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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 23, 2025  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions & Calendar

Sat, Feb 22

4:30 pm **Marlene Horner** Month's Mind req by her cousin

Sun, Feb 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am

Mon, Feb 24

8:00 am

Tue, Feb 25

8:00 am

Wed, Feb 26

8:00 am

Thu, Feb 27

8:00 am

Fri, Feb 28

8:00 am

Sat, Mar 1

4:30 pm

Sun, Mar 2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**23 SUN** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**24 MON** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

**25 TUE** Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

**26 WED** Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/  
Mk 9:38-40

**27 THU** Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

**28 FRI** Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

**1 SAT** Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

"Be merciful,  
just as your  
Father is  
merciful."

*"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..."*

LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right?

But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently.

Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person.

Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

**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

#### **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 are on sale after both masses.

#### **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](mailto:nmarrier@gmail.com).

#### **Extremely Low Offertory**

The recent winter weather provides a double challenge for our parish. When ice, snow, severe cold or winter illness prevents parishioners from attending weekend Masses our Offertory suffers. This has a direct impact on the funds we have available each week to pay our bills and meet our payroll. The problem becomes even more complicated when we are faced with increased heating, salt and snow removal bills. Any extra help that you can give is greatly appreciated. If you do have to miss Mass for illness or weather, please know how very grateful we are when you drop your Offertory gift off later in the week or include it with your next week's offering. This really helps us keep our budget balanced and continue to be able to pay the bills. Thank you.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>2/15-2/16</b>	<b>\$709.50</b>
Online Giving		455.00
Catholic Free Press		5.00
Catholic Home Missions		25.00
Maintenance		28.00
Mass Offerings		20.00
Snow Removal		50.00

***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.**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, we will have 3 masses, 8:00 am, 12 noon and 4:30 pm.

#### **Diocesan 75th Anniversary Mass on March 2 at 3 pm**

All are welcome to St. Paul Cathedral as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Worcester which was established on March 7, 1950. Mass will be **Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 pm**. A light reception will follow in the Cenacle. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **REST IN PEACE**

*We, the parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes,  
extend our deepest sympathy  
to Fr. Roach and his family for the loss of his brother  
**Robert A. Roach**  
who died on January 30, 2025  
Please keep his family and friends in your prayers  
as they grieve the loss of their loved one.*

#### **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](http://www.catholicmenworc.com) Any questions may be directed to [catholicmenworc@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmenworc@gmail.com).

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# CYCLE C

## GATHERING HYMN

## *Christians, Let Us Love One Another*

PICARDY



1. Chris-tians, let us love one an - oth - er, As we share the  
2. We who break this bread are one bod - y, We who share this  
3. We who eat and drink at this ta - ble Die and rise a -  
4. On the path of life we may fal - ter, Earth-ly food a -  
5. Wheat and grape in - car - nate a mys - t'ry: Je - sus is the  
6. Je - sus is the vine, we the branch - es; We are grains of

1. true liv - ing bread. Je - sus is our God and our  
2. cup are all one. Chil - dren of our Fa - ther in  
3. gain with our Lord. Draw - ing from our Rock liv - ing  
4. lone leaves us weak; Al - ways you in - vite from the  
5. true liv - ing bread. Let us eat with joy and thanks -  
6. wheat, Christ the bread. Those who eat this bread live for -

1. broth - er; With his flesh and blood we are fed.  
2. heav - en, We are heirs with God's on - ly son.  
3. wa - ter Giv'n to all who thirst for ac - cord.  
4. al - tar, "Hun - gry souls their food here must seek."  
5. giv - ing, Trust - ing in the word he has said.  
6. ev - er, One with Christ, our Lord and our Head. } Ev - 'ry-one who

1-6. loves is born of God. Je - sus is our life. God is love.

## 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

## FIRST SAMUEL 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 103

Ricky Manalo, CSP



## SECOND READING

## FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:45-49

Brothers and sisters: It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Christ the Savior*  
Dan Schutte



## GOSPEL

## GOSPEL OF LUKE 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

## **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

*By Our Love*  
Tom Kendzia

**Refrain**

By our love, by our love, they will know we are  
Chris-tians by our love. Not by words, but how we live, yes, they'll  
know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

**Verses**

1. When we feed the hun - gry, they will know by our love,  
2. Wel-come to the strang - er, they will know by our love,  
3. Free-dom to the cap - tive, they will know by our love,  
1. lift - ing up the low - ly, by our love, by our love. We are  
2. shel - ter for the home - less, by our love, by our love. We will  
3. com-fort to the bro - ken, by our love, by our love. We will  
1. one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, and we  
2. walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, and to -  
3. work with each oth - er, we will work side by side, and we'll  
1. pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored.  
2. geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
3. guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each oth-er's pride.

**Bridge**

We sing praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,  
they will know we are Christians by our love. (to Refrain)

# RECESSIONAL

## *How Can I Keep From Singing*

ENDLESS SONG

**Verses**

1. My life flows on in end - less song; A -  
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I  
3. What though the tem - pest 'round me roar, I  
4. When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, And  
5. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A  
1. bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though  
2. hear that mu - sic ring-ing; It sounds and ech - oes  
3. hear the truth it liv - eth. What though the dark - ness  
4. hear their death knells ring-ing; When friends re - joice both  
5. foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since  
1. far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.  
2. in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?  
3. 'round me close, Songs in the night it giv-eth.  
4. far and near, How can I keep from sing-ing?  
5. I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?

**Refrain**

No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm  
cling-ing. Since Love is Lord of heav-en and earth,  
How can I keep from sing-ing?



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