

1290 Grafton St.
Worcester, MA 01604
508-757-0789
ladyoflourdes1290@gmail.com
www.ololma.org

MASSES
Daily: Mon - Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 10 AM
PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM



Rev. Brian O'Toole
Pastor
Rev. Francis J. Roach
In Residence
Cheryl Orrell
Admin Asst/Bookkeeper
Mary Jo Castrale
Jeremiah's Inn Ministry
John Riley
Music Ministry
Mr. Paul Carey
Maintenance
Judy Verdini
Religious Ed

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 16, 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Blessed are you when people hate you... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man."
(LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad?

Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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 15

4:30 pm Elizabeth Kabachenski req by Class of '67 Girls Club

Sun, Feb 16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am

Mon, Feb 17 President's Day

8:00 am

Tue, Feb 18

8:00 am

Wed, Feb 19

8:00 am

Thu, Feb 20

8:00 am

6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting in sacristy

Fri, Feb 21

8:00 am

Sat, Feb 22

4:30 pm

Sun, Feb 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am

SCRIPTURE READINGS

16 SUN Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6,(40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26

17 MON Gn 4:1-15,25/Ps 50:1 and 8,16bc-17,20-21/Mk 8:11-13

18 TUE Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5,10/Ps 29:1a and 2,3ac-4,3b and 9c-10/
Mk 8:14-21

19 WED Gn 8:6-13,20-22/Ps 116:12-13,14-15,18-19/Mk8:22-26

20 THU Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18,19-21,29 and 22-23/
Mk 8:27-33

21 FRI Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34-9:1

22 SAT 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Knights of Columbus Membership Breakfast

Our next church event will be the Knights Membership Breakfast to be held on March 16 after the 10am mass. Tickets go on sale the weekend of February 15th after both masses.

Stewardship Meeting

There will be a Stewardship Meeting on **Thursday, February 20th** at 6:00 pm in the sacristy. All are welcome to attend! We will continue to discuss stewardship in the church and different ways we can move forward to increase our stewardship. Ideas and stories to share are welcome!

Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, we will have 3 masses, 8:00 am, 12 noon and 4:30 pm.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory	\$2,542.00
Online Giving	375.00
Ash Wed/Priest Retirement	5.00
Catholic Free Press	39.00
Catholic Home Missions	97.00
Candles	53.29
Easter Flowers	20.00
Fuel & Heating	15.00
Maintenance	424.00
Mass Offerings	20.00
Room & Board	1,000.00
Snow Removal	228.00

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

Calendar Raffle

We are looking to get donations of gift cards to restaurants, stores, gas stations, etc or cash donations to cover the cash prizes. All donations will be due by the end of March so that we can put together the calendar and sell raffle tickets in April and May.

If you would like a letter from the church to seek donations, please call the office. Please return all donations to Cheryl at the office.

Fr. Brian O'Toole will be away on vacation from February 24th to March 4th.

Fr Hanlon will be covering the weekend masses and Fr. Roach will cover the weekday masses.

Snow Day Policy Reminder

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

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.

Try Online Giving and Help Your Parish

Go to: ololma.org & click on *Online Giving* for easy and secure instructions to set up your personal and confidential account or make an appointment with Fr. Brian or Cheryl at the rectory for help to set up your account.

-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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE C

GATHERING HYMN

Lead Me, Lord

John D. Becker

Verses



1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
3. Blest are they who through their life - times sow the seeds of

1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.

1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly

1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain



Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to
seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;
be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -

1-2 to Verses **Final**



day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

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

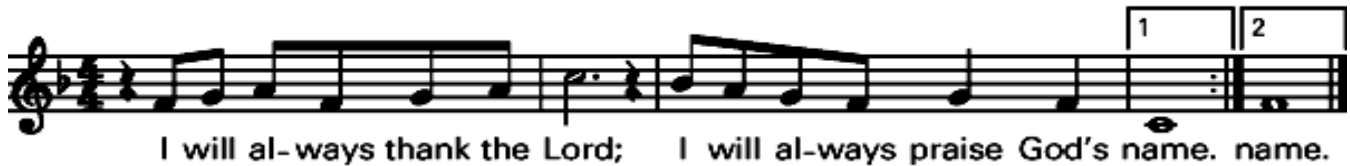
JEREMIAH 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 34

Scott Soper



SECOND READING

FIRST CORINTHIANS 15: 12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte



GOSPEL

LUKE 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this 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: *“Lord hear us.”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Drawn To You

Sarah Hart

Refrain

Drawn to you, Lord, we are drawn to you, to the
beau-ty of your pres-ence in this place. Here for you, God, we are
here for you as the gifts we bring be-come a feast of
grace. We are drawn to you.

Verses

1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us, we bring these
2. Drawn by the faith that you ac-cept our gifts, and sanc-ti-
3. Drawn by the ta-ble you have laid for us, the wel-come

1. gifts, works of our hands. You gath-er all we of-fer
2. fy what we have shared. To make us ho-ly by this
3. feast your heart pre-pares, the words now spo-ken that will

to Refrain

1. to your-self, re-ceive our prayer.
2. bread and wine, re-ceive our prayer.
3. make us one, re-ceive our prayer.

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

O How Blessed (Beatitudes)

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. O how blessed are the poor in spir - it, the
2. O how blessed are the meek and low - ly, for
3. O how blessed are the pure of heart, for
4. O how blessed those who fight for peace, the



1. king - dom of God is theirs. O how blessed those who
2. they shall pos - sess the earth. O how blessed those who
3. they shall be - hold God's face. O how blessed those who
4. chil - dren of God are they. O how blessed those de -



1. dwell in sor - row, they sure - ly will be con - soled.
2. thirst for jus - tice, they sure - ly will have their fill.
3. mend with mer - cy, for - give - ness is their re - ward.
4. spised and hat - ed, who bear it be - cause of me.

Refrain



Re - joice and be glad, be - loved of the Lord, the



king - dom of heav - en is yours. The first shall be last, the



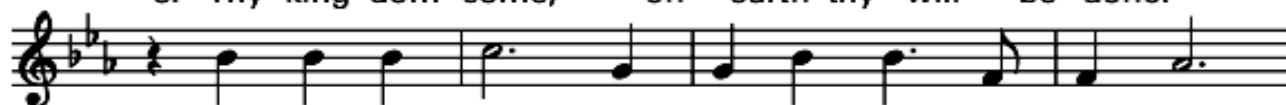
last shall be first, for such is the wis - dom of God.



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



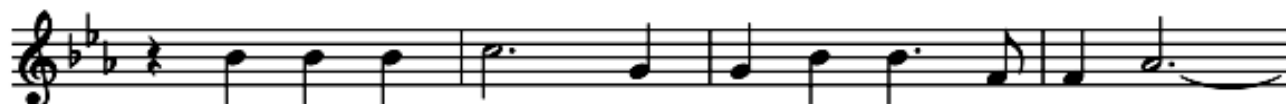
1. A song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
2. And sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
3. Thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



1. This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
2. But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
3. Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



1. Here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
2. And skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
3. And hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



1. But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
2. O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
3. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;



1. With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
2. A song of peace for their land and for mine.
3. My - self I give thee; let thy will be done.



MULHANE

Home for Funerals
Honoring. Remembering. Celebrating

Our Family Caring For Yours
For Over 150 Years

Stuart & Matthew Mulhane

45 N. Main Street, Millbury
508.865.2560
www.mulhane.com

For a free Family Planning
Guide please visit our website
or scan the QR Code



FAZIO FUNERAL HOME

508-753-6977

HELPING FAMILIES SINCE 1925

Funeral Director • *Louis M. Fazio, III*

"SERVING ONE FAMILY AT A TIME"

www.faziofuneralhome.com

INDUSTRIAL ENERGY SERVICES

COMPLETE BOILER
ROOM SERVICE

560 LINCOLN ST., WORCESTER
(508) 852-5051

*Caring for families
for over 100 years.*

Diersa-Morin
Funeral Home
298 Grafton Street
Worcester, MA 01604
508-753-4211

Henry Diersa
Funeral Service
33 Ward Street
Worcester, MA 01604
508-756-8346

Worcester Funeral, Inc
www.WorcesterFuneral.com

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME **Joshua Nwaozuzu**

jnwaozuzu@4lpi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6318

Your Local Benjamin Moore Retailer

NAL'S

PAINT CENTER



Worcester Shrewsbury Westborough Auburn Leominster

Feel confident and satisfied you've chosen the right products for excellent results.
©2024 Benjamin Moore & Co. Woodluxe, Aura, Benjamin Moore, Color Lock, ben, and the triangle "M" symbol are registered trademarks licensed to Benjamin Moore & Co.

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

833-287-3502

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Kevin L. Mercadante
Michelle Mercadante-Elworthy

Tel: 508-754-0486
Toll Free: 800-854-0486
Fax: 508-798-0394



Mercadante

FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL

Est. 1961

"Committed to Caring for Over 50 Years"

Stephen F. Gemelli
Louis P. Mercadante 1925-2003

370 Plantation Street
Worcester, MA 01605

www.mercadantefuneral.com

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to reach
your community.

Visit lpicommunities.com

OUR COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER EDITION



Scan to
contact us!



PHILIP P. MASSAD MOVERS

3 Generations over 60 years experience
Family Owned and Operated

100 Grand Street Worcester MA
508-752-0100
www.massadmovers.com

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to reach
your community.

Visit lpicommunities.com

OUR COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER EDITION



Scan to
contact us!

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™

- ✓ Ambulance
- ✓ Police/Fire
- ✓ Family
- ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW!
800.809.3570

STARTING AT
\$19⁹⁵
/mo.



md-medalert.com

"STAY SAFE in the
HOME YOU LOVE!"



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Worcester 03-1155