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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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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."

January 9, 2022
Baptism of the Lord



"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'"
(LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

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 8

4:30 pm **Members of the Penkala & Duval Families** req by Regina Duval

Chelse McShera 29th anniv req by Kellie O'Connell

Sun, Jan 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom **Maryte Braskiene** req by the Savickas family

Mon, Jan 10

8:00 am

Tue, Jan 11

8:00 am

Thu, Jan 13

8:00 am

Fri, Jan 14

8:00 am

Sat, Jan 15

4:30 pm **Mary Mattero-Marengo and James Mattero** 3rd anniv req by the family

Sun, Jan 16 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am LIVE/Zoom

SCRIPTURE READINGS

9 SUN Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/
Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

10 MON 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

11 TUE 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

12 WED 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39

13 THU 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

14 FRI 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

15 SAT 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

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!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Offertory 12/25-12/26	\$2,183.00
Online Giving	230.00
Catholic Univ. of America	2.00
Christmas Offertory	1,260.00
Christmas Flowers	255.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Immaculate Conception	15.00
Maintenance	15.00
Parish Assistance	1,525.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	55.00
Sunday Offertory 1/1-1/2	\$2,740.00
Online Giving	770.00
Christmas Offertory	50.00
Christmas Flowers	10.00
Maintenance	95.00
Catholic Univ. of America	193.00
Solemnity of Mary	384.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00

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

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist – a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power – a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ – and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament – he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Contribution Statements

If you are in need of a contribution statement, please call 508-757-0789 Ext 10 Monday, Tuesday or Friday and leave a message or email the rectory at ladyoflourdes1290@gmail.com. If you donate through online giving, you are able to print out your own statement.

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

When Jesus Comes To Be Baptized

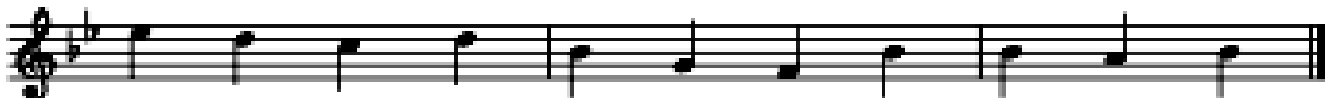
WINCHESTER NEW



1. When Je - sus comes to be bap - tized, He
 2. The Spir - it of the Lord comes down, A -
 3. He will not quench the dy - ing flame, And
 4. O Spir - it help us be like Christ: To
 5. We praise you, God, source of all life, We



1. leaves the hid - den years be - hind, The years of safe - ty
 2.oints the Christ to suf - fer - ing, To preach the word, to
 3. what is bruised he will not break, But heal the wound in -
 4. live in love and char - i - ty, To walk in truth and
 5. praise you, Christ, e - ter - nal Word, We praise you, Spir - it,



1. and of peace, To bear the sins of hu - man - kind.
 2. free the bound, And to the mourn - er, com - fort bring.
 3. jus - tice dealt, And out of death his tri - umph make.
 4. jus - tice now, And grow in Chris - tian dig - ni - ty.
 5. gra - cious gift; Your tri - une pres - ence fills our world.

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 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 104



SECOND READING

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

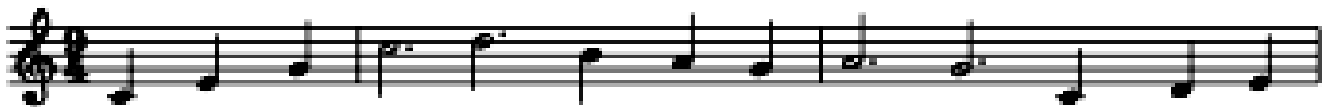
Please respond: *“May your light shine upon us.”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Baptized in Water

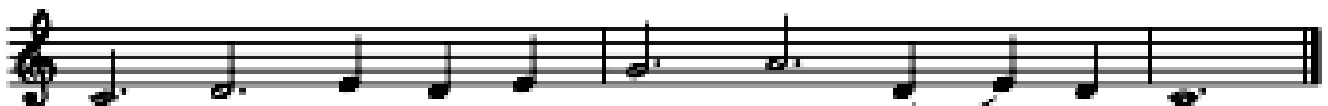
BUNESSAN



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his
2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



1. prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

HOLY, HOLY

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.

HERITAGE MASS

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

HERITAGE MASS

GREAT AMEN

HERITAGE MASS

OUR FATHER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

HERITAGE MASS

COMMUNION

Come To The Water

John Foley, S.J.



1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the




1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth - ing,
3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,
4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,



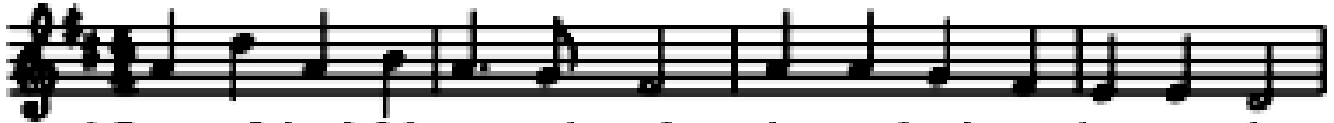
1. let them come to the Lord: with - out
2. let them come to the Lord: with - out
3. let them come to the Lord: all who
4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the



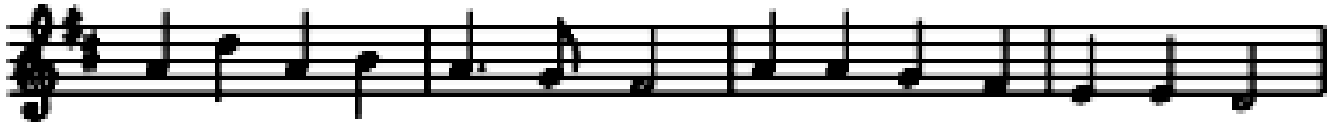
1. mon - ey, with - out price. Why should you pay the
2. mon - ey, with - out strife. Why should you spend your
3. la - bor, with - out rest. How can your soul find
4. chil - dren with - out might. Ess - y the load and



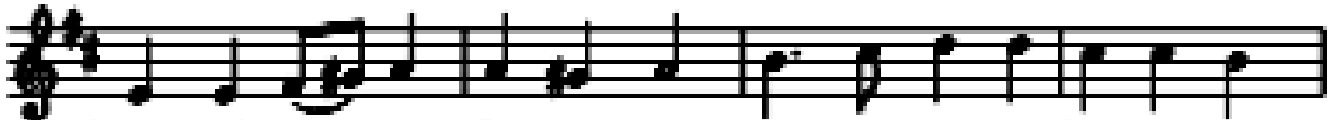
1. price, ex - cept for the Lord?
2. life, ex - cept for the Lord?
3. rest, ex - cept for the Lord?
4. light: y come to the Lord.



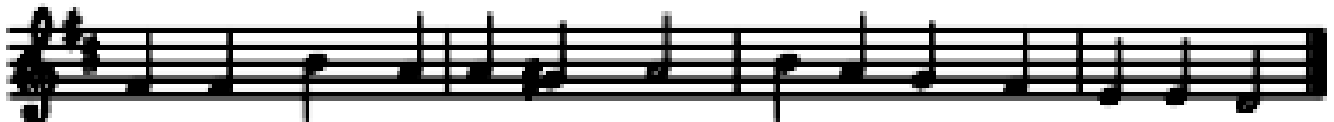
1. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
2. Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mir-rored in thy ho - ly Word;



1. Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sag - es from a - far;
2. And at Ca-na, wed-ding guest, In thy God-head man - i - fest;
3. May we im - i - tate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;



1. Branch of roy - al Da-vid's stem In thy birth at Beth-le-hem;
2. Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
3. That we like to thee may be At thy great E - pi-pha-my;



1. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed,
 2. Prais-es be to thee ad-dressed,
 3. And may praise thee, ev - er - blessed,
- } God in flesh made man-i - fest.



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