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Daily: Mon - Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 10 AM
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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 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

Mass Intentions & Calendar



"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

(ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

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.

Sat, Apr 19 Holy Saturday-Vigil

8:00 am Holy Week Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti and Rosalba

Puca req by the D'Andrea family

Robert Luikey req by the family

Sun, Apr 20 Easter Sunday

10:00 am

Mon, Apr 21

8:00 am

Tue, Apr 22

8:00 am Ann Parent 25th anniv req by her daughter and son-in-law

Wed, Apr 23

8:00 am

Thu, Apr 24

8:00 am

Fri, Apr 25

8:00 am

Sat, Apr 26

4:30 pm Richard Walsh birthday remembrance req by the family

Sun, Apr 27 Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

10:00 am Robert Roach req by Denise & Bill Perron

SCRIPTURE READINGS

20 SUN Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

21 MON Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Mt 28:8-15

22 TUE Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18

23 WED Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

24 THU Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

25 FRI Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/ Jn 21:1-14

26 SAT Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/ Mk 16:9-15

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

June Calendar Raffle/April Newsletter

The April newsletter with calendar raffle was mailed on April 7 and April 8. If you have not received, please call the rectory so we can figure out why. You have the months of April and May to sell the June Calendar Raffles for \$10 each. Please return bottom slip and money to Our Lady of Lourdes by May 31st.

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.

Paschal Candle

Our beautiful Paschal Candle this Easter was donated in memory of Robert Luikey by his family. Thank you so much for your donation.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY -2025

Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. As of April 2, 25 of our 269 parish families have responded. However, we need the support of all members of Our Lady of Lourdes if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$47,500. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope today or visit www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

WEEKLY OFFERING

**Due to Holy Week and Easter Sunday,
the bulletin had to be submitted on 4/11.**

**The offertory for 4/12-4/13 will be
in next week's bulletin**

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



My dear friends in Christ,

Only a week has passed since Palm Sunday when we heard these words proclaimed from the Gospel of Luke: "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."

Imagine what it was like for the disciples who watched as Jesus suffered and died on the cross. Had they abandoned all hope as they watched the Messiah's ignominious death on the cross?

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul writes "[Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him." As baptized Catholics our faith has taught us that the crucifixion is not the end of the story. Jesus rising from the dead on that Easter morning was the source of hope for the disciples— and is still our source of hope today.

When Pope Francis announced a Jubilee Year of Hope for 2025, he reminded us that "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross . . . Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love."

This Easter Season I invite you to reflect on the fact that we can only be saved by God's love as revealed in the death and resurrection of his Son. We cannot save ourselves. Human history has demonstrated time and again that all the riches and power in the world will not raise someone from the dead to eternal life. Yet this is the promise of salvation which Christ won for us.

What will bring you happiness in life? If it is to be loved unconditionally despite all your faults and failings, then look to the Risen Christ today. If you are seeking a "hope that does not disappoint," then accept the invitation from Pope Francis to be a pilgrim seeking true hope in the love of God which is so bountiful that he invites us to spend eternity with him.

Our Holy Father reminds us that "hope, together with faith and charity, make up the . . . theological virtues that express the heart of the Christian life." May the hope found in the promise of eternal life bolster each of us to bear witness to Christian love, so that our faith may be joyful and our charity to others may be enthusiastic.

With prayerful best wishes for a joyous Easter and a life filled with hope, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, STD
Bishop of Worcester

HOLY WEEK

EASTER SUNDAY

CYCLE C



GATHERING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

LLANFAIR

1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day.
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. All on earth with an - gels say.
2. Where, O death, is now thy sting?
3. Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
4. Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed head; } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
2. Once he died our souls to save,
3. Death in vain for - bids him rise,
4. Made like him, like him we rise, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Sing ye heav'n's and earth re - ply,
2. Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
3. Christ has o - pen'd par - a - dise,
4. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. } Al - le - lu - ia!

GLORIA

Mass of Christ the Savior

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord, God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us:

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10: 34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118

Michael Joncas



SECOND READING

FIRST CORINTHIANS 5:6B-8

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

SEQUENCE

Christ is Arisen

Randall DelBruyn

Verses

1. To the Pas-chal Vic-tim Give thank-ful praise!
2. Ma-ry, speak, con-fess-ing What you have seen.
3. Chris-tians, sing his glo-ry With ev-'ry breath;

1. Christ, ev-er sin-less, his sheep now he saves.
2. "Christ's tomb lies emp-ty where once he had been;
3. Sing of his king-dom, vic-to-rious o'er death!

1. Death and life con-tend-ed In dread-ful strife;
2. An-gels bright, con-firm-ing; Shroud laid a-side;
3. Je-sus, grant us mer-cy: New life from heav'n!

1. Death did not hold _ him, im-mor-tal his life.
2. He goes to Gal-i-lee, he lives though he died."
3. Christ ev-er reigns! _ Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, his tri-umph we sing!

Christ is a-ris-en, the Vic-tor, the King!

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

HOMILY

BLESSING OF THE EASTER WATER & RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Presider: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

-Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

The Baptized: I do.

-Do you 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?

The Baptized: I do.

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

The Baptized: Amen

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

The Response is: *"Risen Lord hear us."*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Roll Away the Stone

Tom Conry

Verses: Cantor

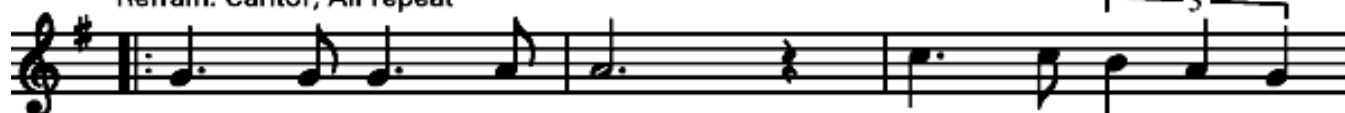


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| 1. They have been say-ing | all our plans are emp-ty. |
| 2. They have been say-ing | no one will re-mem-ber. |
| 3. They have been say-ing | no one hears the sing-ing. |
| 4. They have been say-ing | "All of us are dy-ing." |



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| 1. They have been say-ing | "Where is their God now?" |
| 2. They have been say-ing | pow-er rules the world. |
| 3. They have been say-ing | all our strength is gone. |
| 4. They have been say-ing | "All of us are dead." |

Refrain: Cantor, All repeat



Roll a-way the stone, see the glo-ry of



God. Roll a-way the stone.

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

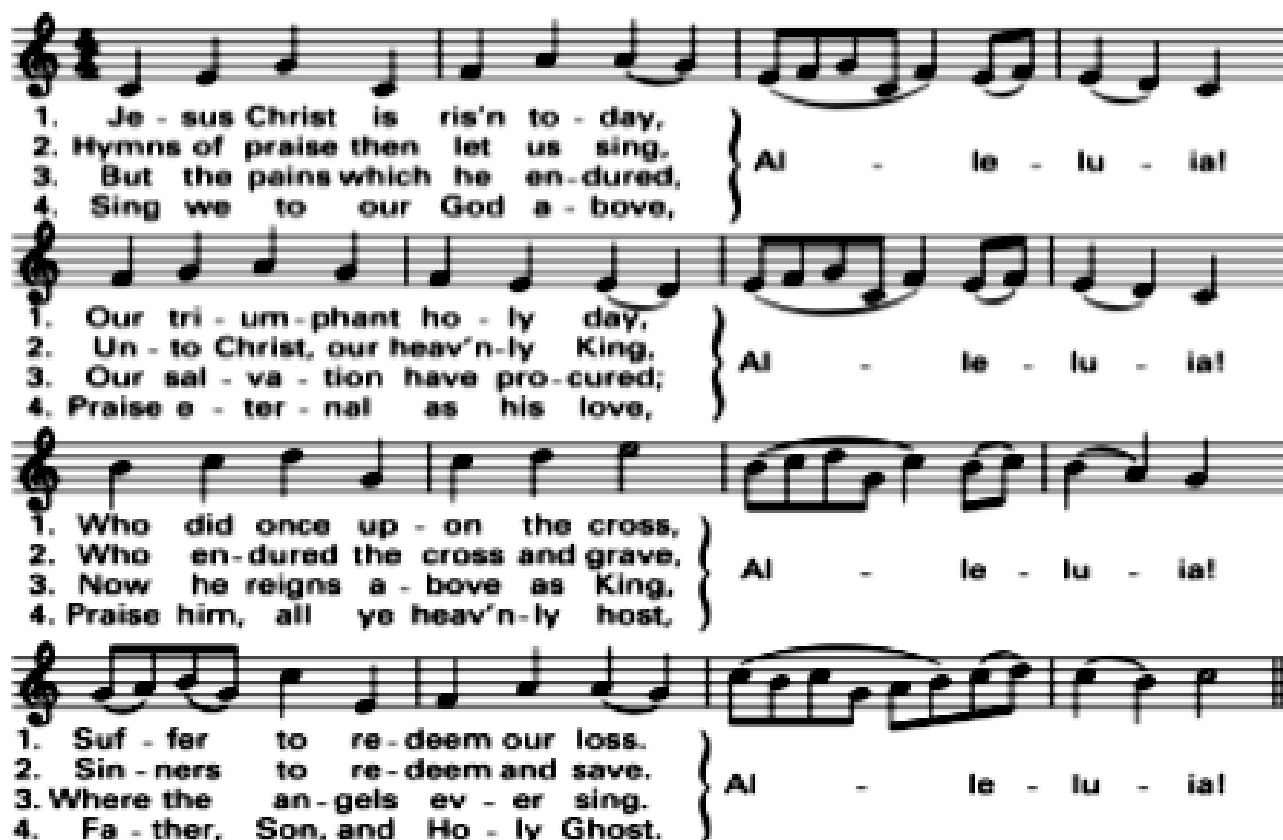
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MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

RECESSIONAL

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
3. But the pains which he en-dured,
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
2. Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King,
3. Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
4. Praise e - ter - nal as his love, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Who did once up - on the cross,
2. Who en - dured the cross and grave,
3. Now he reigns a - bove as King,
4. Praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, } Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
2. Sin - ners to re - deem and save.
3. Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. } Al - le - lu - ia!

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