep us in his fa - vor, Sup - ply - ing ho - ly grace,
4. Let all things in cre - a - tion Their notes of glad-ness blend,
1. Our Sav - ior Christ has brought us, The glo - rious Lord of Light.
2. "Re - joice with me in tri - umph, Be glad and do not fear."
3. To all his pil - grim peo - ple Who seek his heav'n-ly place.
4. For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that has no end.

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