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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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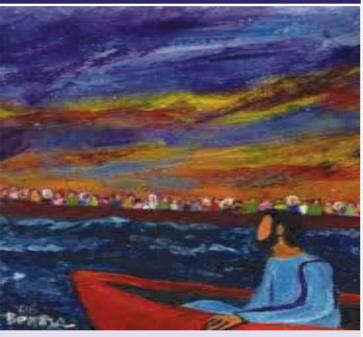
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#### Mission Statement:

"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."

# Julu 21, 2024 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Mark 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day,

how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

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. Jul 20

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

Ray Perron 18 yr anniv reg by son and daughter-in-law

Sun, Jul 21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Josephine Soltysiak reg by Mary Jo Castrale David Serra 2 yr anniv reg by the family

Mon. Jul 22

8:00 am

Tue. Jul 23

8:00 am

Wed, Jul 24

8:00 am

Thu. Jul 25

8:00 am

Fri, Jul 26

8:00 am

Sat, Jul 27

4:30 pm **Harold E. Howard** anniv reg by the family

Fr. Kelley birthday remembrance reg by Denise & Bill Perron

Sun, Jul 27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am **Edmund Markevicius** reg by Violeta & Juanas Perez Laurie Meade reg by the Sousa family

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**21 SUN** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/ Mk 6:30-34

**22 MON** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**23 TUE** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

**24 WED** Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/ Mt 13:1-9

**25 THU** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 20:20-28

**26 FRI** Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

**27 SAT** Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

#### **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.

#### Calendar Raffle

As mentioned in the newsletter, we are planning to have another calendar raffle for sometime in the Fall. 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.

We are moving it to the Fall to give more time to acquire donations and to give 2 months to sell tickets. We will have a meeting on Friday, July 26 at 12:30pm at the rectory to discuss the raffle. Anyone is welcome to attend.

#### **REST IN PEACE**

We, the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes, extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Iunie St Fleur** who died on July 2, 2024

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

#### **Hospitality Committee**

There will be a meeting on Sunday, August 4 after mass in the church hall to plan for our Annual Church Cookout being held on Sunday, September 15th. All are welcome.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING	
Sunday Offertory 7/13-7/14	\$1,703.25
Online Giving	810.00
Candles	58.21
Maintenance	36.00
Mass Offerings	45.00
Peter's Pence/for the Holy Father	5.00
Stipends Rec'd-2 funerals	800.00
Though you for your continued concurrent	

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

#### Forming a Pastoral Council for Our Lady of Lourdes

In last month's newsletter I invited parishioners to join in the establishment of a Pastoral Council. The Council is an *advisory group* of twelve parishioners to me, the pastor, helping to steer the parish into the future. It will meet four times a year starting in September for no more than one hour and a half. The agenda will be set by the council in consultation with the pastor and the prescriptions of the Canon Laws of the Church. The Council will act in consensus with the entire group, that is, decisions will be reached not by voting but by mutual agreement with the rest of the Council. Interested? Let me know by text (508-27-1452), email (bianpotoole2002@gmail.com) or by phone (508-757-0789 ext 10).

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

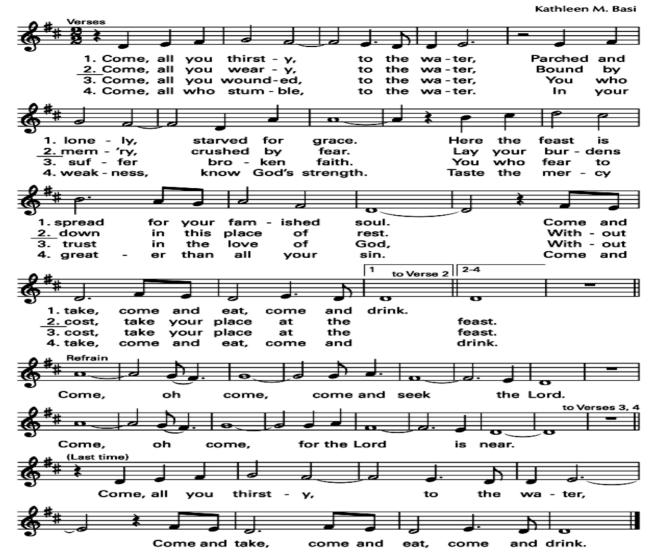
As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

# CYCLE B

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

### Come, All You Thirsty



#### **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 JERIMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; as king he shall reign and govern wisely, he shall do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 23

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#### SECOND READING

**EPHESIANS 2:13-18** 

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL MARK 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

#### **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."

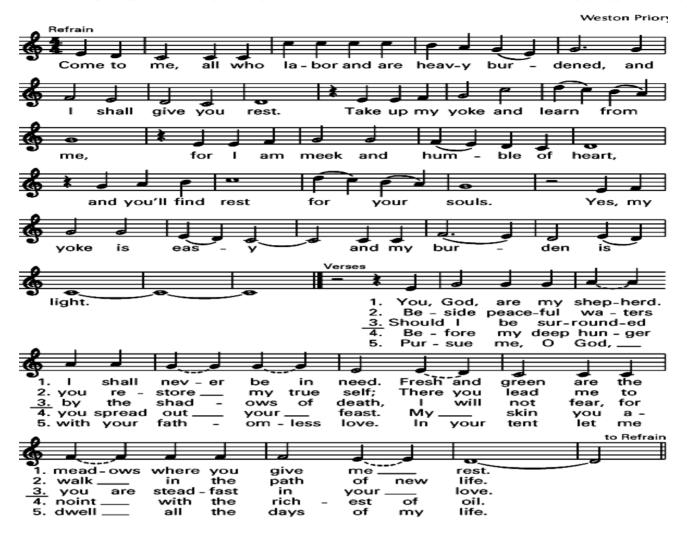


Lord Jesus Christ, who by your gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church of Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives. Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with 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

#### Come To Me



#### HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF RENEWAL

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 Taste And See



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