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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 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent



"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
(Genesis 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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 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

Mon, Mar 17 St Patrick's Day

8:00 am

Tue, Mar 18

8:00 am

Wed, Mar 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am

Thu, Mar 20

8:00 am

6:00 pm Finance Meeting

Fri, Mar 21

8:00 am

Sat, Mar 22

4:30 pm **Bucky Sheehan** 5th anniv req by John Riley
Doris Brodeur b'day remembrance req by family

Sun, Mar 23 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 am **Barbara Rosen** 2nd anniv req by family
Susie Anusauskas 11 yr anniiv req by mom & dad

SCRIPTURE READINGS

16 SUN Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1
or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

17 MON Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

18 TUE Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

19 WED 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

20 THU Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

21 FRI Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

22 SAT Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Calendar Raffle

We are still 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.

Prayer Shawls

We have 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.

Lost and Found

There are items in the lost and found located on the wall near the Crying Room/Bathroom door. All items will be thrown away by the end of March if not claimed.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 3/8-3/9	\$2,779.00
Online Giving	725.00
Ash Wednesday/Priest Retirement	684.00
Church in Latin America	15.00
Candles	154.40
Easter Flowers	75.00
Fuel & Heating	822.00
Maintenance	165.00
Mass Offerings	45.00
Paschal Candle donation	300.23
Rental Income	200.00

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

Around Town...

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

Annual Mass for Life

The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, **Tuesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul. All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass. All are welcome to attend!

Jewish Healthcare Center Hospice Volunteers Needed

JHC Hospice is seeking applicants for our volunteer training program. Graduates of 15-hour training program provide a caring presence through readings, prayer, music, meaningful photos, talents or sharing as support to terminally ill patients of all faiths. Once trained, the commitment can be as little as one hour a week with flexibility in visiting times. To learn more, contact Susan Mack at 508-713-0564 or email smack@jhchospice.com.

Also looking for Veteran volunteers to support our veteran patients at the end stage of their lives.

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. Any questions may be directed to: catholicmenworc@gmail.com.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

CYCLE C



GATHERING HYMN

Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here

SWABIA

1. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your
 2. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Your
 3. Ful - fill - er of the past! Prom -
 4. Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5. 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet

1. glo - ry fills the night; Your face and gar - ments,
 2. beau - ty to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E -
 3. ise of things to be! We hail your bod - y
 4. see your king - dom come; We long to hold the
 5. we may not re - main; But since you bid us

1. like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 2. li - jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
 3. glo - ri - fied, And our re - demp - tion see.
 4. vi - sion bright, And make this hill our home.
 5. leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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

GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 27

**In the shadow of your wings,
I will sing your praises, O Lord.**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte*



Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

GOSPEL

LK 9:28B-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

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.

Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Response is:

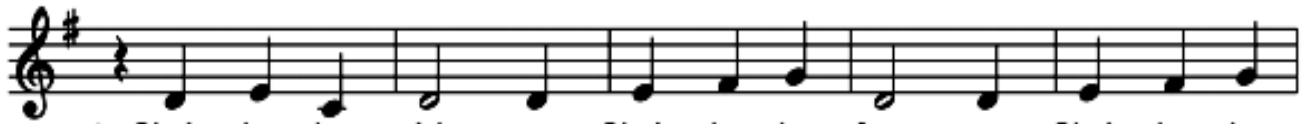
"Lord have mercy."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

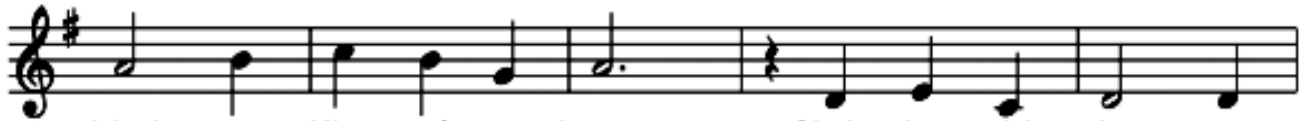
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Christ, Be Beside Me

Laura Wasson



1. Christ be be - side me, Christ be be - fore me, Christ be be -
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3. Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



1. hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me,
2. round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing,
3. all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion



1. Christ be be - low me, Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
2. Christ in my sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, light of my life.
3. in eyes that see me; In ears that hear me, Christ ev - er be.

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

Transfigure Us, O Lord

Bob Hurd

Refrain

Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Break the chains that bind us; speak your heal - ing word, and

where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.

Verses

1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low, the
 2. Light for those in dark - ness, the hun - gry have their fill, glad
 3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep - herd for the sheep, a
 4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go; your

1. love of God self - emp - tied, the love of God to show. You
 2. tid - ings for the hum - ble, the heal - ing of all ills; in
 3. drink of liv - ing wa - ter for all who thirst and seek, and
 4. face set toward the end - ing, the cross to be your throne. y

to Refrain

1. light the path be - fore us, the way that we must go.
 2. these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.
 3. feast - ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.
 4. Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pasch - al road?

RECESSIONAL

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
 2. I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
 3. Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 4. May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

1. Thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 2. Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
 3. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 4. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

1. Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 2. Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 3. High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 4. Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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