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

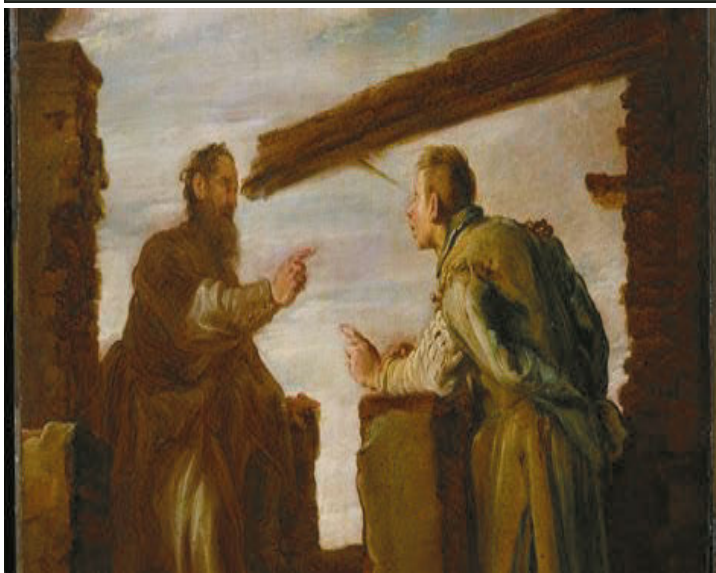


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### Mission Statement:

"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."

March 2, 2025  
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit."*

LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

**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, Mar 1**

4:30 pm

**Sun, Mar 2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am **Robert Roach** req by Mary Jo Castrale

**Mon, Mar 3**

8:00 am **William Fors** req by Joe & Judy Verdini

**Tue, Mar 4**

8:00 am

**Wed, Mar 5 Ash Wednesday**

8:00 am

12:00 pm

4:30 pm

**Thu, Mar 6**

8:00 am

**Fri, Mar 7**

8:00 am **Anthony Cesaitis** req by Joe & Judy Verdini

**Sat, Mar 8**

4:30 pm **Bob Sr & Bob Jr Racicot** req by the family

**Sun, Mar 9 1st Sunday of Lent/Daylight Savings Begins**

10:00 am **Edmond Kelly** 3rd anniv req by the family

**Deceased members of the O'Toole family** req by  
Cindy Trainque

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**2 SUN** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/  
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

**3 MON** Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

**4 TUE** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

**5 WED** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/  
2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**6 THU** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**7 FRI** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**8 SAT** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

## 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 for \$10 pp.

### 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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### WEEKLY OFFERING

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>2/22-2/23</b>	<b>\$2,438.00</b>
Online Giving		540.00
Catholic Free Press Subscription		127.00
Catholic Home Missions		30.00
Candles		89.36
Maintenance		97.00
Snow Removal		52.00

***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.



**Congratulations to  
Elizabeth Joan Shaw**

**who was baptized on February 23, 2025**

**Congratulations to the family and  
welcome to our church community!**

### Ash Wednesday

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

**Fr. Brian O'Toole is away on vacation from  
February 24th to March 4th.  
Fr Hanlon will be covering 4:30pm, Fr. Trainor  
10:00am and Fr. Roach weekday masses.**

### **REST IN PEACE**

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

***Elliott (Smitty) Smith  
who died on February 4, 2025***

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

### **Worcester Catholic Men's Conference**

The Worcester Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, April 5, 2025 at the DCU Convention Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA. Registration begins at 7:30am with the first speaker beginning at 9:00am. Men of all ages are invited to hear inspiring talks from Fr. Donald Callaway, MIC; Retired US Navy SEAL Sam Blair; Fr. Derek Mobilio; Dr. Edward Sri; and Mr. Artie Boyle. The day will feature an all-day adoration chapel; dozens of priests will be available for confessions; and over 50 relevant vendors will be present. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert McManus at 4:00pm. Tickets (which includes 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).

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# CYCLE C

## GATHERING HYMN

## *Here I Am, Lord*

Dan Schutte

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who  
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.  
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

## 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

**SIRACH 27:4-7**

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PSALM 63**

Dan Schutte



## SECOND READING

**FIRST CORINTHIANS 15:54-58**

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Christ the Savior*  
Dan Schutte



## GOSPEL

**LUKE 6:39-45**

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

## 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


*Dwelling Place*

John Foley, S.J.

Verses 1, 2, 4




1, 4. I fall on my knees to the Fa - ther of Je - sus,  
2. May Christ in his love give us strength for our liv - ing,




1, 4. the Lord who has shown us } the glo - ry of  
2. the strength of the Spir - it, }

1st time: to Verse 2 Refrain



1, 2, 4. God. May Christ find a dwell - ing place of faith in our




hearts. May our lives be root - ed in love,

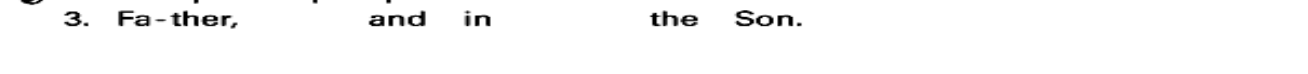


4 to Verses 3, 4  
root - ed in love.

Verse 3



3. May grace and peace be yours in God our



3. Fa - ther, and in the Son. to Refrain

## 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

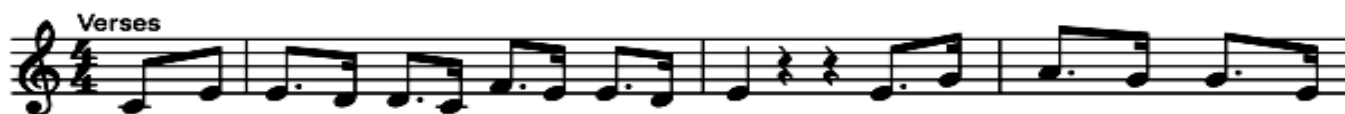
## LAMB OF GOD

## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

## COMMUNION

### *The Table of the Lord*

Dana Catherine and Sarah Hart



- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. There is heal-ing at the ta-ble of the Lord  | for the wounds of all the     |
| 2. There is mer-cy at the ta-ble of the Lord    | for di - vid - ed hearts that |
| 3. There is mys-t'ry at the ta-ble of our God   | in the sac - ri - fice that   |
| 4. There's a call-ing at the ta-ble of the Lord | to loose ev - ery chain and   |



- |                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. chil-dren he a - dores.  | In his bod - y that is bro - ken, the re -         |
| 2. need to be re-stored.    | In the blood that he has of - fer-ed he for -      |
| 3. love has shown to us.    | We re - ceive and we re - mem - ber as love        |
| 4. drop our ev - ery sword, | share the free - dom we've re - ceived, wel - come |



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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. demp-tion that we hope in.     | There is heal-ing at the ta - ble of the Lord.    |
| 2. gives his sons and daugh-ters. | There is mer - cy at the ta - ble of the Lord.    |
| 3. binds us all to - geth - er.   | There is mys-t'ry at the ta - ble of our God.     |
| 4. oth - ers to the feast.        | There's a call - ing at the ta - ble of the Lord. |



We are one, we are one, we are one at the ta-ble of the Lord. We are



loved, we are loved. We are one at the ta-ble of the Lord.

# RECESSIONAL

## *There's A Wideness In God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of



1. of the sea; There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal
3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -
2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the



1. demp-tion In the blood that has been shed; There is
2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our
3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is



1. joy for all the mem-bers In the sor - rows of the Head.
2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good-ness of our Lord.
3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.





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