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MASSES
Daily Mo, Tu, Thu, Fri : 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:30PM LIVE,
Sunday 10AM LIVE and ZOOM
PENANCE Saturdays 2:30-3:30 PM



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"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."

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord



"... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

(MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Daily Rosary

Praying of the Rosary will continue after the daily mass in the church on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and on Sundays after the 10am mass, both Live and Via Zoom. If you need the Zoom information, please contact the rectory.

Mass Intentions and Calendar

- Sat, Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
8:00 am
4:30 pm **Grace H. Adams, 1870-1947, req by Fran McAvey**
- Sun, Jan 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord
10:00 am LIVE/Zoom **Stasys Marcinkevicius 19th anniv req by her daughter Dana**
- Mon, Jan 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:00 am
- Tue, Jan 4
8:00 am
- Thu, Jan 6
8:00 am
9:30—11:00 Knitting Group Meets in Church Hall
- Fri, Jan 7
8:00 am
- Sat, Jan 8
4:30 pm **Members of the Penkala & Duval Families req by Regina Duval**
- Sun, Jan 9 - The Baptism of the Lord
10:00 am LIVE/Zoom **Maryte Braskiene req by the Savickas Family**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- 2 SUN** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- 3 MON** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- 4 TUE** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- 5 WED** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- 6 THU** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- 7 FRI** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- 8 SAT** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3:22-30

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Knitting Group

Starting in January, the group will now meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month (January 6th & 20th) in the morning from 9:30-11:00am. There will no longer be an evening gathering. Any questions, please contact Tina at 508-865-5833 or tmsmt1@hotmail.com

“Confirmation Café”

Our Confirmation Café will continue every Sunday after the 10am mass. Please join us for coffee, pastries and conversation!



Monthly Events

The next events will be in February.....

- The blessing of the new Our Lady of Lourdes statue donated by a member, and
 - Mardi Gras event before Lent begins.
- Stay tuned for more information!

The extra collection this weekend is for the Catholic University of America.

Catholic University is committed to excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the university provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. The university prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today by way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 12/18-12/19	\$2,094.00
Online Giving	340.00
Christmas Offering	127.00
Christmas Flowers	409.00
All Saints/All Souls	50.00
Immaculate Conception	10.00
Maintenance	212.00
Mass Offerings	10.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	45.00
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00
Utilities & Energy	15.00

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock...”

It's time. Time to learn more about your Faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. A **Women's Weekend February 3-6**; and a **Men's Weekend March 17-20**. Visit www.fourthday.org and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!

Snow Day Policy Reminder


The policy for the daily morning mass being cancelled is that if **Worcester Public Schools is closed or delayed**, there will be **NO morning mass**.

GATHERING HYMN

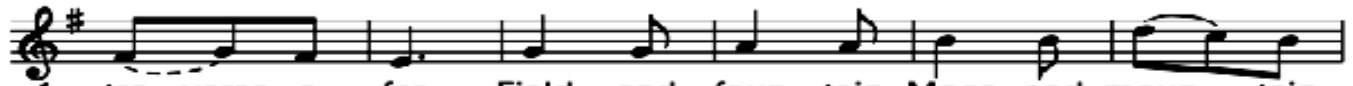
We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses




1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
 5. Glo - rious now, be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
 2. crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
 3. De - i - ty nigh; Pray'r and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
 4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
 5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"

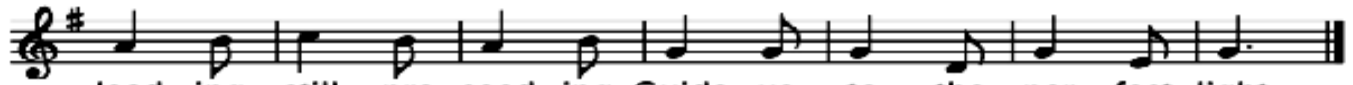
Refrain



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
 2. O - ver us all to reign.
 3. Wor - ship him God on high.
 4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect light.

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

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 72



SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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 Please respond:

“May your light shine upon us.”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX



1. As with glad-ness	men of old	Did the guid-ing
2. As with joy-ful	steps they sped	To that low-ly
3. As they of-fered	gifts most rare	At that man-ger
4. Ho-ly Je-sus,	ev-'ry day	Keep us in the
5. In the heav'n-ly	coun-try bright	Need they no cre-



1. star be-hold,	As with joy they	hailed its light,
2. man-ger-bed,	There to bend the	knee be-fore
3. rude and bare;	So may we with	ho-ly joy,
4. nar-row way;	And, when earth-ly	things are past,
5. at-ed light;	Thou, its light, its	joy, its crown,



1. Lead-ing on-ward,	beam-ing bright,	So, most gra-cious
2. Him whom heav'n and	earth a-dore;	So may we with
3. Pure and free from	sin's al-loy,	All our cost-liest
4. Bring our ran-somed	souls at last	Where they need no
5. Thou its sun which	goes not down;	There for ev-er



1. Lord, may we	Ev-er-more be	led to thee.
2. will-ing feet	Ev-er seek the	mer-cy-seat.
3. trea-sures bring,	Christ! to thee, our	heav'n-ly King.
4. star to guide,	Where no clouds thy	glo-ry hide.
5. may we sing	Al-le-lu-las	to our King.

HOLY, HOLY

HERITAGE MASS

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

HERITAGE MASS

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again

GREAT AMEN

HERITAGE MASS

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

HERITAGE MASS

COMMUNION

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,
6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light,
3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,
4. And there it did both stop and stay,
5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence,
6. Who with the Fa - ther we a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Refrain

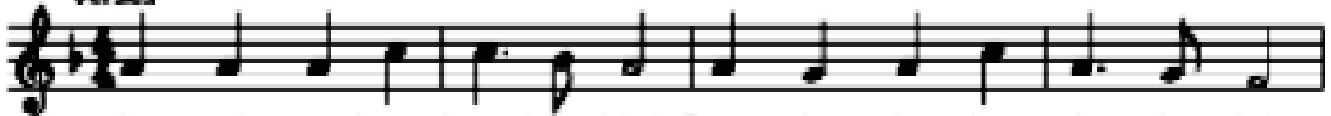


No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

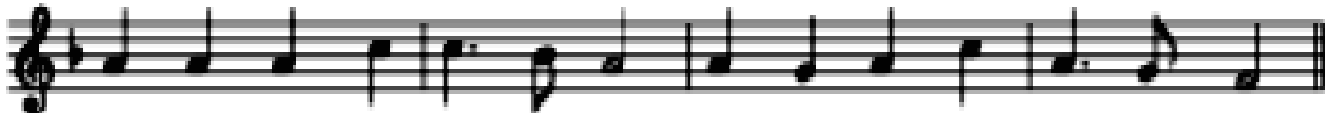


Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Verses



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



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