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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 23, 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent



*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'"*  
(Luke 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

**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 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

**Mon, Mar 24**

8:00 am

**Tue, Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00 am

**Wed, Mar 26**

8:00 am **Beth Wall** 3rd anniv req by Brennan

**Thu, Mar 27**

8:00 am

**Fri, Mar 28**

8:00 am

**Sat, Mar 29**

4:30 pm **Raymond Trainque** 2nd anniv req by Cindy

**Sun, Mar 30 4th Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am **Robert A. Roach** req by Judy and Joe Verdini

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**23 SUN** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

*Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**24 MON** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**25 TUE** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/  
Lk 1:26-38

**26 WED** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**27 THU** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**28 FRI** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/  
Mk 12:28-34

**29 SAT** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

## 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](mailto: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

<b>Sunday Offertory 3/15-3/16</b>	<b>\$2,088.22</b>
Online Giving	475.00
Ash Wednesday/Priest Retirement	25.00
Church in Latin America	103.00
Candles	54.50
Easter Flowers	35.00
Fuel & Heating	50.00
Maintenance	30.00
Mass Offerings	50.00
Rental Income	100.00
Stipends-Funeral	400.00

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

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY -2025

Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life-giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope.

Our Lady of Lourdes is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal.

Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. Or you can visit [partners-charity.net](http://partners-charity.net) and you can make your donation securely online and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576!

It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2025 appeal, we thank you. We couldn't do it without you!

### 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).

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## CYCLE A



### GATHERING HYMN

### *In These Days of Lenten Journey*

Ricky Manalo, CSF

**Refrain**

In these days of Len-ten jour-ney we have seen and we have heard  
the call to sow jus-tice in the lives of those we serve.

**Verses**

1. We reach out to those who are home-less, to  
2. We o - pen our eyes to the hun - gry and  
3. We o - pen our ears to the wea - ry and  
4. We call on the Spir - it of Jus - tice and

1. those who live with - out warmth. In the cool-ness of  
2. see the fac - es of Christ. As we nour - ish all  
3. hear the cry of the poor. To the voic - es that  
4. pray for righ-teous-ness' sake. We will sing for the

1. eve - ning we'll shel - ter their dreams; we will  
2. peo - ple who hun - ger for food, may their  
3. ech - o the song of de - spair, we will  
4. free - dom of all the op - pressed; we will

1. clothe them in mer - cy and peace.  
2. faith in our God be re - newed.  
3. show our com - pas - sion and care.  
4. loos - en the bonds of dis - tress.

2 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

## EXODUS 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Scott Soper



## SECOND READING

## ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Christ the Savior  
Dan Schutte



## GOSPEL

## JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

## 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

### *There Is A Longing*


Anne Quigley

**Refrain**



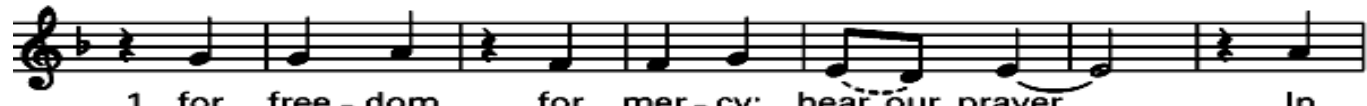
There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-  
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our hearts for

**Verses**




love we on - ly find in you, our God.

1. For jus - tice,
2. For wis - dom,
3. For heal - ing,
4. Lord save us,



1. for free - dom, for mer - cy: hear our prayer. In
2. for cour - age, for com - fort: hear our prayer. In
3. for whole - ness, for new life: hear our prayer. In
4. take pit - y, light in our dark - ness. We



**to Refrain**

1. sor - row, in grief: } be near, hear our prayer, O God.
2. weak - ness, in fear: }
3. sick - ness, in death: }
4. call you, we wait: }

### 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,  
By your Cross & 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

## Petition

Sarah Hart



O Lord, have mer-cy on us all, grant us your peace, bring us your heal-ing.



1. For those who tend the sick with love that knows no fear,
2. For those who teach the child with pa-tience keep-ing watch,
3. For those who serve the weak with kind-ness reach-ing out,
4. For those who free-ly give who toil with-out praise,
5. For those who point us to what's beau-ti-ful and true,
6. For those who've lost so much and fear for los-ing all,



- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. be ev-er at their side.         | And for the suf-f'ring |
| 2. re-fresh their wea-ry minds.    | And for the hun-gry    |
| 3. O be their source and help.     | And for the lone-ly    |
| 4. lead them to rest in you.       | And we who may re-     |
| 5. breathe hope in-to their songs. | For all who can-not    |
| 6. O fill their cup with hope.     | And let us reach in    |



1. ones who lean in-to your care, with heal-ing now a-bide.
2. ones who lean on them to learn, pre-pare them in your time.
3. ones, may ev-ery heart be found and in your mer-cy, held.
4. ceive, O help us un-der-stand our debt of grat-i-tude.
5. see the ev-i-dence of you, Lord, whis-per to their hearts.
6. faith, re-mind-ing those who weep that they are not a-lone.

# RECESSIONAL

## The Glory of These Forty Days

ERHALT UNS, HERR



1. The glo-ry of these for-ty days We cel-e-
2. A-lone and fast-ing Mo-ses saw The lov-ing
3. So Dan-iel trained his mys-tic sight, De-liv-ered
4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con-sumed in
5. O Fa-ther, Son, and Spir-it blest, To you be



1. brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
2. God who gave the law; And to E-li-jah,
3. from the li-ons' might; And John, the Bride-groom's
4. fast and pray'r with you; Our spir-its strength-en
5. ev-'ry pray'r ad-dressed; Who are in three-fold



1. things were made, Him-self has fast-ed and has prayed.
2. fast-ing, came The steeds and char-i-ots of flame.
3. friend, be-came The her-ald of Mes-si-ah's name.
4. with your grace, And give us joy to see your face.
5. Name a-dored, From age to age the on-ly Lord.



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