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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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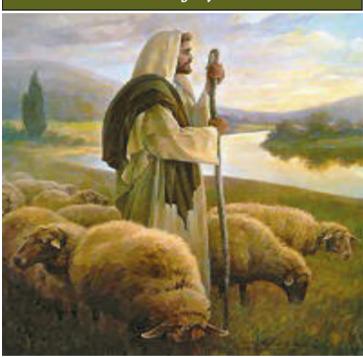
John Riley
Music Ministry

#### 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."

## May 11, 2025 4th Sunday of Easter



"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

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.

#### Mass Intentions & Calendar

#### Sat, May 10

4:30 pm Robert Joseph 11 yr anniv, Richard Joseph 9 yr anniv, Nash & Adele Joseph reg by the family

Sun, May 11 4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

10:00 am **Lionel Demers** 5th anniv req by the family **Ann Parent** req by daughter and son-in-law

Mon, May 12

8:00 am

Tue, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 am Mary Jo Castrale "for good health" from a friend Wed, May 14

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

Thu, May 15

8:00 am

Fri, May 16

8:00 am

Sat, May 17 Armed Forces Day

4:30 pm

Sun, May 18 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am **Edmund Markevicius** 1yr anniv req by the family **Rita Langone** 25th anniv req by the family

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**11 <u>SUN</u>** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9,14b-17/ Jn 10:27-30

**12 MON** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

**13 TUE** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

**14 WED** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 5:9-17

**15 THU** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13:16-20

**16 FRI** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

**17 SAT** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14





#### June Calendar Raffle

Sell, Sell....We have the month of May left to sell as many June Calendar raffles as possible.

There are extra copies on the table at the entrance of the church. Please return bottom slip and money to Our Lady of Lourdes by May 31st. Checks can be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes. Someone will be selling tickets after the masses at the front of the church.

#### **MEATBALL MADNESS**

We will be having a "Meatball Madness" dinner on Saturday, June 21, after the 4:30pm mass. The sit down dinner will consist of macaroni, meatballs and salad. Pastries are welcome. If you would like to help make meatballs, please join us at 10 am that morning. Tickets go on sale this weekend after mass and are \$15/pp. This will be our only event until our annual church picnic in September.

#### **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.

#### **Church Windows**

If you open any windows in the church, please make sure you also close them before you leave. Some windows were opened and left open and it has been cooler at night so the temperature on the inside of the church has also gotten too cold.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING		
S	Sunday Offertory 5/3-5/4	\$2,786.00
C	Online Giving	185.00
C	Candles	170.00
F	uel & Heating	280.00
C	Good Friday/Holy Land	2.00
N	<i>Maintenance</i>	363.00
N	Mass Offerings	90.00
A	Apartment Renovation Donation	5,500.00
R	Rental Income	250.00
R	Room & Board	1,000.00
S	now Removal	70.00
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Thank you for your continued, generous support.

We appreciate your support of the church

#### **PARTNERS IN CHARITY - 2025**

As of May 6th, 43 of our 269 parish families have responded with donations totaling \$19,085 putting us at 40% of our goal. 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!

# <u>Let your US Senators and Reps know we need our priests and nuns!</u>

We need your help. An increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries and leave the country for a lengthy period of time under the terms of their Religious Worker Visa if policymakers do not act soon. Please check the link and send a message to your representative: <a href="https://www.votervoice.net/mobile/USCCB/home">www.votervoice.net/mobile/USCCB/home</a> (NOTE: This affects all religions and has bipartisan support. Spread the word and ask people you know to act as well!)

#### **Avoid Being Scammed!**

You will **never** receive an email or text from our parish, our pastor, or anyone associate with us looking to "reach out to you personally" for gift cards or cash other than the official programs we administer for our charitable giving programs. DO NOT RESPOND TO EMAIL OR TEXT REQUESTS. Either delete them or call the parish office to check. Hint: if you look at the actual email address it often looks "close" but it is not the actual parish email address!

#### **Baby Bottles for Visitation House**

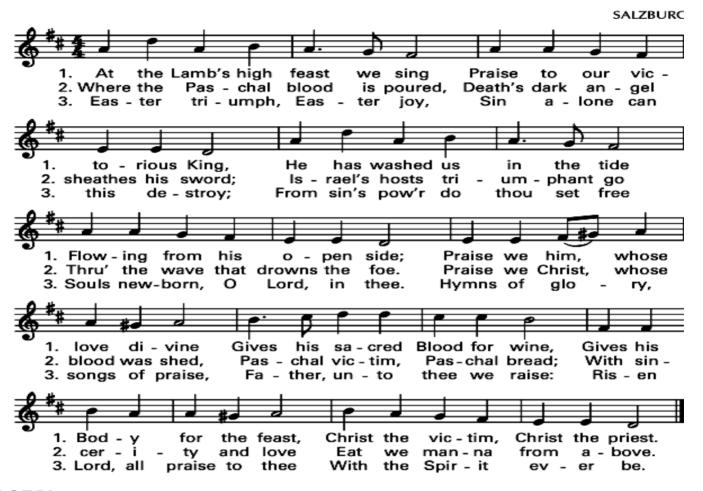
It's a Boy! It's a Girl! These two signs are hung on the front porch of the Visitation House. These signs tell the world our belief in the sacredness of life has real world meaning. These signs also provide each of us with an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to the sacredness of life. Once again Our Lady Of Lourdes will continue to support the VISITATION HOUSE with our Annual Baby Bottle Drive. Its starts this weekend MOTHERS DAY and ends on Fathers Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Bottles are located at the entrance of the church. Thank you in advance for your support.

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE C



#### **GATHERING HYMN**

#### At the Lamb's High Feast



#### **GLORIA**

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 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 100



#### SECOND READING

#### **REVELATION 7:9, 14B-17**

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL JOHN10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

#### **HOMILY**

#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

The Response is: "Risen Lord hear us."

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

## Because The Lord Is My Shepherd



#### HOLY, HOLY

#### MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

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

## Like A Shepherd



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**Go to**: <u>ololma.org</u> & click on *Online Giving* for easy and secure instructions to set up your personal and confidential account. or make an appointment with Fr. Brian or Cheryl at the rectory for help to set up your account. **-By doing this**: you can take the chore of filling your contribution envelopes unnecessary and take the guesswork out of how you support your parish.

**-By doing this**: you help your parish maintain a consistent budget, especially when you are away from the parish and reduce the expense of sending envelope packages each month.

#### PROTECTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you want to share feelings of hurt or betrayal, call Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, Office of Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 508-726-2880 - direct, confidential line



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