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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 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Dec 14

4:30 pm

Sun, Dec 15 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Deceased Members of Pope John XXIII Council

Carmine D'Angelo, Joseph Dyer, Donald Gervais,

Richard Cosenza, Ralph D'Elia & James Docimo, Sr.

11:00 am Advent Breakfast in Church Hall after mass

Mon, Dec 16

8:00 am

Tue, Dec 17

8:00 am

Wed, Dec 18

8:00 am Jack Whiterell for "good health" from a friend

Thu, Dec 19

8:00 am

6:00 pm Finance Meeting in sacristy

Fri, Dec 20

8:00 am

Sat, Dec 21

4:30 pm Janet Kunigonis 3yr anniv req by the family

Sun, Dec 22 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Barbara McGuane 2yr anniv req by the family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

15 **SUN** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

16 **MON** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 21:23-27

17 **TUE** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

18 **WED** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

19 **THU** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

20 **FRI** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

21 **SAT** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
Lk 1:39-45

THE Joy CANDLE

Also known as the Shepherds' Candle, this third candle of Advent signifies the joy of our coming Savior.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

-Luke 1:46-47

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

(PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God -

He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well.

Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions.

It allows us to gratefully and generously

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

Advent Breakfast

Our big Advent Breakfast is this **Sunday, December 15th** after the 10am mass downstairs in the church hall. Don't forget to bring your ticket. Our Knights of Columbus is sponsoring this event and will also be having their 50/50 raffle. We will also have our usual basket raffles.

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

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.

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.**

Snow Day Policy Reminder

The policy for the daily morning mass being cancelled is that if **Worcester Public Schools is closed or delayed**, there will be **NO morning mass.**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 11/30-12/1	\$3,563.96
Online Giving	255.00
Christmas	75.00
Candles (2 weeks)	172.35
Christmas Flowers	95.00
Fuel & Heating	80.00
Immaculate Conception	60.00
Maintenance	63.00
Misc Income	100.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	65.00
Room & Board	1,000.00
Snow Removal	331.00

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

REST IN PEACE

*We, the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes,
extend our deepest sympathy
to the family and friends of*

Paula Stuart

who died on November 30, 2024

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

Visitation House

Thank you for your generosity in 2024. There were more than sixteen homeless mothers and babies receiving shelter, food, life skills classes and housing transition support which taught these mothers to thrive in motherhood and beyond.

This coming year (2025) will be 20 years of serving homeless women and babies in Worcester.

Today we embark on our Year-End Campaign. Our goal this Advent is to fund our refreshed space as well as our continued increased expenses of a full house by raising \$20,000 by December 31st.

Thanks to a generous Visitation House donor, each gift made to Visitation House between December 1st and 31st will be matched up to \$10,000. What an amazing opportunity to double your impact. Checks or online donations postmarked by December 31st will qualify for the match.

Thank you and from all of us at Visitation House, we wish you and your family a warm, joyful and blessed Christmas season.

Yours in Christ,
Jill Bowman

November 2024

Dear Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

I am most edified that this past October we received 1,909 gifts in memory/honor of the many priests here in the Diocese of Worcester. Thank you for your gift of \$300 in support of the Priest Retirement Fund/Celebrate Priesthood 2024. Your gift helps us to thank, acknowledge and care for all priests, especially those who are retired. Our priests have responded to a call to bring God's saving grace into our lives so that we may strive to live the life of holiness to which we are called.

In your kindness, I ask that you prayerfully remember the death of a great champion of the faith, Bishop Daniel P. Reilly. As the 4th Bishop of Worcester, he passionately led our diocese at a time of great joy as we entered a new millennium. His 71 years of priestly pastoral zeal and indomitable spirit were rooted in God and his Episcopal motto, 'In Kindness and in Truth.' I ask you to join me in praying for the repose of his soul, asking that God might welcome this good and faithful servant into the eternal life in heaven.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CYCLE C

GATHERING HYMN

Let the King of Glory Come

Michael Joncas

Refrain



Lift up, you gates, lift up your arch - es: let the
King of glo - ry come! Lift up your hearts and
sing, you peo - ple: let the King of glo - ry come!

Verses



1. Who is the King of glo - ry? Our God,
2. Come, O___ come, Em - man - u - el: come and
3. Come, O___ come, bright Wis - dom: come and
4. Come, you___ Key of Da - vid, come: o - pen our

1. ho - ly and strong! Who is the Lord of
2. dwell___ with us! Come, O___ come, you
3. make___ us wise! Come, O___ come, you
4. heav - en - ly home! Come, De - sire of

1. ma - jes - ty? Our God, might-y and strong!
2. Lord of might: ban - ish death___ and fear!
3. Day - spring: love, un - close___ our eyes!
4. na - tions, come: bring us in - to your peace!

⊕ Coda



Let the King of glo - ry come!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

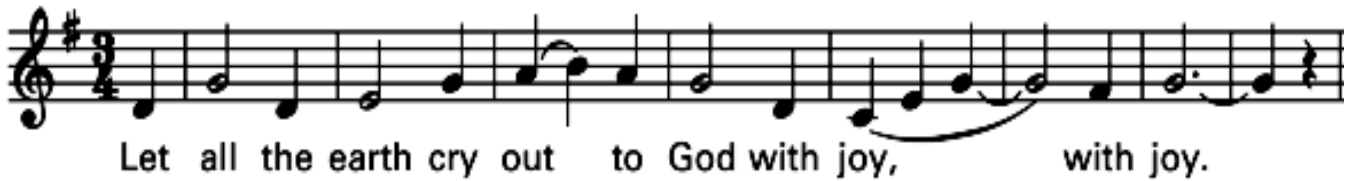
ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18A

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 66

Rory Coone



SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

ADVENT GOSPEL ACLAMATION

Andrew Wright



GOSPEL

LUKE 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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 Please respond: *"Come Lord Jesus Come."*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Come to Us, O God/Stay with Us, O Lord*

Barbara Bridge



Stay with us, O Lord. Walk be - side us on our jour - ney. Burn with - in us,
*Come to us, O God. Be the hope with - in our long - ing. Dwell with - in us,
**Stay with us, O Lord, for the day will soon be o - ver. Stay with - in us,



O Light of the world: O Word of truth, our strength and our hope.
O Light of the world: O God - with - us, Em - man - u - el.
O Light of the world: when you are near, the night be - comes day.



1. Your ra - diant light gives us hope in our dark - ness.
2. Our bro - ken world cries for jus - tice and mer - cy.
3. You join us here at this ta - ble of plen - ty.
4. O Bread of Life, give us strength in our weak - ness.
5. We long for peace, teach us mer - cy and jus - tice.
6. For you a - lone heal the sor - row with - in us.
7. In times of doubt, may we trust in your good - ness.
8. You send us forth to be ser - vants of oth - ers.



1-8. Strength - en us, stay with us, O Light of the world!

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

Christ, Circle Round Us

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. Come, O Ra - diant Dawn, splen - dor of the morn - ing
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know - ledge from on
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav - en's
5. Come, O Might - y Lord, mas - ter of the stars of
6. Come, Em - man - u - el, cher - ished hope of Is - ra -
7. Come, Lord Je - sus Christ, long a - wait - ed Prince of



1. light. Come, Sun of Jus - tice,
2. tree. Come, Bough of Bless - ing,
3. high. Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom,
4. throne. Come, Key of Da - vid,
5. night. Come, Strength of Pil - grims,
6. el. Come, live a - mong us,
7. Peace. Come, Hope of Na - tions,



1. turn a - way the pow'r of night.
2. bloom for all the world to see.
3. be our faith - ful friend and guide.
4. o - pen wide the path - way home.
5. keep us in your lov - ing sight.
6. ev - er in our hearts to dwell.
7. ev - er make our love in - crease.

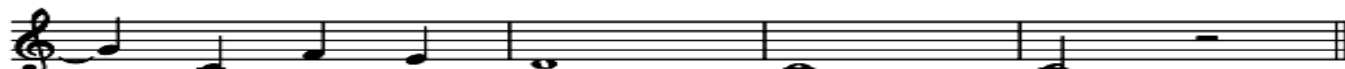
Refrain



Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur -



round us. Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts



with great thanks - giv - ing.

RECESSIONAL

O Come, Divine Messiah

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Verses



1. O come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; The world in
2. O Christ, whom na - tions sigh for, Whom priest and
3. You come in peace and meek - ness And low - ly

1. si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
2. proph - et long fore - told, Come, break the cap - tive's
3. will your cra - dle be; All clothed in hu - man

1. tri - umph And sad - ness flee a - way.
2. fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
3. weak - ness Shall we your God - head see.

Refrain



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the
night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O
come, di - vine Mes - si - ah; the world in si - lence waits the day when
hope shall sing its tri - umph and sad - ness flee a - way.

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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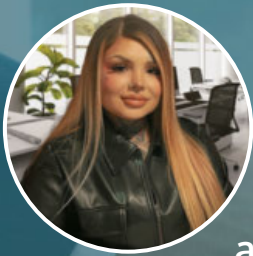
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