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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."

January 5, 2025  
Epiphany of the Lord



*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*

MATTHEW 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

**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, Jan 4

4:30 pm

Sun, Jan 5 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

10:00 am **Stasys Marcinkevicius** 22nd anniv req by daughter Dana

Mon, Jan 6

8:00 am

Tue, Jan 7

8:00 am

Wed, Jan 8

8:00 am

6:00 pm **Knights of Columbus Meeting**

Thu, Jan 9

8:00 am

Fri, Jan 10

8:00 am

Sat, Jan 11

4:30 pm **Mary Mattero Marengo, James Mattero Sr, James Mattero Jr, Eugene Marengo** req by the family  
**Gloria Walsh** b'day remembrance req by the family

Sun, Jan 12 *Baptism of the Lord*

10:00 am **St. Anthony** for a favor received

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**5 SUN** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**6 MON** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**7 TUE** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**8 WED** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**9 THU** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

**10 FRI** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**11 SAT** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/  
Jn 3:22-30

## Epiphany Blessing

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The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition in the church. The tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."  
(ie, 20+C+M+B+25) ©LPi

More details can be found online if it is something you want to do.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### WEEKLY OFFERING

<b>Sunday Offertory 12/21-12/22</b>	\$2,139.00
Online Giving	670.00
Catholic Univ of America	50.00
Christmas	230.00
Candles	46.51
Christmas Flowers	365.00
Fuel & Heating	50.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Immaculate Conception	107.00
Maintenance	50.00
Mass Offerings	10.00
Parish Events-Advent Breakfast	459.67
Rental Income-hall	300.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	125.00
Snow Removal	505.00
<b>Christmas Collection</b>	<b>\$2,798.00</b>
Candles	8.53
Christmas Flowers	30.00
Fuel & Heating	30.00
Maintenance	30.00
Snow Removal	50.00
Sunday Offertory	362.00

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### STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

#### Eucharistic Ministers Needed at UMass Hospitals:

Do you feel called to "do something meaningful", but aren't sure what to do? Have you or a loved one been hospitalized, and desired someone to visit or pray with you? Our UMass Memorial Pastoral Care Department is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to join our team.

**Where:** University Campus, Memorial Campus, and the Pavilion Campuses (formerly Beaumont Nursing Home), which will open in January.

**When:** 10a-12p or 1p-5p daily hours available. Only a 2-hour weekly commitment

**What:** Must be currently trained in your parish and have letter of endorsement from your pastor. Be comfortable visiting the sick, good listening skills. CORI check, orientation training, Flu Shot and COVID shot (or declination) required.

Why: Because you want to make a difference in the life of another seeking healing by offering prayer, the Holy Eucharist, comfort and listening during a challenging time. Because you want to do something meaningful! Because you feel called to serve! Our volunteers often say they receive so much more than they give.

We ask for a minimum of a one year commitment. If you are interested or seeking more information, we would love to speak with you. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed at this time.

Please contact Chaplain Cathy Pimley, Manager Pastoral Care and 774-442-6550 or [catherine.pimley2@umassmemorial.org](mailto:catherine.pimley2@umassmemorial.org)

#### Knights of Columbus

Pope John XXIII Council #5481 has an on-going can/bottle collection program. **The council will also collect scrap metal.** Proceeds from this collection funds the Visitation House. If you 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](mailto:nmarrier@gmail.com).

#### Try Online Giving and Help Your Parish

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**-By doing this:** you can take the chore of filling your contribution envelopes unnecessary and take the guesswork out of how you support your parish.

**-By doing this:** you help your parish maintain a consistent budget, especially when you are away from the parish and reduce the expense of sending envelope packages each month.

# EPIPHANY


# CYCLE C

## GATHERING HYMN

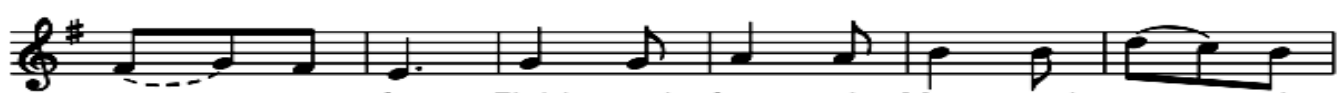
## *We Three Kings*

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses




1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of  
5. Glo - rious now, be - hold him a - rise, King and God and




1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,  
2. crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er  
3. De - i - ty nigh; Pray'r and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,  
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,  
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

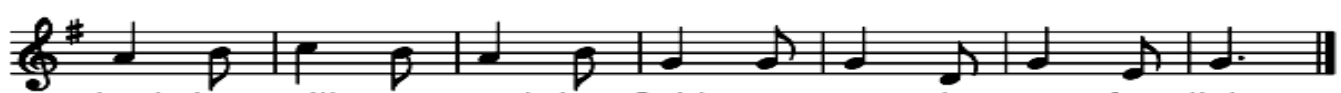
Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,  
2. O - ver us all to reign.  
3. Wor - ship him God on high.  
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect light.

## 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 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 72



## SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Andrew Wright



## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

## 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.

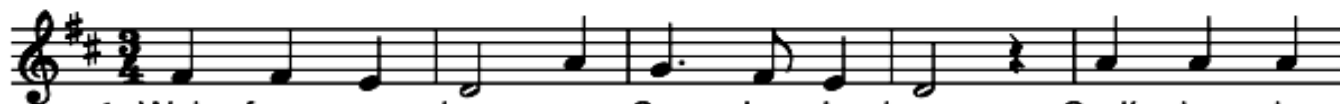
**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS** *Please respond: "May your light shine upon us."*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

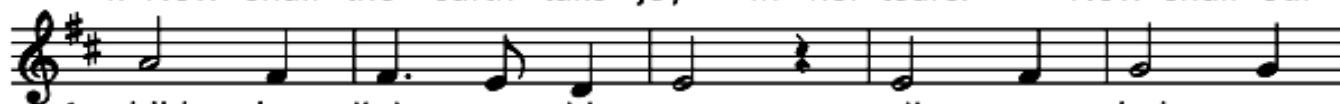
### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

### *Wake From Your Sleep*

Dan Schutte



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|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Wake from your sleep, | a Sav - ior is born.   | God's ho - ly |
| 2. Come from your fields | as shep-herds of old.  | Wel-come this |
| 3. Stay with us now,     | O Lord of the earth.   | Make of our   |
| 4. Now shall the earth   | take joy in her tears. | Now shall our |



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| 1. child gives light to this morn,     | all our dark - ness |
| 2. child whom proph - ets fore - told. | God has made the    |
| 3. hearts a place for your birth.      | Though our cares be |
| 4. hearts be turned from their fears.  | All the earth shall |



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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. to dis - pel.      | Praise to our God whose glo - ry we tell.  |
| 2. earth his home.    | Praise to our God, the Sav - ior has come. |
| 3. great or small,    | Je - sus the Lord, be born in us all.      |
| 4. sing God's praise. | Je - sus the Lord, be born on this day.    |

## 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

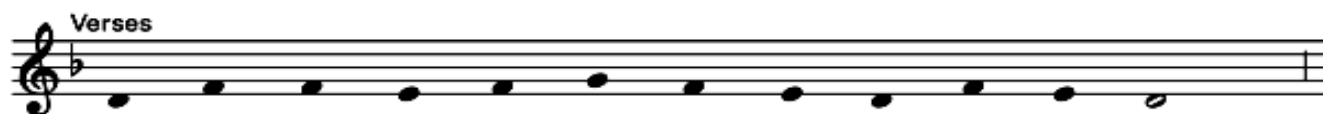
## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

## COMMUNION


## *A Child Is Born In Bethlehem*

PUER NATUS

Verses

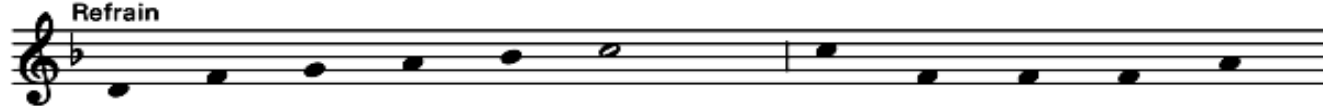


1. A child is born in Beth - le - hem, al - le - lu - ia!  
2. In man - ger bare, in for - eign land, al - le - lu - ia!  
3. The vir - gin moth - er bore a son, al - le - lu - ia!  
4. The an - gels sing to shep - herds near, al - le - lu - ia!  
5. The kings of na - tions from a - far, al - le - lu - ia!  
6. With won - drous mis - sion now fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!  
7. A world once lost in dark - est night, al - le - lu - ia!  
8. Let trum - pet sound and cym - bals ring, al - le - lu - ia!




1. Re - jice and sing, Je - ru - sa - lem, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Ac - cord - ing to th'e - ter - nal plan, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
3. A child di - vine yet with us one, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
4. The song that earth so longed to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
5. Pro - claim the mes - sage of the star, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
6. By myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
7. Is now a - flame with bril - liant light, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
8. Let all on earth in glad - ness sing, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



A sav - ior has been born, the Son of God, the



Prince of Peace. O come, let us a - dore.

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,  
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3. And by the light of that same star  
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,  
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;  
 3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;  
 4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,  
 6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
 2. And to the earth it gave great light,  
 3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4. And there it did both stop and stay,  
 5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence,  
 6. Who with the Fa - ther we a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.  
 6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.





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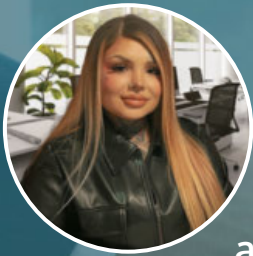
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