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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."

**February 2, 2025
Presentation of the Lord**



"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."

(Hebrews 2:18)

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

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, Feb 1**
4:30 pm **Marcus Farrell** req by Class of '67 Girls Club
- Sun, Feb 2** *The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life*
10:00 am
11:00 am **Hospitality Meeting in church hall**
- Mon, Feb 3**
8:00 am
- Tue, Feb 4**
8:00 am
- Wed, Feb 5**
8:00 am
- Thu, Feb 6**
8:00 am
- Fri, Feb 7**
8:00 am
- Sat, Feb 8**
4:30 pm **Gloria Walsh** 7th anniv req by the family
Fr. Walter Riley 1st ann req by Cindy Trainque
- Sun, Feb 9** *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day*
10:00 am **Ken Louise** 1st anniv req by Joe

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- 2 SUN** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- 3 MON** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
- 4 TUE** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
- 5 WED** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
- 6 THU** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11// Mk 6:7-13
- 7 FRI** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
- 8 SAT** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Contribution Statements

If you are in need of a contribution statement for 2024, please call and leave a message or email the rectory at ladyoflourdes1290@gmail.com.

Hospitality Meeting

There will be a Hospitality Meeting this Sunday, February 2 at 11:00 am in the church hall to discuss the first event of the year, the Knights of Columbus Membership Breakfast on Sunday, March 16th.

Prayer Shawls

We have a blessed prayer shawls. If you need one or know someone that needs one, please call the rectory. We will resume the first Thursday of the month in the church hall in March or April or you can also work on at home and donate when completed.

Register Early for the Worcester Catholic Men's Conference April 5

The Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held **Saturday, April 5** at the DCU Convention Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester. Registration begins at 7:30 AM with the first speaker beginning at 9:00 AM. The day will feature an all day adoration chapel; dozens of priests will be available for confessions at the lunch break; and over 50 relevant vendors will be present. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert McManus at 4:00 PM. Tickets (which include lunch) are \$50 for adults through March 26; \$60 thereafter and at the door. Student tickets are always just \$30. Tickets and further information are available at: www.catholicmenworc.com Any questions may be directed to catholicmenworc@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 1/25-1/26	\$1,871.00
Online Giving	380.00
Catholic Univ. of America	5.00
Candles	11.00
Fuel & Heating	652.00
Maintenance	127.00
Mass Offerings	85.00
Misc Income	100.00

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses in the United States face significant challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, which began in 1924, supports these dioceses in order to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Home missions are those Latin and Eastern Rite dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Currently, over 40% of dioceses are considered home missions.

Home mission dioceses often have Catholic populations distributed across a large geographical area and have few priests to serve them. The Diocese of Laredo serves a region that is 90% Catholic—but its 342,000 Catholics are among the poorest of the poor in the United States. They cannot financially sustain the diocese's 32 parishes and 17 missions without outside help. Most parishes' staff, from faith formation coordinators to secretaries, are volunteers. Support from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal enables the Diocese of Laredo to offer faith formation for all ages, including sacramental preparation for those with physical or intellectual disabilities. Last year its Office for Sacramental Preparation formed more than 800 catechists and catechetical assistants, who teach more than 7,000 children.

Overall, nearly \$8.5 Million in grants were provided to more than 80 mission dioceses last year to support faith formation, priestly and religious vocations, cultural ministries and diocesan and parish assistance, among other needs.

I encourage you to be generous on the **weekend of February 9** to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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

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 email at nmarrier@gmail.com.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

GATHERING HYMN

Let Us Go to the Altar

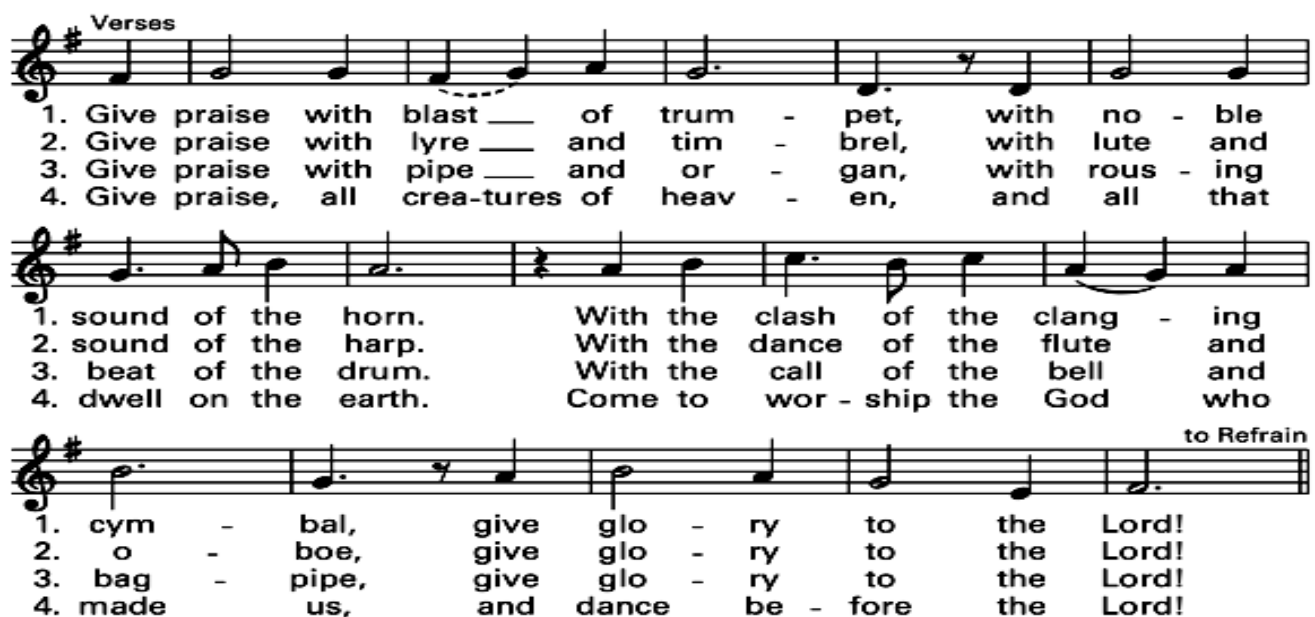
Dan Schutte

Refrain



Let us go to the al - tar of God, the God of our
glad - ness and joy! Let us en - ter the courts of the
house of the Lord and sing to the glo - ry of God.

Verses



1. Give praise with blast — of trum - pet, with no - ble
2. Give praise with lyre — and tim - brel, with lute and
3. Give praise with pipe — and or - gan, with rous - ing
4. Give praise, all crea - tures of heav - en, and all that
1. sound of the horn. With the clash of the clang - ing
2. sound of the harp. With the dance of the flute and
3. beat of the drum. With the call of the bell and
4. dwell on the earth. Come to wor - ship the God who
to Refrain
1. cym - bal, give glo - ry to the Lord!
2. o - boe, give glo - ry to the Lord!
3. bag - pipe, give glo - ry to the Lord!
4. made us, and dance be - fore the Lord!

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

MALACHI 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

LUKE 2

Randall DeBruyn



SECOND READING

HEBREWS 2:14-18

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte



GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted--and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

In His Temple Now Behold Him

ST. THOMAS



1. In his tem - ple now be - hold him, See the long ex -
2. In the arms of her who bore him, Vir - gin pure, be -
3. Je - sus, by your pres - en - ta - tion, When they blest you,
4. Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, Be your bound - less



1. pect - ed Lord; An - cient proph - ets had fore - told him;
2. hold him lie, While his a - ged saints a - dore him
3. weak and poor, Make us see our great sal - va - tion,
4. love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en,



1. God has now ful - filled his word, Now, to praise him,
2. Ere in faith and hope they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Seal us with your prom - ise sure, And pre - sent us
4. By the world you did re - deem, With the Fa - ther



1. his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, th'in - car - nate God most high.
3. in your glo - ry to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
4. and the Spir - it, Lord of maj - es - ty su - preme.

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

Out of Darkness

Tom Kendzia

Refrain

Out of dark-ness the light of Christ will shine, as the
dawn of day breaks through the night. Then the poor and op-
pressed will cry out and be heard by the light that ris-es from the night.

Verses

1. Let the darkness flee from here.
Put an end to sadness and fear.
The hungry will eat, the sick will dance,
the dead will live again.
2. This is the night, O holy of nights,
the chains of death are destroyed.
3. A single flame,
a flicker of hope spreads like a sea of fire.
Open the door, shout to the night:
We will live again.
4. This is the light;
the glory of God is raised to life again.

RECESSIONAL

Gospel Canticle (Magnificat)

NEW BRITAIN

1. My soul pro - claims the Lord my God. My spir - it
2. All na - tions now will share my joy; For gifts God
3. For those who fear the Ho - ly One, God's mer - cy
4. God fills the hun - gry with good things, And sends the
5. Then let all na - tions praise our God, The Fa - ther

1. sings God's praise, Who looks on me, and
2. has out - poured. This low - ly one has
3. will not die. Whose strong right arm puts
4. rich a - way; The prom - ise made to
5. and the Son, The Spir - it blest, who

1. lifts me up, That glad - ness fills my days.
2. been made great. I mag - ni - fy the Lord.
3. down the proud, And lifts the low - ly high.
4. A - bra - ham Is filled to end - less day.
5. lives in us, While end - less a - ges run.

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