

PARISH FAMILY OF OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Monday through Thursday

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Liturgical Celebrations

Lord's Day Masses:
Saturday: 5PM

Sunday: 8AM, 9:45AM, 11:45AM, & 5PM

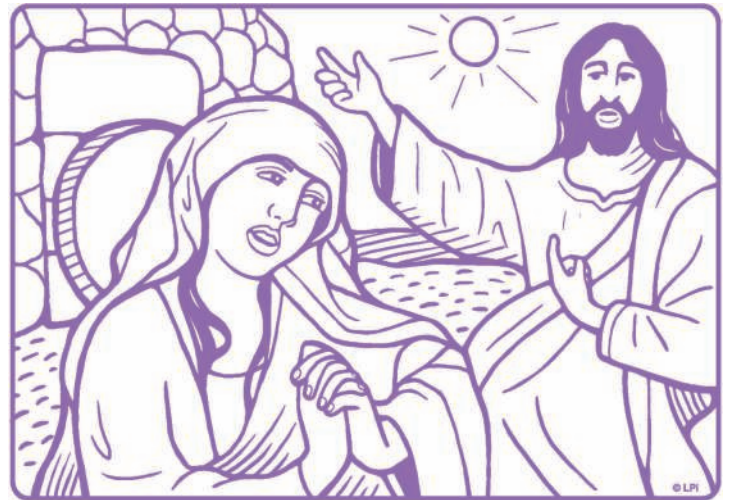
Daily Mass: 8AM (M, T, W, F)

Communion Service: 8AM (Thursday)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Every Saturday at 4PM and by appointment anytime.

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 Dioceses of Worcester policies. Contact Victim Services at a direct and confidential telephone line at **508-929-4363**. Lisa Sciacca is the Safety Environment Coordinator at our parish.




Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

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.



Mass Intentions



APRIL 1ST—APRIL 9TH

1ST SATURDAY
5:00 PM Rocky Ciociolo, 3rd Anniversary
 Sister Jeannette Boudreau, PBVM

2ND SUNDAY *Fifth Sunday of Lent*
8:00 AM Germaine O'Brien, 1st Anniversary
 Eleanor Cleary, Birthday Remembrance
9:45 AM Mona Fiore, Birthday Remembrance
 David Savadyga, 9th Anniversary
11:45 AM Sam Costa
 Sister Dolores Lavoie, SSA
5:00 PM Rose Letarte, Month's Mind
 Anne Chartrand, 41st Anniversary

3RD MONDAY
8:00 AM Ronald Merkel, Month's Mind
 Sister Mary Irene, PBVM

4TH TUESDAY
8:00 AM Father Francis Craven
 Louise McAllister

5TH WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM William Close, 1st Anniversary
 Ruth Coady, 17th Anniversary

6TH THURSDAY
8:00 AM Communion Service

7TH FRIDAY
8:00 AM Raymond and Catherine Ethier
 Norman Loiselle

8TH SATURDAY
5:00 PM Nico Mazzaferro
 Martha Doherty, 6th Anniversary

9TH SUNDAY *Palm Sunday*
8:00 AM Raymond Duval, 3rd Anniversary
 Joseph Fantozzi
9:45 AM Lee DiNapoli
 Frances "Frankie" Nugent
11:45 AM Richard Sparks, 8th Anniversary
 Sam Costa
5:00 PM Marko DiSessa, 5th Anniversary



Please remember in your prayers:

*Parishioner Carol Kilcoyne
and Norman Loiselle*

May they rest in peace and may their families find comfort from their faith in Jesus Christ.



In September of 2016, **Mother Teresa** was canonized a saint. In her lifetime, she had a profound effect on the lives of so many, especially the "poorest of the poor." Her influence continues today! During the season of Lent, she has been reminding us that we too can have an effect, on the lives of others by "doing small things with great love." Saint Teresa often reminded her Sisters that it is not the amount of things we do, but the love with which we do them.

This year's **Annual Partners in Charity Appeal** turns to **Saint Teresa of Kolkata**, seeking her intercession for a successful campaign. Last year, 276 gifts from the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake generated \$64,181. which helped to achieve the diocesan goal of \$5 million. Imagine how much more service could be given if we could generate an additional 100 or even better 200 donors!!! Our parish goal this year is \$65,000. I am sure we can reach this goal. To do so, we need everyone's help.

If you contributed last year, thank you! Please consider renewing your gift now by using the envelop you received from the Diocese in the mail, or using the one you received on your way into Church today, or by going online www.Partners-Charity.net/donate. Your act of generosity helps us to care for our retired priests, reach out to families in crisis, turn childhood despair into hope, foster the development of young people, open doors to Christ through vocations, and protect and defend those whose lives are most vulnerable.

Please consider increasing your gift by making a pledge. Three weeks ago, I sent my annual contribution of \$1200.00 to the Partners in Charity Appeal. After reading the literature for this year's campaign on line and assessing the needs of our diocesan agencies that serve so many, I decided to make an additional sacrificial gift. After sending in my initial gift, I went online and decided to pledge \$50. a month for ten months. By pledging, I was able to make a substantial increase to my annual gift. Just think about it, perhaps you can afford to give \$10. today but by pledging \$10. for 10 months, your gift becomes a contribution of \$100!

Please remember that every gift, however small or large, is needed and deeply appreciated. As Saint Teresa reminds us it is the love with which we give that really matters. If you cannot make a financial contribution at this time, pray for the success of the campaign and pray for those who are helped by its success, some of whom are members of our parish family. Please help us reach our parish goal of \$65,000. this year. THANK YOU one and all!



**Next Sunday is Palm
Sunday
Holy Week Begins**

Lent concludes with Holy Week when, like the early Christians, we prepare for Easter by an intense recollection of the final events of Jesus' life: his triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Passion or Palm Sunday), his Last Supper (Holy Thursday), his crucifixion and death (Good Friday) and the discovery of his empty tomb and the experience of his resurrection (Easter).

Holy Week begins with the Palm Sunday commemoration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem that climaxed with a great public demonstration of acclaim. In a prophetic sign, mocking the triumphant victory procession of a military messiah on horseback, the humble messiah Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while people joyfully strewed palm branches on his path.

The main Gospel for Palm Sunday is the account of the passion and death of Jesus. This year it is from the Gospel of Matthew 26:14-27: 66.

This juxtaposition of joyful palm waving and the stark reality of Jesus' crucifixion sets the tone for the roller coaster of emotions that the drama of Holy Week evokes in us. As we wave palms and recall the triumph of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, and then hear the Gospel stories and confront the tragedy of his passion and death, we are invited to enter more deeply into our own connection to Jesus and God's salvation struggle of good over evil, of life over death.

Make April 9th-16th a truly Holy Week. Plan now, clear your calendar to make more time for prayer, quiet and reflection. Let's be together and really celebrate the Sacred Triduum well this year: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil each evening at 7:30PM on April 13th, 14th, and 15th. Please come and join us!

Palms from last year can be left outside of the Parish Office. They will be burned for next year's ashes. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Christian Service Scholarships

Once again this year, through the generosity of parish tithing, the Stewardship committee is pleased to announce the availability of Christian Service Scholarships for the young people in our parish who have demonstrated significant voluntary service to our parish family and their community. These one-time scholarships are intended to be used to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Applications, with a cover sheet explaining eligibility, are available in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy. **Deadline for submission is April 20th.** Scholarships will be awarded at the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 21st at 9:45AM.

Retreat Grade 6 Retreat will take place on **Friday, April 7th from 6:00-8:30PM!** All Grade 6 students are asked to take part in this amazing journey from the Garden of Eden through the desert with the Israelites into the powerful days of Holy Week! You won't want to miss this amazing faith experience!

Practice for the Living Stations of the Cross will be held this **Tuesday, April 4th at 6:45PM** in the Church!



Coffee Shop Help Needed! Everyone agrees that our Coffee Shop is a wonderful Sunday Morning community builder! After many years of dedicated service, **Tina Hebert** will be stepping aside as coordinator of our **Coffee Shop Ministry** at the end of May. Starting in September (after the bazaar) we will be in need of a person or persons who would be willing to set up the schedule and coordinate the volunteers, gained through the Religious Ed Program, and another person to pick up the donuts at the Leominster Dunkin Donuts and deliver them by 8-8:15AM each Sunday from mid September - end of May. We supply the cash payment. This is a perfect service opportunity for someone who routinely goes to the 8AM Mass! Please call Lisa at 342-2978, x109 if you can help. Thanks!



**Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
Collection**

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses this weekend to support the works of CRS. A gift to this annual appeal is one you can truly feel good about. CRS makes your concern for others count.

The CRS Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.



Our Adult Faith Formation Series finishes up this Wed. at 7PM. **Mass** will celebrated at **5:30PM** and **soup and bread** will be available from **6-7PM**.



**Father Carlos' Pills of Faith
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

"See how he loved him." Jesus so loved Lazarus that he wept and prayed to his Father asking to manifest his glory and give life to his beloved friend. Four weeks of Lent have passed in which Jesus has given us life, through his forgiveness, his living waters, his light his Transfiguration. This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that like him, we are called to give life to others who are probably "dead", people who feel in darkness, dying away from God without happiness or peace. Jesus loved his Friend, he prayed for him and rescued him out of death. Now is the time to look with love at our brother and sister around us; time to look with compassion at our own families and friends, but also those we do not know who are in need and suffering. Jesus shows us how to give life to others, through simple acts of great love and compassion. Just a hug, a smile, a prayer, a text or call; just a "It is ok" can take the feeling of deadness out of our friends. Oh, Jesus my friend! You have given me life, help us to give life to others out of goodness and love.



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 3rd at 7:00PM** in the parish family center. All are welcome, and please bring your bible. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. For more info please call **Lorraine Mendoza 978-582-4020** or **Nancy Maciel 603-892-0763**.



The next meeting of the **Women's Guild** will be held on **Wed., April 5th at 1PM**. Please plan to attend and meet our new members, our long-time members, and join in the fun. There will be plenty of socialization and great food! We look forward to seeing you there!

Communion Cups and Plates

We would like to purchase new communion cups and plates. If you would like to donate a cup or plate in memory of someone, please call the parish office. Names can be engraved on the cup or plate.

Ellen McCann and her family recently donated a silver chalice to the parish. It belonged to her uncle, Msgr. Mark P. Sullivan. He was a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, and for many years he served as Chaplain for the women and men of our country serving in the armed forces. We are honored to have his chalice. It is being used at all the Masses this weekend. Thank you Ellen.



Your generosity has helped many people! During the week of **March 26th**, **26 bags** of food were distributed.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent 7:00 PM

**Good Friday, April 14th,
Living Stations, 3 PM**

CONFESSIONS

**Fridays of Lent 7-8PM and
Saturdays 4-4:45PM**



Holy Thursday, April 13th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 AM

Good Friday, April 14th

Silent Cross Walk 2.5 miles at 11:45 AM
Living Stations of the Cross 3 PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30PM

Easter Sunday, April 16th

Masses 8AM, 9:45AM, & 11:45AM
There is no 5:00PM Mass.

Next Weekend's Celebrants

SATURDAY, APRIL 8th

5:00 PM Father Dennis O'Brien

SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

8:00 AM Monsignor James Mongelluzzo
9:45 AM Father Carlos Ruiz
11:45 AM Father Dennis O'Brien
5:00 PM Father Carlos Ruiz

Thank you for your Parish Support!

March 26th, 2017

169 Sunday Envelopes	\$ 5,364.
11 Make Up Envelopes	\$ 677.
0 Paid Ahead Envelope	\$ 0.
Loose Cash	\$ 2,347.
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 8,388.
Monthly Maintenance	\$ 132.

Parish Tithe

OLL Scholarship \$ 838.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

07:30 PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

08:30 AM Beginnings Class
09:40 AM Kindergarten Class
09:45 AM First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment
11:00 AM Teen Music Ministry
06:00 PM High School II Class
06:00 PM RCIA

MONDAY, APRIL 3RD

04:15 PM Grades 1-5 Religious Ed Classes
06:45 PM Grades 6-8 Religious Ed Classes
07:00 PM Adult Folk Group Practice

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH

04:15 PM Grades 1-5 Religious Ed Classes
04:15 PM Grades 6-8 Religious Ed Classes
06:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting
06:45 PM Practice for Living Stations
of the Cross

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH

01:00 PM Women's Guild Meeting
05:30 PM Mass, Soup Supper & Mini Courses
05:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 3 Meeting
07:00 PM 12 Steps Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

09:00 AM Dominoes
01:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting
06:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 3 Meeting
06:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop Meeting
07:00 PM NLLL Board Meeting
07:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

04:30 PM Choir of Angels Practice
06:00 PM Grade 6 Retreat
07:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting
07:00 PM Stations of the Cross and Confessions

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

08:00 AM Boy Scouts Clean Up
08:00 AM Boy Scouts Recycling Event
07:30 PM AA Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

Palm Sunday

08:30 AM Beginnings Class
11:00 AM Teen Music Ministry
06:00 PM High School I Class
06:00 PM RCIA



ISRAEL 2018

Father Dennis will lead a trip to the land of Jesus, the "fifth Gospel", in **April of 2018**. If you are even remotely interested, please call the parish office to let us know. An informational meeting will be held after Easter for those interested in learning more about the trip.

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