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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."

April 6, 2025  
5th Sunday of Lent



*"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."*

(PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

**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, Apr 5**

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

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

10:00 am

**Mon, Apr 7**

8:00 am

**Tue, Apr 8**

8:00 am

**Wed, Apr 9**

8:00 am **Jack Whiterell** - "good health" from a friend

**Thu, Apr 10**

8:00 am **Ann Parent** req by daughter and son-in-law

**Fri, Apr 11**

8:00 am **Marie E. Nichols** req by John, Robert & Elaine Gerardi

**Sat, Apr 12**

4:30 pm **Maria Amendola** req by the D'Andrea family

**Sun, Apr 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

10:00 am

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**6 SUN** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/  
Jn 8:1-11

*Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**7 MON** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

**8 TUE** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

**9 WED** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Jn 8:31-42

**10 THU** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**11 FRI** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**12 SAT** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Newsletter/June Calendar Raffle

The June Calendar raffle will be sent out with the April newsletter. You should receive it by the end of the week. If you have not received it, you may not be on our mailing list so please reach out and let us know. There will also be copies of the Calendar raffle on the table at the entrance.

### 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).

### Finance Committee

We are 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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### WEEKLY OFFERING

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>3/29-3/30</b>	<b>\$2,380.91</b>
Online Giving		250.00
Church in Latin America		10.00
Candles		44.06
Easter Flowers		80.00
Fuel & Heating		31.55
Maintenance		90.00
Parish Income-Breakfast-KOC		284.00
Snow Removal		10.00
<i>Thank you for your continued, generous support.</i>		

### Men's Cursillo Weekend in May

Upcoming Men's Weekend this May: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." It's time. Time to learn more about your Faith. Time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Runs **Thursday evening, May 15 through Sunday, May 18**, Go to [www.fourthday.org](http://www.fourthday.org) and download an application today. If you have any questions call Pam Hamilton 774-239-8909 or Joan Laracy 774-239-2474. You will be so very glad you did!

## 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. 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!

### Rosary Makers Needed

Mary's rosary ministry meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at St. Brigid's CPO (rectory) office at 5:00 PM. We teach corded rosary making and supply materials to make rosaries. We supply rosaries to churches in the Worcester diocese and also to Holy Cross Family Ministries in North Easton, MA for worldwide distribution. The ministry is non-profit with support of donations. Rosaries are freely given in response to Our Lady of Fatima request to promote the rosary throughout the world.

### Feminine Genius Brunch with the Sisters of Life

is to be held Saturday, April 12 at 9:30am at Our Lady of Mercy - Maronite Catholic Church, 341 June St, Worcester. Please register by April 6th via the link: <http://www.cedaroflebanonfcc.com/fgb>

### Lenten Meditation at Blessed Sacrament Church

Please join us on April 13th at 3:00pm (doors open at 2:30pm) at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St, Worcester featuring Canticum Novum Ensemble, Travis Benoit (conductor/ artistic director) and Elizabeth Noone (organ/piano) for the choral works of James McMillan, Paul Jernberg, Palestrina and more! Free admission but good will offerings are appreciated.

### Old Palms....

**there is a basket at the entrance of the church if you would like to discard of your old palms.**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## CYCLE A



### GATHERING HYMN

*O God, Our Help In Ages Past*

ST. ANNE



1. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;
5. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,



1. Our Shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home.
2. From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
3. Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
4. We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - p'ning day.
5. Be thou our Guard while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal Home.

### PENITENTIAL RITE



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.

### CONFITEOR



# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

**EZEKIEL 37:12-14**

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PSALM 130**

Scott Soper



## SECOND READING

**ROMANS 8:8-11**

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Christ the Savior*  
Dan Schutte



## GOSPEL

**JOHN 11:1-45**

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and

Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

## 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.*”**

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# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

## *From the Depths We Cry To Thee*

HEINLEIN



1. From the depths we cry to thee, God of sov'-reign maj-es-ty!  
2. Gra-cious God, our hearts re-new; Strength-en us thy will to do.  
3. Lord, ac-cept our Len-ten fast And for-give our sin-ful past,



1. Hear our prayers and hymns of praise; Bless our Lent of for - ty days.
2. Wash us, make us pure with - in; Cleanse us from the stain of sin.
3. That we may par - take with thee In the Eas - ter mys - ter - y.

# 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

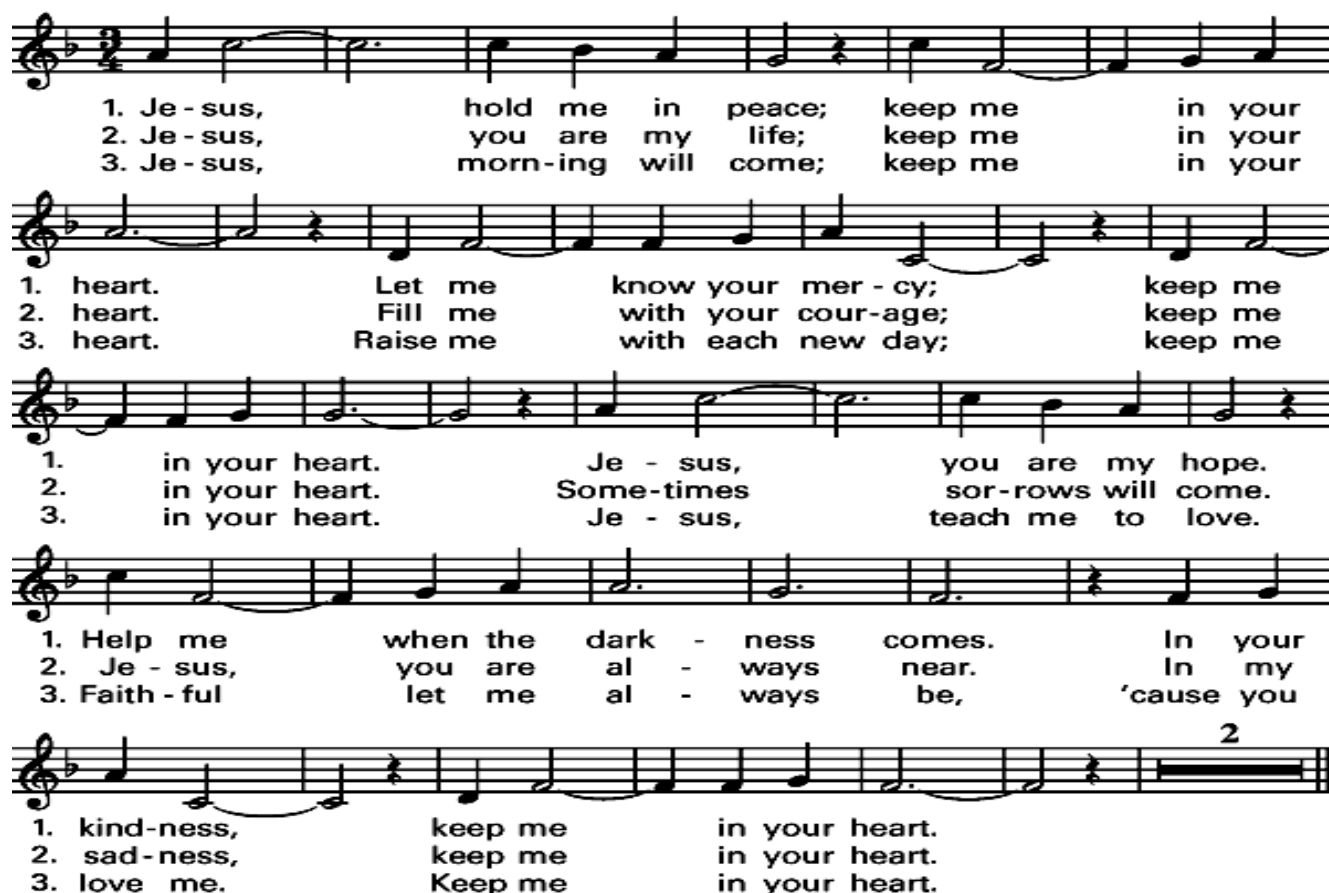
## LAMB OF GOD

## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

## COMMUNION

## Keep Me In Your Heart

Janet Sullivan Whitaker



1. Je - sus, hold me in peace; keep me in your  
 2. Je - sus, you are my life; keep me in your  
 3. Je - sus, morn-ing will come; keep me in your

1. heart. Let me know your mer - cy; keep me  
 2. heart. Fill me with your cour-age; keep me  
 3. heart. Raise me with each new day; keep me

1. in your heart. Je - sus, you are my hope.  
 2. in your heart. Some-times sor-rows will come.  
 3. in your heart. Je - sus, teach me to love.

1. Help me when the dark - ness comes. In your  
 2. Je - sus, you are al - ways near. In my  
 3. Faith - ful let me al - ways be, 'cause you

1. kind-ness, keep me in your heart.  
 2. sad-ness, keep me in your heart.  
 3. love me. Keep me in your heart.

## RECESSIONAL

## Glory In The Cross

Dan Schutte



1. Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ, our sal -  
 2. Let us bring our bur-dens to the cross of Christ who has  
 3. Let us raise our voic-es to the cross of Christ where the

1. va - tion and our hope. Let us bow in hom-age to the  
 2. known our sor-row and tears. In the great com-pas-sion of the  
 3. earth and heav-en u - nite. God has wed cre - a - tion on the

1. Lord of Life, who was bro - ken to make us whole. There is  
 2. heart of Christ, God has walked in our hopes and fears. He was  
 3. tree of hope where the dark-ness be-comes our light. Let us

1. no great-er love, as bless-ed as this: to lay down one's  
 2. mocked and be-trayed, de - sert-ed by friends, and ban - ished to  
 3. join in the dance of heav-en and earth, give thanks for the

1. life for a friend.  
 2. die a - mong thieves. } Let us ev - er glo - ry in the  
 3. good - ness of God.

1-3. cross of Christ and the tri-umph of God's great love.



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