Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Liturgical Celebrations

Lord's Day Masses
Saturday at 5PM
Sunday at 8AM, 10:30AM and 6PM

Daily Mass at 8AM on Mon., Tues., & Wed.

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Every Saturday at 4PM and by appointment anytime.

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Mass Intentions

SAT., DEC. 18TH
5:00PM *Carol and Jeffrey Gelinas*
Madeline Dauphin, Month's Mind

SUN., DEC. 19TH ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***
8:00AM
10:30AM *Gerard Wilkins, 1st Anniversary*
Ernest Caponi
12:30PM *Baptism: Asher Marck Adescar*
6:00PM *Paul St. Cyr*
Sativa Transue

MON., DEC. 20TH
8:00AM *Lawrence Whelan, 13th Anniversary*

TUES., DEC. 21ST ***Saint Peter Canisius***
8:00AM *David Thornton*
Helen and Edward Reddish

WED., DEC. 22ND
8:00AM *Ron DePatie*
Mary O'Malley

FRI., DEC. 24TH ***Christmas Eve***
4:00PM *For the Intentions of our Parish Family*
6:30PM *For the Intentions of our Parish Family*
10:30PM *For the Intentions of our Parish Family*

SAT., DEC. 25TH ***The Nativity of the Lord***
10:00AM *For the Intentions of our Parish Family*

SUN., DEC. 26TH ***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***
8:00AM
10:30AM *Claire Cloutier, Bday Remembrance*
Louise Dion, 19th Anniversary

Please note: There will be no 6PM Mass.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family or marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, no matter what your own self-image: You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Our Lady of the Lake. If you are new to our parish, please contact the Parish Office to register as a new member of our parish family.

Dear Friends,

Today we hear of the event known as the "Visitation" that took place between Mary and Elizabeth. The name of that place is called Ein Karem, translated as the "Spring of the Vineyard." It is an ancient village southwest of Jerusalem. It is truly in the hill country, the very high hill country! What an appropriate name for the place where Mary and Elizabeth meet. The spring, or source of water for the vineyard, can be seen in John the Baptist, and of course, Jesus is the true vine grower.

The area is also very dry, dusty, and the roads are not too forgiving for modern transportation. I couldn't help but wonder about our Blessed Mother, traveling on foot, more than likely with some people that she would have known, but still alone. What did Joachim and Ann think of this dangerous journey their daughter was undertaking? What about the villagers in Nazareth who were casting aspersions on her character?

When Mary assented to God's plan for her, "Be it done to me according to your word." she became supremely confident that her trust in God would not be in vain. Elizabeth affirmed that in her greeting, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." In fact, that confidence served her well every day of her life.

She is the preeminent example to all who call her "Mother" of what it means to put the world aside and focus on the Kingdom in our midst. During this final week of Advent, may our focus imitate Mary's, who will always lead us to her Son.

Peace,

Fr. Michael

Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

Friday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00PM Mass
6:30PM Mass
10:30PM Mass
No Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25th, Christmas Day
10:00AM Mass
(Please note: There will be no 5PM Mass.)

Registration is required for all masses.
Please go to this link:
https://ourladylake.flocknote.com/signup/75603

or call Laura in the parish office,
or email lpetkewich@ourladylake.org
to register today!

Donations are *always* welcome to replenish our food pantry and may be left in the totes at the front entrance to the church.

THIS WEEK, WE ARE RUNNING LOW ON CEREAL, MAC & CHEESE, TUNA AND SOUPS, PLEASE AND THANK YOU for your continued support!

*Your generosity has helped many people! This week, **26 bags of food** were distributed! Thank you!*

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE 2022

*We are running our **February Calendar Raffle** again this year, and as you know here at OLL, dollars equal service. For every dollar we receive either through our weekly collection or annual fundraisers, it enables us to provide many of our wonderful services.*

*Please help to make this February Calendar Raffle a huge success again this year by participating in the raffle. A letter describing the raffle and raffle chances will be mailed soon. **In the meantime, there are calendars with chances at the entrances of the church for stocking stuffers!** You may mail or drop off your chances and donation to the Parish Office, or place your envelope in the offertory basket. If you require additional calendars or chances, please stop by the Parish Office. Donation cost is $10 per chance or 4 chances for $30. Good Luck to all!*

We will begin to prepare the church for Christmas after the 8AM Mass on Wed., December 22nd. We need a lot of helping hands for about 45 minutes to get everything out of the attic. We also need people who are willing to help decorate the Church. Please let us know if you are able to help.

Religious Education

December Class Schedule

Sunday 19th – 26th No Class *Grades K-Confirmation Blessed Christmas & New Years!*

Grades 1-5 Presentation of the Nativity
Sunday's Class Friday December 24th 4:00 pm Mass

Many Thanks to all who participated in the Gingerbread Auction!
$850.00 was raised to help fill the shelves of our food pantry!!!

January Class Schedule

Sunday 2nd, 16th & 30th 8:45 to 10:15 am *Beginnings*
Sunday 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th 9:00 to 10:15 am *Grades K-5*
Monday 3rd,10th , 24th, & 31st 6:45 to 8:00 pm *Grades 6-8*
Tuesday 4th, 11th, 25th 4:15 to 5:30 pm *Grades 1-8*
Sunday 2nd & 23rd 4:45 to 7:00 pm *High School I (9th) and HS II (10th)*
Sunday 9th & 30th 4:45 to 7:00 pm *Confirmation Immediate Prep*

January Special Events

First Grade Mass ***Sunday, January 2nd 10:30 am Mass***

First Grade Students ***are invited to gather around our Family Table to help celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord.*** *Epiphany, also known as Three King's Day,* ***celebrating Jesus the light of the world, Every Nation on earth shall worship the Lord.*** *The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.* ***Join us afterwards for a Pancake Breakfast, hosted by BSA Troop #12***

Middle School Youth Group ***Friday January 7th 6:30 to 9:00 pm***
"Cook off" Who can get their ingredients closest to the recipe - Invite a friend or make a new one!

First Eucharist Parent Meeting ***Wednesday Jan 12th 6:30 to 7:30 pm***

Please plan on attending this mandatory meeting for all parents whose children are starting preparation for First Eucharist. We gather as family to discuss the gifts of the Sacrament, the role of the parents in the preparation, the schedule of events leading up to the First Eucharist Liturgy and to answer any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you all there, and to share this special time of preparation with you!

First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment ***Sunday Jan 23rd 10:30 Mass Students and Parents***
who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist this coming May, join us for this Mass. Enrolling into the process of preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist, allowing our faith community to witness and pray for the children, their Families and Catechists as they prepare to join us around the Table of the Lord. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to invite their Godparents to be involved in the process by inviting them to attend the Rite of Enrollment. There will be a reception of breakfast treats and beverages in Saint Joseph's Hall.

Confirmation Rite of Enrollment ***Sunday January 9th 6:00 pm***

Kingdom Assignment Begins for Grades 6-8 ***Monday Jan 24th 6:45 & Jan 25th 4:15***
Parents are encouraged to join us as we commission all our Middle School students Kingdom Assignment is a program of service and leadership that has impacted hundreds of our junior high students and their communities.

CATHOLIC YOUTH IN ACTION ***Team Meeting Sunday January 30th 3:15 pm in the Church Hall***

Thank you for your Parish Support!

Information will be posted here next week due to early bulletin printing deadline.

During this holiday season, any gift cards to Market Basket, Hannaford, Walmart, Target, or Gas Cards will be used to help those in need thru our Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Safe Environment Notice

Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children and young people approved by the US Bishops and Diocese of Worcester policies.

Contact ***Victim Services*** *at a direct and confidential telephone line at* ***508-929-4363.***

Italy Anyone? Fr. Michael and Fr. Peter Joyce of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Milford will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on April 19-28, 2022. More information can be found at the entrances of the church or the parish office.

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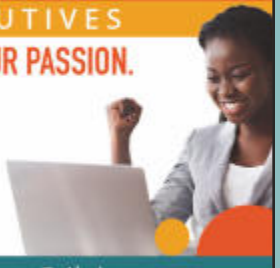
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