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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



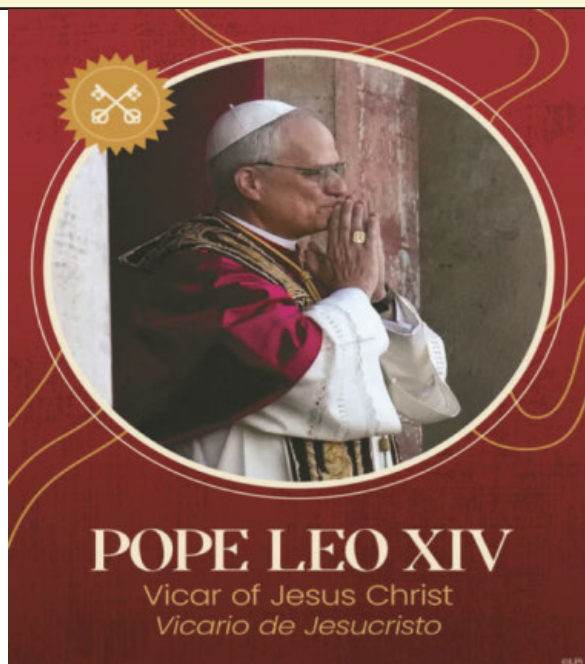
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### Mission Statement:

"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."

May 18, 2025  
5th Sunday of Easter

### Mass Intentions & Calendar



#### Sat, May 17 Armed Forces Day

4:30 pm Loretta Lemelin 12 yr anniv req by the family

#### 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

#### Mon, May 19

8:00 am

#### Tue, May 20

8:00 am

#### Wed, May 21

8:00 am

#### Thu, May 22

8:00 am

#### Fri, May 23

8:00 am

#### Sat, May 24

4:30 pm Feola Family, Antoinetta Rossetti and Rosalba  
Puca req by the D'Andrea family

#### Sun, May 25 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Robert Roach req by Denise & Bill Perron  
Jolanta Braskiene (6th anniv) & Regina Vanagiene  
Glodas (5th anniv) req by friends

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

18 **SUN** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/  
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

19 **MON** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

20 **TUE** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

21 **WED** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

22 **THU** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

23 **FRI** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

24 **SAT** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another.  
As I have loved you,  
so you also should love one another."  
(John 13:34)*

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part - Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like 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.

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT**

### **June Calendar Raffle**

Sell, 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](mailto:nmarrier@gmail.com).

### **Food Pantry**

Since the food pantry was filling up and some of the items were nearing expiration, we donated all the food to the Pernet House. Now we are starting fresh again. Thank you to all who have donated food.

## **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

<b>Sunday Offertory 5/10-5/11</b>	<b>\$2,619.71</b>
Online Giving	565.00
Catholic Home Missions	20.00
Fuel & Heating	587.00
Ascension	10.00
Maintenance	103.00
Mass Offerings	85.00
Apartment Renovation Donation	3,000.00
Rental Income	300.00

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

## **PARTNERS IN CHARITY - 2025**

As of May 8th, 46 of our 269 parish families have responded with donations totaling \$28,685 putting us at 60% 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. We have just over \$18,000 left to donate to reach that goal. 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](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!

### **Let your US Senators and Reps know we need our priests and nuns!**

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: [www.votervoice.net/mobile/USCCB/home](http://www.votervoice.net/mobile/USCCB/home) **Learn more about the issue and what you can do by visiting [worcesterdiocese.org/religious-visa](http://worcesterdiocese.org/religious-visa) including an interview with one of our local pastors and his experience.** (NOTE: This affects all religions and has bi-partisan support. Spread the word and ask people you know to act as well!)

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

Two major tenets of our Faith are the sacredness of life and the dignity of the human person. Visitation House and Our Lady Of Lourdes have consistently supported those two tenets through the annual Bottle Drive. We are encouraged to participate in this event to the degree that the Lord's blessing allows. Every day drop in your spare change and bills or make out a check payable to Visitation House. If you haven't already done so, Baby Bottles may be found in the front entrance of the church. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CYCLE C



## GATHERING HYMN

*Jesus Is Risen*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. Je - sus is ris-en! Let us sing! Praise to the ev - er - liv - ing  
 2. On this most ho - ly day of days, Let us to - geth - er sing his  
 3. To God the Fa - ther let us sing, To God the Son, our ris - en

1. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him in song, ye Ser - a -  
 2. praise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Raise joy - ful voic - es to the  
 3. King! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And e - qual - ly let us a -

1. phim! Praise him with joy, ye Cher - u - bim! }  
 2. sky! Sing out, ye heav - ens, in re - ply: } Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 3. dore The Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more! }

1-3. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## 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

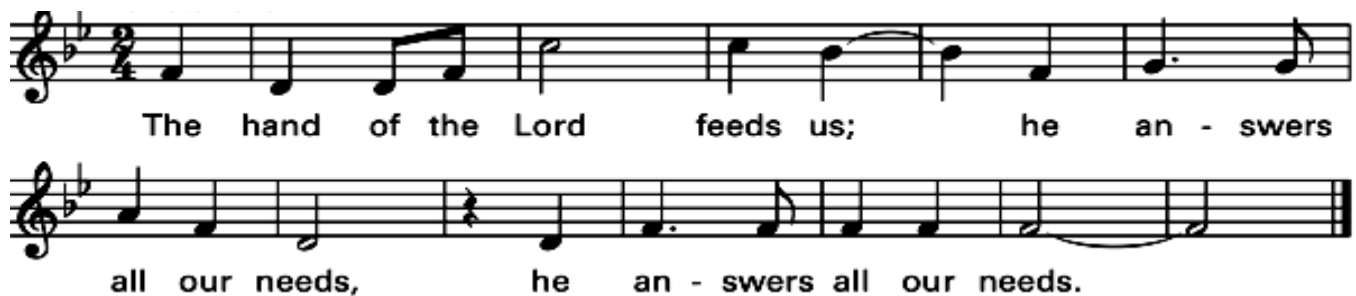
## FIRST READING

## ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 145



## SECOND READING

## REVELATION 21:1-5A

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Christ the Savior  
Dan Schutte*



## GOSPEL

## JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## 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

### *Vine & Branches*

Trevor Thomson

**Refrain**



I am the vine and you the branch-es. Re-main in



me as I re-main in you; you will bear great fruit in me.

**Verses**



1. A new com-mand - ment I give you: e - ven  
2. No great - er love is there than this: than to  
3. I am the liv - ing bread from heav - en; if you  
4. All those who eat my flesh and drink my blood re -  
5. The words that I have spo - ken are  
6. And now as I have washed your feet, so



1. as I have loved you, now love one an - oth - er.  
2. lay down your life, your life for your friends.  
3. eat this bread, you will live for - ev - er.  
4. main in me and I re-main in them.  
5. spir - it and life, they are spir - it and life.  
6. you must do just as I have done.

to Refrain

## 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

## *Behold The Lamb*

Martin Willett

### Verses



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

### Refrain



1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

## RECESSIONAL

## Celtic Alleluia, Sending Forth

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

**Refrain**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Verses**



1. Now with the strength of your Word, send us to  
2. Fed with the Bread of new life, filled with the  
3. Now make us stead - fast in faith, joy - ful in  
\*1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. Out of the  
2. Christ is the first-fruits from death, fill - ing the

1. be your dis - ci - ples, to bring all the world  
2. wine of com - pas - sion, send us out to serve  
3. hope of Christ's com - ing, and by u - ni - ty  
1. tomb he is ris - en; he has con - quered death,  
2. church with his glo - ry! Dark - ness van - ish - es

**to Refrain**



1. to the joy \_\_\_\_\_ of your king - dom. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. all the world \_\_\_\_\_ in your name. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. let your love \_\_\_\_\_ fill our lives. \_\_\_\_\_  
1. o - pened heav - en to all be - liev - ers. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. in the light \_\_\_\_\_ of his pow - er. \_\_\_\_\_

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