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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."

December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Dec 7

4:30 pm Yvette Brodeur anniv req by the family

Dorius Brodeur & Lorraine Kosiba anniv req by the family

Sun, Dec 8 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Patty McGuire req by the Sousa family

Mon, Dec 9 Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am

12:00 noon

4:30 pm

Tue, Dec 10

8:00 am

Wed, Dec 11

8:00 am

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in sacristy

Thu, Dec 12

8:00 am

6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting

Fri, Dec 13

8:00 am

Sat, Dec 14

4:30 pm

Sun, Dec 15 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Deceased Members of Pope John XXIII Council

11:00 am Advent Breakfast in Church Hall after mass

THE Faith CANDLE

Also known as the Bethlehem Candle, this second candle of Advent signifies the journey of Joseph and Mary to the City of David.

But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.

—Micah 5:2

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."

(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

8 SUN Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/
Lk 3:1-6

9 MON Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

10 TUE Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac,11-12,13/Mt 18:12-14

11 WED Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

12 THU Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

13 FRI Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

14 SAT Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

November Calendar Raffle Winners

Nov 1 Peter Luikey	Nov 16 Lisa Lynch
Nov 2 Marion Stinchfield	Nov 17 Kathy O'Connor
Nov 3 Donna LaMontagne	Nov 18 Dan Manzano
Nov 4 Eva Kopoyan	Nov 19 Bud & Sharon Gingras
Nov 5 Norma Nunag	Nov 20 Allison Roach
Nov 6 Donna Messier	Nov 21 Michael Roach
Nov 7 Kevin Shaughnessy	Nov 22 Grainne McAvey
Nov 8 Kathy Bianchi	Nov 23 Ann Pugliese
Nov 9 Cindy Douglas	Nov 24 Marion Stinchfield
Nov 10 Joseph Manzano	Nov 25 Scott Orrell
Nov 11 James Morocco	Nov 26 Bob Manzano
Nov 12 Norma Nunag	Nov 27 Betty Vigliatura
Nov 13 Kerri Clark	Nov 28 Veronica Kellicker
Nov 14 Mary Sprino	Nov 29 Kathy Turner
Nov 15 Jackie Adams	Nov 30 Paul Carey

Congratulations to all the winners!

Knights of Columbus

Pope John XXIII Council #5481 has an on-going can/bottle collection program. **Bring your cans to our Advent Breakfast on Dec 15th.** Proceeds from this collection funds the Visitation House. If you cannot attend our Advent Breakfast and wish to donate any redeemable cans/bottles or metal, please contact Grand Knight, Nick Marrier at 774-230-1414 or via e-mail at nmarrier@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 11/23-11/24	\$2,069.02
Online Giving	725.00
Campaign for Human Development	113.00
Christmas	25.00
Candles	5.00
Fuel & Heating	5.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Maintenance	25.00
Mass Offerings	25.00
Propagation of the Faith	10.00
Snow Removal	10.00
Stipend-Funeral	400.00

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

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be Monday, December 9th at 8:00am, 12:00noon and 4:30pm.

December Newsletter

The December Newsletter was mailed on November 26 and also emailed to those on the email list. If you no longer wish to receive it or know someone who wants to receive, please contact me at the rectory. 508-757-0789 Cheryl

Advent Breakfast

Our big Advent Breakfast is coming up next **Sunday, December 15th** after the 10am mass downstairs in the church hall. Tickets are \$10 per person and are on sale after mass. We will be serving scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns and pancakes along with coffee, juice and pastries. **As usual, we are looking for donations of pastries and raffle baskets.** Our Knights of Columbus is sponsoring this event and will also be having their 50/50 raffle.

Come and enjoy our last event of the year and share the joy of Advent with your fellow parishioners.

Christmas Giving Tree

There are no more tags left on the tree...there were 41 tags plus 10 to 15 tags for seminarians and they are already gone. Thank you to everyone for your unbelievable generosity. All gifts must be returned by **Friday, December 13th**. Please bring the gift unwrapped OR in a gift bag with the label attached.

Winter Coat Drive

Our Lady of Lourdes is collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves for children and adults. If you have any, please leave them on the stage in the church hall. They will be donated to Catholic Charities on **December 20th**.

Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend our parishes will be conducting the collection for the national **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Just as our annual *Celebrate Priesthood* event helps our diocese to care for its retired diocesan priests, this national collection assists many religious communities to provide for aging members.

Escalating healthcare costs and a lack of traditional retirement plans have created financial challenges for many religious communities.

If you are unable to donate at Mass, please mail your gift to your parish, donate through your parish's online giving platform, or donate at the diocesan website.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

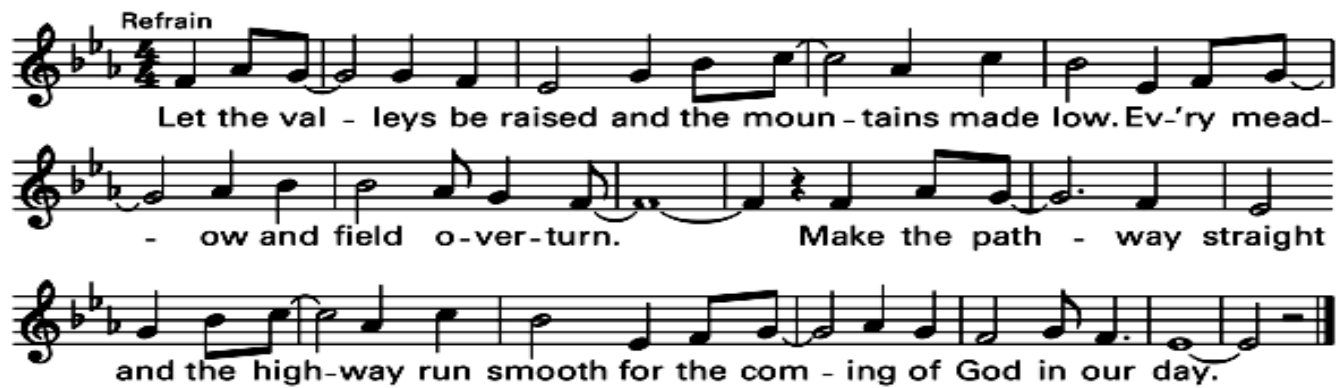
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GATHERING HYMN

Let the Valleys Be Raised

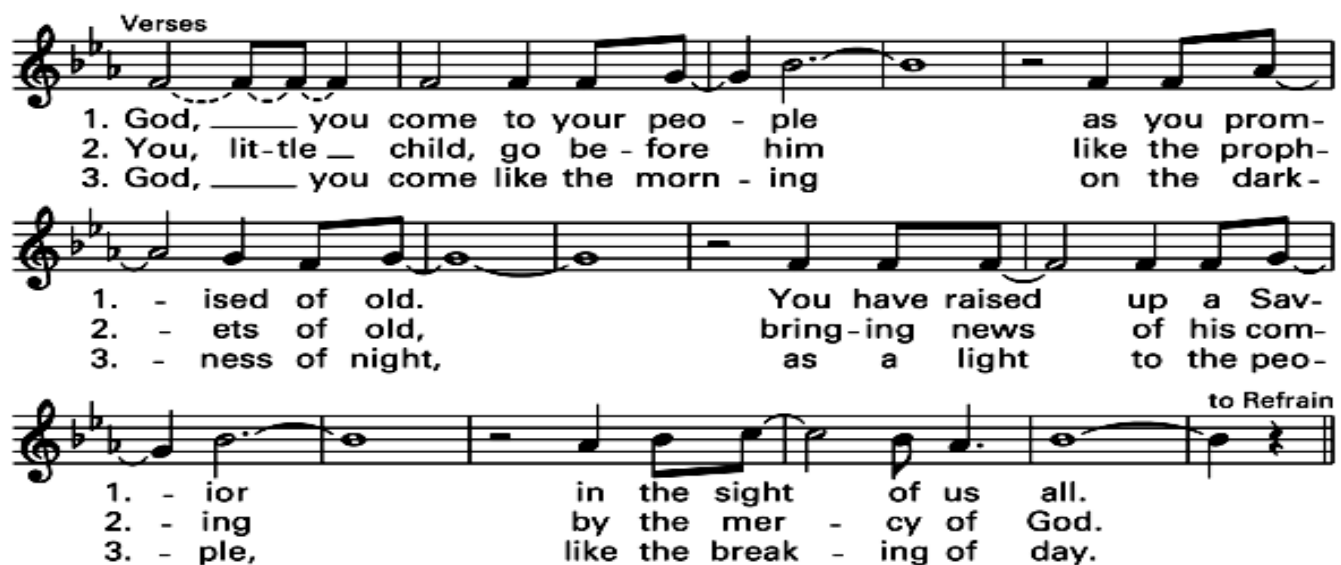
Dan Schutte

Refrain



Let the val - leys be raised and the moun - tains made low. Ev-'ry mead -
- ow and field o-ver-turn. Make the path - way straight
and the high-way run smooth for the com - ing of God in our day.

Verses



1. God, _____ you come to your peo - ple as you prom-
2. You, lit-tle _____ child, go be - fore him like the proph-
3. God, _____ you come like the morn - ing on the dark-
1. - ised of old. You have raised up a Sav-
2. - ets of old, bring-ing news of his com-
3. - ness of night, as a light to the peo-
to Refrain
1. - ior in the sight of us all.
2. - ing by the mer - cy of God.
3. - ple, like the break - ing of day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

BARUCH 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 126

Jaime Cortez



SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

ADVENT GOSPEL ACLAMATION

Andrew Wright



GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

HOMILY

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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 Please respond: *“Come Lord Jesus Come.”*


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Patience, People


John Foley, S.J.

Refrain




Pa-tience, peo-ple, till the Lord is come.


Verses



1. See the farm - er a - wait the yield of the soil. He watch-es
2. You have seen the pur - pose of the Lord. You know of
3. Stead - y your hearts, for the Lord is close at hand. And do not



1. it in win - ter and in spring rain. }
2. his com - pas - sion and his mer - cy. } Pa-tience,
3. grum - ble, one a - gainst the oth - er. }



1-3. peo-ple, for the Lord is com - ing. 2

HOLY, HOLY

MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

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 CHRIST THE SAVIOR

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again

GREAT AMEN

MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

COMMUNION

Luke 1:Benedictus

Steve Angrisano and Curtis Stephan

Refrain




Bless-ed be the Lord, for he has raised up for us a
might - y sav - ior. Our God has set us free, ful -
fill - ing the prom - ise to save his peo - ple.


Verses



1. Through his ho - ly proph - ets, he prom - ised from
2. You, my child, have been cho - sen a proph - et of
3. In his ten - der com - pas - sion, the dawn now breaks



1. of old to save us from who would harm us. His
2. the Lord, pro-claim-ing his for - give - ness, sal -
3. on high to shine on those in the dark - ness: a



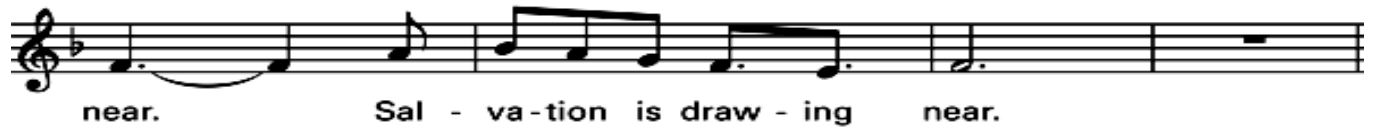
1. mer-cy he would show, re-mem-b'ring his Ho - ly Word.
2. va-tion to make known, pre-par - ing the way of God.
3. light un-to our feet 7 in - to the way of peace.

to Refrain

RECESSIONAL

Emmanuel

Steve Angrisanc



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 3. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
- Final: Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el
Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el



1. And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2. Who or - dered all things might - i - ly;
And teach us in her ways to go.
3. From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
4. In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
And be for us the King of Peace.
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. (Fine)

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Saturday, December 21st - 2:00-3:30pm

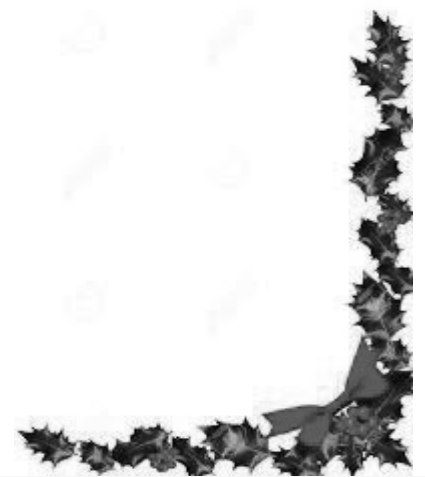
Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th - 4:30pm

Wednesday, December 25th - 10:00am

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God - New Year's

Wednesday, January 1st - 8:00am



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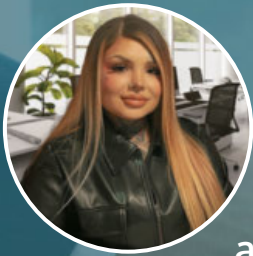
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