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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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Pastor  
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Religious Ed

### *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."

August 17, 2025  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."*

LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

**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, Aug 16**

4:30 pm Mr & Mrs John Gerardi Sr req by Elaine, Robert & John  
Helen & John Horan remembrance req by their son

**Sun, Aug 17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am In memory of Juana Garcia-Bautista req by Martha

**Mon, Aug 18**

8:00 am

**Tue, Aug 19**

8:00 am

**Wed, Aug 20**

8:00 am

**Thu, Aug 21**

8:00 am

**Fri, Aug 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am

**Sat, Aug 23**

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

**Sun, Aug 24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 am Ed & Peg Santon, Claire & Bob Parker, Millie & John  
Hanlon, Rita & Ed Hanlon req by the family

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**17 SUN** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/  
Lk 12:49-53

**18 MON** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/  
Mt 19:16-22

**19 TUE** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

**20 WED** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**21 THU** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

**22 FRI** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a,  
9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

**23 SAT** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2,3,4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

### Religious Education Registration

Registration starts today, August 17, after the 10am mass in the church hall. You can also print off the registration form from our website and also pay through online giving. Religious Ed starts on September 21st.

For more information, contact Judy Verdini at [jverdini26@gmail.com](mailto:jverdini26@gmail.com).

### Senior Luncheon Returns

We are returning the Senior Luncheon starting on Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30am in the church hall. A light lunch will be served for \$5pp and there will be entertainment.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Outdoor Mass & BBQ**

**Sunday, September 14, 11 am Mass  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage  
Assorted Salads**

**Pastries  
\$15/pp**

**Tickets go on sale in August**

**NEEDED -**

**RAFFLE BASKETS  
PASTRIES, SALADS**



### Cats Meow of Our Lady of Lourdes

If you would like to purchase a new Our Lady of Lourdes Cats Meow, there are order forms to fill out and be returned by September 19 in order to receive for Christmas. (great Christmas gift idea!)

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There has been some interest in establishing a time when people can come and adore the Blessed Sacrament (the Eucharist) exposed on the Altar. If this is something you are interested in please contact Zach Pavini at 508-667-8960 and leave a voicemail or [zeilert@worchester.edu](mailto:zeilert@worchester.edu).

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### WEEKLY OFFERING

**Due to Cheryl's vacation, the bulletin was submitted a week early so the offertory for 8/9-8/10 will be in next week's bulletin.**

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

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY - 2025

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 until the end of August to contribute to this years goal. Please consider even donating a small amount. You can make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! Thank you!

### Are you interested in the catholic faith??

If you know of someone who has not been baptized or received Communion or Confirmation and is over the age of 7 years old, Our Lady of Lourdes invites **candidates and catechumens to participate in the OCIA program (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** which is a **continuous process of spiritual formation. Rites are received in our church as you take part in the ongoing journey of discipleship** that will culminate with baptism and confirmation — usually during the Easter Vigil — but will continue throughout their lives.

### Fall Mini-Retreat for Women

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women with Kitty Cleveland on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury. Kitty is a singer/songwriter, inspirational speaker, and artist from New Orleans. Kitty leads hundreds of people in praying the rosary each weekday morning at 5:45 a.m. (CT). Visit [www.kittycleveland.com](http://www.kittycleveland.com). For more information, please email [worchestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:worchestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com).

### Middle Eastern Picnic in Worcester

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Melkite Catholic Church in holding a Middle Eastern Picnic on **Sunday, Sept. 7 from Noon - 6:00 pm.** featuring a wide variety of middle eastern food, along with entertainment for all ages and raffles. Located at 2656 Hamilton St., Worcester.

### 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

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# CYCLE C

## GATHERING HYMN

## *Let Us Go To The Altar*

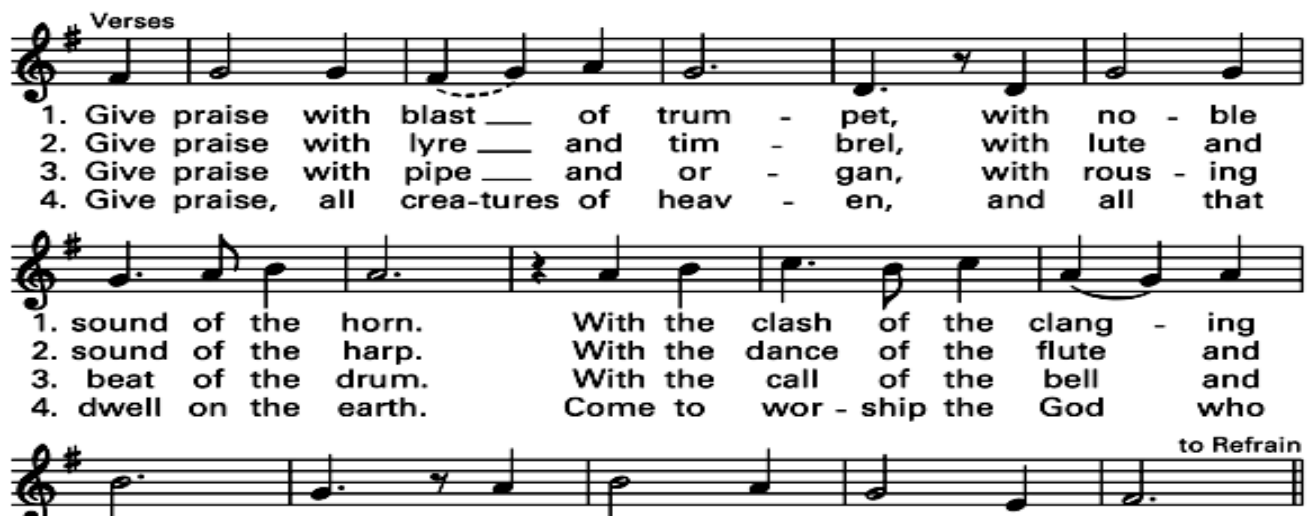
Dan Schutte

**Refrain**



Let us go to the al - tar of God, the God of our  
glad - ness and joy! Let us en - ter the courts of the  
house of the Lord and sing to the glo - ry of God.

**Verses**



1. Give praise with blast — of trum - pet, with no - ble  
2. Give praise with lyre — and tim - brel, with lute and  
3. Give praise with pipe — and or - gan, with rous - ing  
4. Give praise, all crea - tures of heav - en, and all that

1. sound of the horn. With the clash of the clang - ing  
2. sound of the harp. With the dance of the flute and  
3. beat of the drum. With the call of the bell and  
4. dwell on the earth. Come to wor - ship the God who

**to Refrain**

1. cym - bal, give glo - ry to the Lord!  
2. o - boe, give glo - ry to the Lord!  
3. bag - pipe, give glo - ry to the Lord!  
4. made us, and dance be - fore the Lord!

## 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

## JEREMIAH 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 40

Rory Cooney



## SECOND READING

## HEBREWS 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Christ the Savior*  
Dan Schutte



## GOSPEL

## LUKE 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."



## 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: *“Lord hear us.”*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*This Day God Gives Me*

BUNESSAN



1. This day God gives me Strength of high heav - en, Sun and moon
2. This day God sends me Strength as my guard - ian, Might to up -
3. God's way is my way, God's shield is 'round me, God's host de -
4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and Strong One, King of cre -



1. shin - ing, Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of light - ning, Wind in its
2. hold me, Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are watch - ful, Your ears are
3. fends me, Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of heav - en, Drive from me
4. a - tion, Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con - fess - ing Three - ness of



1. swift - ness, Depths of the o - cean, Firm - ness of earth.
2. lis - t'ning, Your lips are speak - ing, Friend at my side.
3. al - ways All that would harm me, Stand by me still.
4. Per - sons, One - ness of God - head, Trin - i - ty blest.

## 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

When we eat this bread  
And drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, O Lord,  
Until you come again.

## GREAT AMEN

## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

## OUR FATHER

## SIGN OF PEACE

## LAMB OF GOD


## MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR

## COMMUNION

## *One Bread, One Body*


John Foley, S.J

### Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,  
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though  
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

### Verses



one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew,	ser-vant or
2. Man - y the gifts,	man - y the
3. Grain for the fields,	scat-tered and

to Refrain

1. free,	wom-an or man,	no more.
2. works,	one in the Lord	of all.
3. grown,	gath-ered to one,	for all.

## RECESSIONAL

## *All the Ends of the Earth*

Bob Dufford, SJ

**Refrain**



All the ends of the earth, all you crea-tures of the sea, lift up your  
eyes to the won - ders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the  
mas-ter of the sea, has come with jus-tice for the world.

**Verse 1**



1. Break in - to song at the deeds of the Lord,  
1. the won - ders God has done in ev - 'ry age.

**Verse 2**



2. Heav - en and earth shall re - joice in his might;  
2. ev - 'ry heart ev - 'ry na - tion call him Lord.

**Verse 3**



3. The Lord has made sal - va - tion known, faith-ful to the prom-  
3. - is - es of old. Let the ends of the earth, let the  
3. sea and all it holds make mu-sic be - fore our King!

**ONLINE GIVING:** We would like to thank the 15 to 20 families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. **If you would like to give online but feel funny about not putting anything in the offertory basket, just mark on your envelope that you give online.** Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact Fr. Brian or Cheryl at the rectory or go online at [ololma.org](http://ololma.org) to sign up for online giving.