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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."

September 8, 2024
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Sep 7

4:30 pm

Sun, Sep 8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Grandparent's Day

10:00 am

Mon, Sep 9

8:00 am

Tue, Sep 10

8:00 am

Wed, Sep 11

8:00 am

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in church hall

Thu, Sep 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 am

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting in church hall

Fri, Sep 13

8:00 am

Sat, Sep 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:30 pm

Sun, Sep 15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Catechetical Sunday

11:00 am Outdoor Mass Richard Hazelhurst req by Jo Luikey

SCRIPTURE READINGS

8 SUN Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37

9 MON 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

10 TUE 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

11 WED 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

12 THU 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/
Lk 6:27-38

13 FRI 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42

14 SAT Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/
Jn 3:13-17

The Table Is Set,
Come To The Feast - Next Sunday



"Did not God choose those who are poor
in the world to be rich in faith
and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him?"

JAMES 2:5

What is more important - being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Annual Church Cookout

Our Annual Church Cookout is next Sunday, **September 15th** after the **Outdoor Mass at 11:00 am.** (There will not be a 10am mass.) Tickets are on sale after mass for \$15 pp. We will need salads, pastries and raffle baskets! This is our big fundraiser of the year! All are welcome!

We are looking for a gas grill to borrow for the day or someone with a truck to transport a grill. Please let us know if you can help out. Thanks!

Knights of Columbus Can Collection

The Knights will be collecting cans with the money from the returns being donated to the Visitation House. Cans will be collected on September 15th, the day of our church cookout.

Auction

A beautiful hand-made queen size quilt is on display in the sanctuary. Place your bids on the paper at the front entrance of the church. The winner will be announced the day of the cookout.

Religious Ed for Fall 2024-2025

-Grades 1 - 8 will have class from 8:45-9:55am followed by Mass at 10AM (mandatory).
-Grades 9 & 10 (Confirmation - 2 yr program) will also have class 8:45-9:55 followed by mandatory mass. Depending on the age group, we ask that students participate in the Mass either by volunteering to Lector, Altar Serve, Greet or pass the collection basket. The confirmation students will also be required to do a Community Project that will be assigned every month. **Registration will continue after the 10am mass in the church hall every weekend. Classes begin September 22. Please register now.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

**Due to the Labor Day Holiday,
the bulletin had to be submitted
Friday, August 30th.**

**The offertory for 8/31-9/1
will be in next weeks bulletin.**

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

Forming a Pastoral Council for Our Lady of

Lourdes: Our first Pastoral Council Meeting is **Thursday, September 12th** from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. There will be four council meetings a year, December 12th, March 13th, and June 12th. If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Council, please let me know either by phone/text 508-277-1452 or by email

November Calendar Raffle

The mailing went out on the 27th with 5 calendar raffles each for everyone to sell. There will also be extra copies at the front entrance of the church. The cost is \$10 each and you will have 30 days of chances to win that days prize. You can return the bottom half and money to the rectory via the offertory basket, the mail slot at the rectory or mailing them in.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

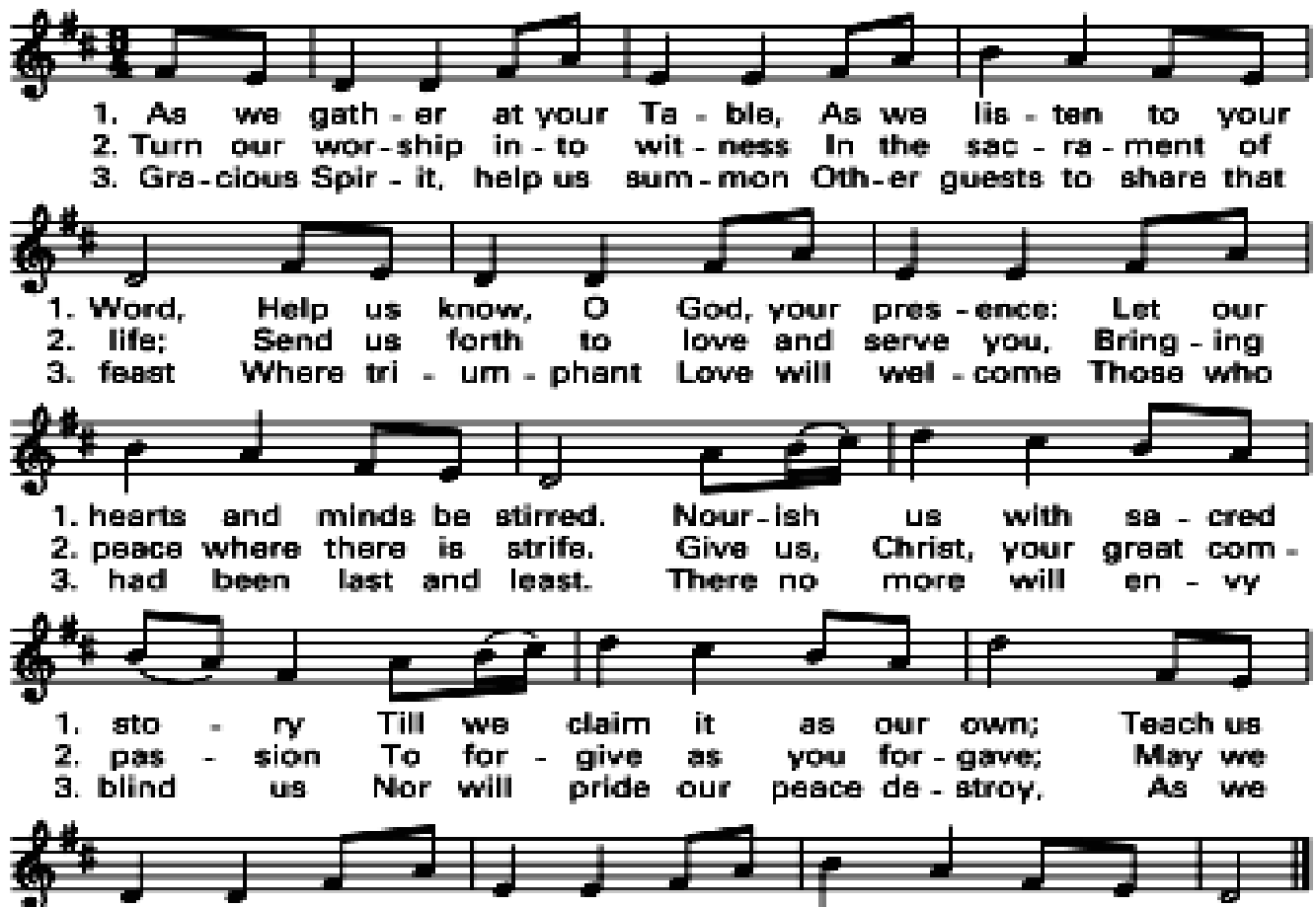
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE B

GATHERING HYMN

As We Gather At Your Table

NETTLETON



1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, As we lis - ten to your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness In the sac - ra - ment of
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon Oth - er guests to share that

1. Word, Help us know, O God, your pres - ence: Let our
2. life; Send us forth to love and serve you, Bring - ing
3. feast Where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come Those who

1. hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred
2. peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great com -
3. had been last and least. There no more will en - vy

1. sto - ry Till we claim it as our own; Teach us
2. pas - sion To for - give as you for - gave; May we
3. blind us Nor will pride our peace de - stroy, As we

1. through this ho - ly ban - quet How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
2. still be - hold your im - age In the world you died to save.
3. join with saints and an - gels To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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

ISAIAH 35:4-7A

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 146

Bob Hurd



SECOND READING

JAMES 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please, " while you say to the poor one, "Stand there, " or "Sit at my feet, " have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan



GOSPEL

MARK 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

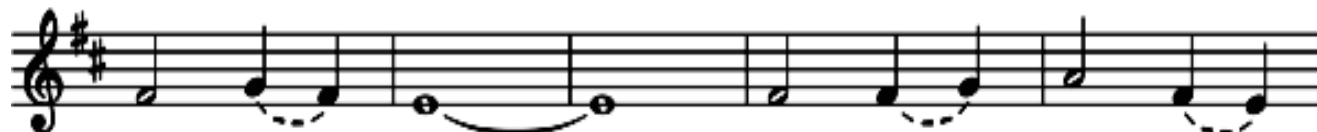
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty



1. Seek ye__ first the king - dom of God and his
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek, and
3. You do not live by bread__ a - lone, but by



1. righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
2. ye shall__ find; Knock, and it shall be__
3. ev - 'ry__ word That pro - ceeds from the



1. add - ed un - to you. }
 2. o - pened un - to you. }
 3. mouth__ of__ God. }
- Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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

When we eat this bread
And drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, O Lord
Until you come again

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF RENEWAL

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF RENEWAL

COMMUNION

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

1. Be still, my soul—the Lord is on thy side!
 2. Be still, my soul—thy God doth un-der-take
 3. Be still, my soul—the hour is has-t'ning on

1. Bear pa-tient-ly the cross of grief or pain;
 2. To guide the fu-ture as he has the past;
 3. When we shall be-for-ev-er with the Lord,

1. Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide—
 2. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake—
 3. When dis-ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,

1. In ev-'ry change he faith-ful will re-main.
 2. All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last.
 3. Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored.

1. Be still, my soul—thy best, thy heav'n-ly friend
 2. Be still, my soul—the waves and winds still know
 3. Be still, my soul—when change and tears are past,

1. Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 2. His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be-low.
 3. All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

RECESSIONAL

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth and let it be-gin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Fa-ther, (optional text) we are

all are we; fam-i-ly. Let me walk with my broth-er in Let us walk with each oth-er

per-fect har-mo-ny. Let peace be-gin with me, let this be the mo-ment now. With ev-'ry step I take, let this be my sol-emn vow: To take each mo-ment and live each mo-ment in peace e-ter-nal-ly. Let there be peace on earth and let it be-gin with me.

Final let it be-gin with me.

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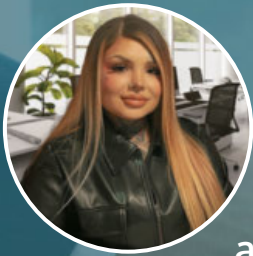
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