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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 30, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**



*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."  
(Joshua 5:12)*

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

**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 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

**Mon, Mar 31**

8:00 am

**Tue, Apr 1**

8:00 am

**Wed, Apr 2**

8:00 am

**Thu, Apr 3**

8:00 am

**Fri, Apr 4**

8:00 am

**Sat, Apr 5**

4:30 pm **Richard McShera** req by his daughter Kellie

**Sun, Apr 6 5th Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**30 SUN** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,  
6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**31 MON** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/  
Jn 4:43-54

**1 TUE** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**2 WED** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**3 THU** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**4 FRI** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**5 SAT** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Calendar Raffle

Donations of gift cards to restaurants, stores, gas stations, etc or cash donations to cover the cash prizes are due by tomorrow March 31st. We will be putting together the June calendar raffle to mail with April newsletter. The April newsletter will go out late so we can do one mailing to save money on postage.

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</b>	<b>3/22-3/23</b>	<b>\$1,558.00</b>
Online Giving		540.00
Catholic Relief Services		5.00
Church in Latin America		10.00
Candles		63.29
Easter Flowers		359.00
Fuel & Heating		15.00
Insurance Settlement		171.72
Maintenance		81.00
Mass Offerings		45.00
Parish Event – KOC Breakfast		307.00
Snow Removal		7.00
Unrestricted Donation		75.00

*Thank you for your continued, generous support.*

*We appreciate your support of the church*

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY -2025

Our Lady of Lourdes is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$47,500. 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. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). 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! Thank you!

### Finance Committee

Looking for a couple of volunteers to be part of our Finance Committee. We meet quarterly to review the financials and discuss ways to increase income and decrease expenses. If you have a background in business/accounting or just want to be involved and would like to meet with us quarterly for about one hour, please reach out to Fr. Brian or Cheryl at the rectory.

### April Newsletter

The April newsletter will be going out about a week late this month so we can insert the June calendar raffle and save on postage.

**Next weekend is the Collection for Catholic Relief Services.**

### 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. 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 \$60 for adults 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).

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## CYCLE A



### GATHERING HYMN

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days, For  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, And  
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So  
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And  
5. A - bid with us that when this life Of



1. us did fast and pray, Teach us with you to  
2. did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in  
3. teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and  
4. through your Pas - sion - tide, For - ev - er - more, in  
5. suf - fer - ing is past, An Eas - ter of un -



1. mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.  
2. you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.  
3. al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.  
4. life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.  
5. end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

### 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

## 1 SAMUEL 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 23

Sarah Hart



## SECOND READING

## EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Christ the Savior  
Dan Schutte



## GOSPEL

## JOHN 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they

said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

## 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."*

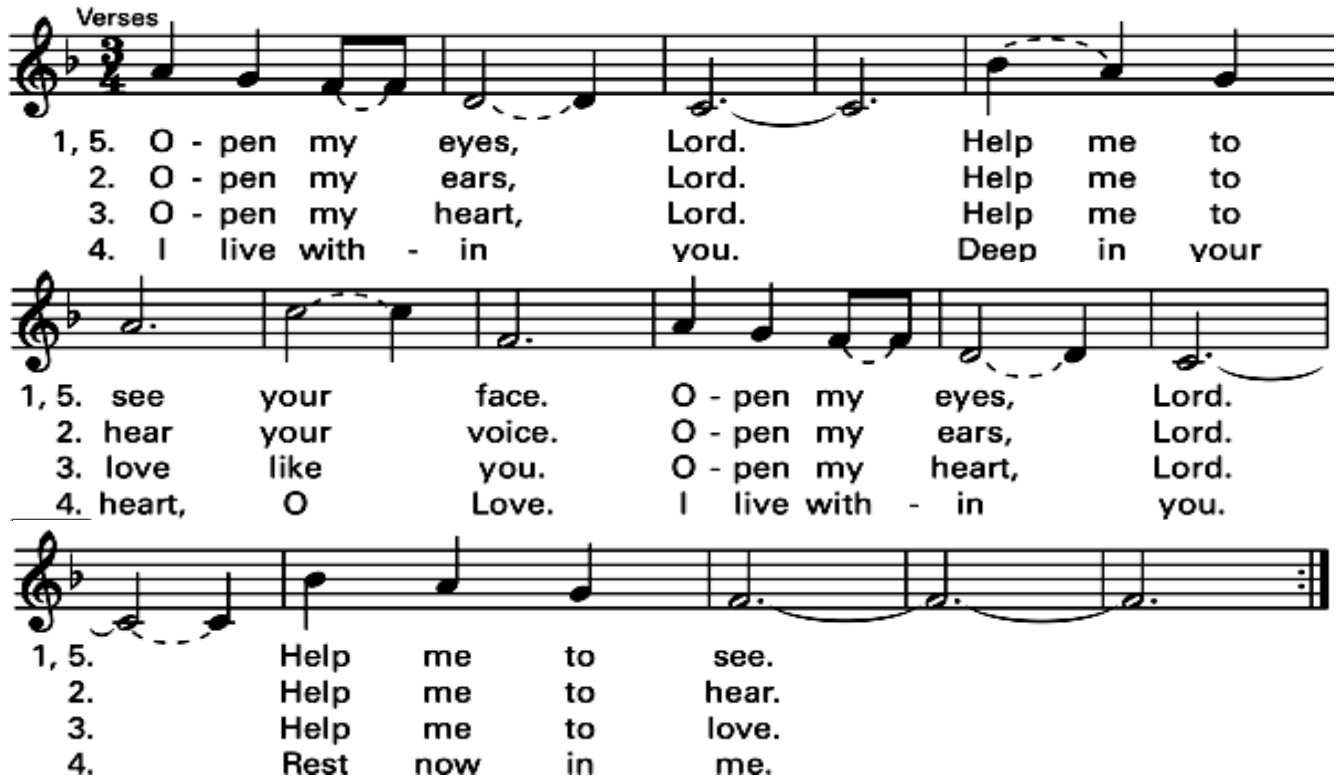
## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

### *Open My Eyes*

Jesse Manibusan

Verses



1, 5. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to  
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to  
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to  
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your

1, 5. see your face. O - pen my eyes, Lord.  
2. hear your voice. O - pen my ears, Lord.  
3. love like you. O - pen my heart, Lord.  
4. heart, O Love. I live with - in you.

1, 5. Help me to see.  
2. Help me to hear.  
3. Help me to love.  
4. Rest now in me.

### 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

## You Are the Light

Sarah Hart



1. You are the light that stands a - lone in depth of night and eye of
2. You are the word that's writ - ten deep with - in the hearts of all who
3. O you are God who spoke the dawn; the sav - ior son who came in



1. storm. Where shad - ows fall, you en - ter in; ig - nite with
2. long for end - less days be - yond the skies, for peace on
3. flesh to be a lamp for wan - d'ring hearts, to steal our



1. hope what dark has dimmed. And though our eyes may fail to
2. earth, a king - dom come. We sing the name that heals our
3. dark - ness by your death. And as you rose, you gave us



1. see, it is the heart that's giv - en sight through night and
2. souls, and share the way, the truth, the life. For hearts that
3. peace, your Spir - it - gift to kind - ly lead. Sweet mys - ter -

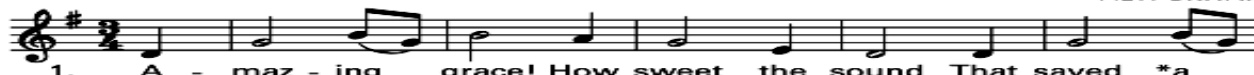


1. storm, to trust in you. Up - on our path you are the light.
2. long, both lost and found, we speak the word: you are the light.
3. y, how true you guide. We look to you; you are the light.

# RECESSIONAL

## Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved \*a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like mel I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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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