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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."

March 9, 2025  
First Sunday of Lent



*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."*

(Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

**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 8**

4:30 pm **Bob Sr & Bob Jr Racicot** req by the family  
"Good Health" for Giuseppe D'Andrea

**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

**Mon, Mar 10**

8:00 am

**Tue, Mar 11**

8:00 am

**Wed, Mar 12**

8:00 am **Jack Whiterell** "good health" req by a friend

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

**Thu, Mar 13**

8:00 am

6:00 pm **Pastoral Council Meeting** in the sacristy

**Fri, Mar 14**

8:00 am

**Sat, Mar 15**

4:30 pm **Keith Michael Patterson** anniv req by the family  
**Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti and Rosalba**  
**Puca** req by the D'Andrea family

**Sun, Mar 16 2nd Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am **Patrick Cumming** 1 yr anniv req by Cheryl  
**Mary Bartkiewicz** anniv req by Ted and family

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**9 SUN** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/  
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**10 MON** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

**11 TUE** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

**12 WED** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

**13 THU** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/  
Mt 7:7-12

**14 FRI** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

**15 SAT** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

## 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. Buy your tickets now! Come share a meal and get to know each other.

### 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.

### Sunday 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 3/1-3/2</b>	<b>\$2,939.65</b>
Online Giving	302.00
Ash Wed/Priest Retirement	56.00
Catholic Free Press Subscription	128.00
Catholic Home Missions	10.00
Church in Latin America	50.00
Candles	10.00
Easter Flowers	50.00
Fuel & Heating	75.00
Maintenance	281.00
Mass Offerings	210.00
Room & Board	1,000.00
Snow Removal	1,020.00

*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.

### 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).

**There are many events around the diocese that make it impossible to list all of them in the bulletin. Go to <https://worcestardiocese.org/the-diocesan-dispatch> or see them in the Catholic Free Press**

### Parish Lenten Mission

St. Rose of Lima, 244 W. Main St., Northborough is offering a Parish Lenten Mission, "Becoming a Beacon of Hope" on **March 17-19**. Monday, 7-8pm: Opening Service, Tuesday, 7-8pm: Service with Reconciliation, Wednesday, 6-7pm Service followed by pasta dinner in the parish hall. Our speaker is Fr. Madden who is the pastor of St. John's in Worcester. An engaging speaker with a heart for Ministry and Social Justice, Fr. Madden was involved in the Catholic Worker movement in NY and oversees the St. John's Food for the Poor.

### 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).

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT CYCLE C



## GATHERING HYMN

## *Beyond the Days*

Ricky Manalo, CSF

**Refrain**

Be - yond the days of hope and mys - t'ry we  
see a light of faith re - newed, and in our long - ing  
we thirst for guid - ance to walk with you day by day.

**Final** **Verses**

day, to walk with you day by day.

1. For - ty days and
2. Not on bread a -
3. In your hands, O
4. On our Lent - en

1. nights, you guide the steps of our jour - ney. May your  
2. lone are we to walk on this jour - ney. Speak the  
3. God, we feel the touch of your guid - ance. Keep us  
4. path we see the dawn of a new day. Be our

1. pres - ence be felt in the whis - per of your voice.  
2. words that give life to the yearn - ings of our hearts.  
3. safe in your care: may your gen - tle - ness be there.  
4. vi - sion of hope; be the prom - ise of our lives.

**1-4 to Verses**

**to Refrain**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

## CONFITEOR



I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary  
ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

## DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 51

**Create in me, O Lord my God,  
a new heart, a new soul,  
wash me clean in your mercy, O Lord**

## SECOND READING

## ROMAN 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, No one who believes in him will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Christ the Savior  
Dan Schutte*



## GOSPEL

## LUKE 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

## **HOMILY**

### **APOSTLES CREED** (Stand)

**I** believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I** believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

**A**men.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**The Response is:**

***“Lord have mercy.”***


# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*Hosea*


Weston Prior

Verses




1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let  
Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must  
2. The wil-der-ness will lead you to your  
In-teg-ri-ty and jus-tice with ten-der-  
3. You shall sleep se-cure with peace; faith-ful-

Refrain



1. fear keep us a-part. Long have I wait-ed for your  
we to oth-ers' call.  
2. heart where I will speak.  
ness You shall know.  
3. ness will be your joy.



com-ing home to me and liv-ing deep-ly our new life.

## 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

Save us, Savior of the world,  
For by your Cross and Resurrection  
You have set us free.

## GREAT AMEN

## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

## OUR FATHER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD


## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

# COMMUNION


## Gracious God

Jesse Manibusan


**Verses**



1. Lead us, Lord, in - to the des - ert; lead us through the  
 2. In this time of sa - cred strug - gle, in this time of  
 3. Lord, we hun - ger for your pres - ence; Lord, we're thirst - ing  
 4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neigh - bor? Is it friend, or




1. wil - der - ness. Through this jour - ney we will fol - low,  
 2. sac - ri - fice, we re - joice, for we re - mem - ber  
 3. for your grace. When con - sum - ing all but you, Lord,  
 4. en - e - my? When we wel - come or con - demn them,

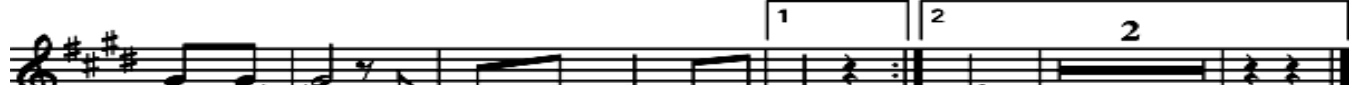


1. for we long to see your face.  
 2. that you lead us in - to life.  
 3. all we gain is emp - ti - ness.  
 4. it is you, O let us see.

**Refrain**



Gra - cious God, mer - cy is your name. Re - deem -  
 Gra - cious God, we bless your ho - ly name. Re - ceiv -




ing Love, you give your life a - way.  
 ing love, we give our lives a - way.


# RECESSIONAL

## Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

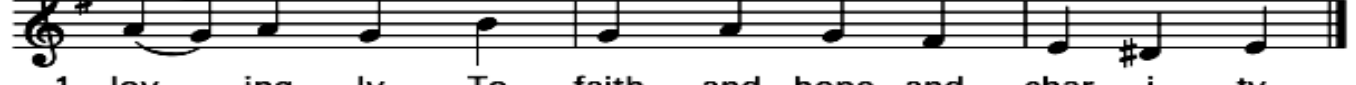
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1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, A gift of  
 2. The law and proph - ets from of old In fig - ured  
 3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make The words we  
 4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way That lures the  
 5. We pray, O bless - ed Three - in - One, Our God while



1. faith from ag - es past, This Lent which binds us  
 2. ways this Lent fore - told, Which Christ, all ag - es'  
 3. speak, the food we take, Our sleep, our laugh - ter,  
 4. care - less mind a - stray; By watch - ful prayer our  
 5. end - less ag - es run, That this, our Lent of



1. lov - ing - ly To faith and hope and char - i - ty.  
 2. Lord and Guide, In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.  
 3. ev - 'ry sense; Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.  
 4. spir - its free From schem - ing of the e - ne - my.  
 5. for - ty days, May bring us growth and give you praise.



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