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MASSES

Daily: Mon - 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."

June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

(2 Corinthians 5:10)

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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. If you would still like to participate via Zoom, please let us know.

Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Jun 15

4:30 pm Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti, Rosalba Puca
req by the D'Andrea family

Sun, Jun 16 11th Sunday In Ordinary Time/ Father's Day

10:00 am Raymond, Joyce, and David Bourgerly
remembrance by Alan

Edmund Markevicius Month's Mind req by the family

Mon, Jun 17

8:00 am

Tue, Jun 18

8:00 am

Wed, Jun 19

8:00 am

Thu, Jun 20 World Refugee Day

8:00 am

Fri, Jun 21

8:00 am

Sat, Jun 22

4:30 pm

Sun, Jun 23 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Regina Vanagiene Glodas anniv remembrance req by

SCRIPTURE READINGS

16 **SUN** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/
2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

17 **MON** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

18 **TUE** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/
Mt 5:43-48

19 **WED** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

20 **THU** Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

21 **FRI** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/
Mt 6:19-23

22 **SAT** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/
Mt 6:24-34

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Visitation House Baby Bottle Drive

The staff, the new moms, the “about to be” new moms and the children at Visitation House wish to provide a sincere THANK YOU to each parishioner of Our lady Of Lourdes. Your financial support allows us to continue in our sacredness of life work.

75th Anniversary Booklets

If you would like to purchase a 75th Anniversary Booklet of Our Lady of Lourdes, the cost is \$10. The \$10 includes the booklet and a follow-up of the celebration mass and dinner. They will be sold after mass or can be purchased at the rectory Monday, Tuesday and Fridays.

Calendar Raffle

As mentioned in the newsletter, we are planning to have another calendar raffle hopefully for the month of September. For this calendar raffle we are looking for donations of \$25 or \$50 gift cards to grocery stores, restaurants, stores, etc. We are also accepting monetary donations which would reduce what OLOL would have to pay out for cash prizes. If you need a letter from the church to show that you are representing the church and are looking for donations, we can supply that to you.

A suggestion was made to move it to a different month like November or December to give us more time to solicit donations and sell the tickets.

Backpack and School Supply Drive

We are once again participating in the Backpack/ School Supply Drive to benefit Catholic Charities of Worcester. There are flyers on the table of what supplies are needed. All donations are due by Sunday, August 4th.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory	6/8-6/9	\$2,011.26
Online Giving		315.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign		27.00
Ash Wed/Priest Retirement		10.00
Maintenance		197.00
Mass Offerings		80.00
Ascension		30.00
Candles		141.60
Easter Sunday		10.00
Stipend Rec'd-Funeral		400.00

Thank you for your continued, generous support.

We appreciate your support of the church.

2024 Parish Raffle

Twenty-three (23) prizes to be awarded
totaling \$68,000.00

1st PRIZE: \$30,000 American Express Gift Card

2nd PRIZE: \$10,000 American Express Gift Card

3rd PRIZE: \$8,000 American Express Gift Card

AND Twenty (20)
\$1,000 American Express Gift Card PRIZES!

DRAWING: July 20, 2024 at 8pm
streaming LIVE at
www.catholicinitiatives.org

Parish Raffle

We are again participating in the 2024 Parish Raffle. Last year there were parishes from MA, CT, RI and other states that participated. A couple of years ago, a parishioner purchased a ticket from St. Roch's in Oxford and won. If you did not get tickets mailed to you and would like to purchase, there are tickets on the table of the church entrance..they are \$25 per ticket. Just make sure to fill out ticket and return with money to rectory by July 8th.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

“Tony, Tony, come around!

Something is lost and it must be found.”

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. “That's what you're looking for,” he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


CYCLE B

GATHERING HYMN

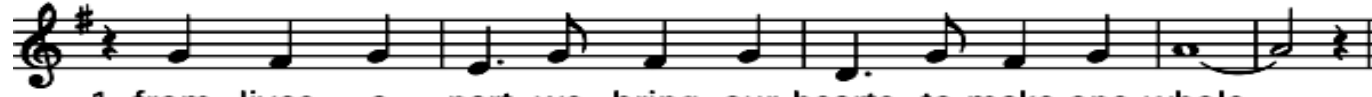
As Grains Of Wheat

Laurence Rosania

Verses




1. As grains of wheat are gath-ered in we've come to - geth - er;
2. Each grain must fall and give it - self: it first is bro - ken;
3. From man - y fields the har-vest comes to feed the hun - gry;
4. Your har - vest, Lord, is gath-ered in; we stand be - fore you




1. from lives a - part we bring our hearts to make one whole.
2. then, joined with oth-ers, makes one bod - y and one bread.
3. the world cries out to taste the good-ness of the Lord.
4. to be your bread, to be your bod - y in the world.

Refrain

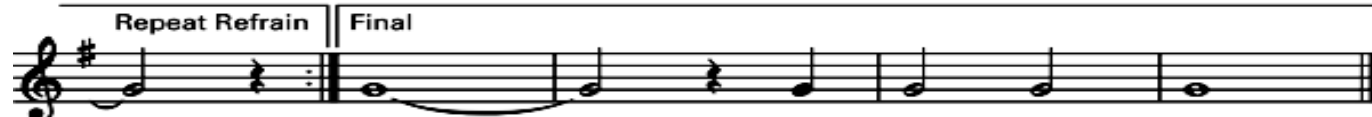


For man - y are we, and bro - ken we've come, but



we shall be - come one. one.

Repeat Refrain | Final



one. We shall be one.

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

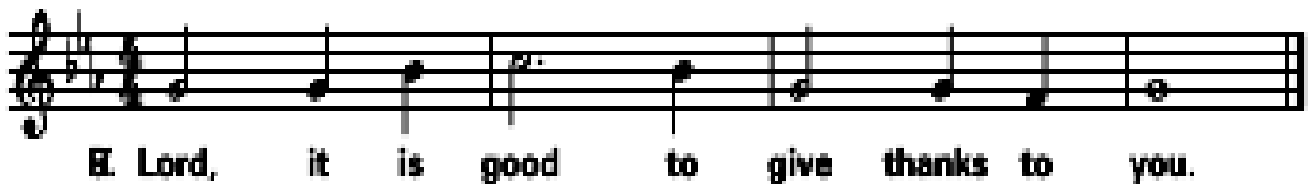
FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 92



SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan*



GOSPEL

MARK 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

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:

“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

Unless A Grain Of Wheat


Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,
it re-mains but a sin-gle grain with no life.

Verses



1. If we have died with him, then we shall live with him;
2. If an - y one serves — me, then they must fol - low me;
3. ‡ Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. If you re - main in me and my word lives in you,
5. ‡ Those who love me are loved by my Fa - ther;
6. ‡ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;



to Refrain

1. if we hold firm, we shall reign with him. —
2. wher - ev - er I am, my ser - vants will be.
3. those who re - main in me bear much fruit. —
4. then you will be my dis - ci - ples. —
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them. —
6. peace which the world can - not give is my gift.

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

Tend The Ground

Curtis Stephan

Refrain

We till the earth, we tend the ground, sow-ing
hope and peace where none is found. In self-less love
God's life a-bounds. We till the earth, we tend the ground.

Verses

1. As God pro - vides our ev - ery need,	with grate - ful
2. All crea - tures share one com - mon home,	one lov - ing
3. With o - pen hand our Lord has giv'n	his life for
4. Where hard - ened hearts have turned to greed,	tram - pling up -
5. On rock - y paths and trod - den roads,	Lord, clear the
6. Let plows be forged from swords that kill.	Let tools of
7. Let mer - cy fall on us like rain	to clear the

1. hearts,	let us re - ceive	these gifts of love, and make re -
2. God,	one song of hope.	The rocks cry out and prais - es
3. all	that we might live.	No great - er love is there than
4. on	the fledg - ling seed,	help us to tend to oth - ers'
5. ground	where thorns have grown.	Give us the grace to fol - low
6. war	be shaped to till	and break the hard and ston - y
7. air	and heal the pain.	Where sin has bro - ken bonds of

to Refrain

1. turn	to bless the world,	to bless the world.
2. ring,	rise up and sing,	rise up and sing!
3. this,	no great - er love,	no great - er love.
4. needs,	o - pen our eyes,	o - pen our eyes.
5. you.	Make straight the way,	make straight the way.
6. ground.	Lord, bring your peace,	Lord, bring your peace.
7. love	let mer - cy reign,	let mer - cy reign.

RECESSIONAL

For The Fruits Of This Creation

AR HYD Y NO!

1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God;
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done;
3. For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God;

1. For the gifts of ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God;
2. In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done;
3. For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God;

1. For the plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, Si - lent growth while we are
2. In the world-wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de -
3. For the won - ders that as-tound us, For the truths that will con -

1. sleep-ing, Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, Thanks be to God.
2. spair-ing, In the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will be done.
3. found us, Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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