# OUR LADY OF MERCY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025



#### **Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturday –2:30pm to 3:30pm Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am & By appointment

# **Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule**

Monday through Friday 9am in the Chapel.
Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am

### First Saturday Devotion

Every 1st Saturday
2:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:10pm Holy Rosary
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

# **Baptism and Chrismation**

Contact the priest at least three (3) months prior to the requested date.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursdays -7:00pm to 8:00pm Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am Saturdays – 2pm to 3:45pm

# Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least one (1) year prior to requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

"YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU" ISAIAH 43:4

# <u>Divine Liturgy Intentions – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</u>

Friday July 4th 9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY and NO ADORATION -NAM

Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM - NO ADORATION and NO DIVINE LITURGY -NAM

5th Sunday Pentecost - July 6th 10:00 AM- For the intentions of the Parishioners

Ex 1:1-1; Phil 3:7-14; Matthew 10:1-7

Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> @9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> @9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY

Wednesday July 9th @9:00 AM – NO DIVINE LITURGY

Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY and NO ADORATION

Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM- For the intentions of Stephen Yago

Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM- For the poor souls in purgatory

6th Sunday Pentecost – July 13th 10:00 AM

#### Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 06/16/2025-06/22/2025

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$893.00; Online Giving - \$213.61; Total -\$893.61

**SAJ Sunday \$1293.00** 

Thank you for your continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go to our Church's website and scroll down to donate.

"Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance" (Colossians 3:23-24) and remember that "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

# Check flyer for our first K4J Summer Day Camp and register your kid (s)

# Gifts of the Heart for the Month of July

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno & Family.

Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp,

Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of and offered by George Jreij & Family.

<u>Promoting Vocations</u> - The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. **See Fr. Peter for more information. To register, please click <u>here</u>.** 

#### Scripture Verse for the week

I CAN DO ALL THIS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH. Philippians 4:13





# What is K4J Summer Day Camp?

K4J stands for "Kids for Jesus". This camp offers an opportunity for kids to discover Jesus as their friend through songs, games, crafts, lessons, and a morning show that helps reinforce different aspects of how they can live virtue today.

Each day they will discover the teaching of the day based on a scripture passage, meet a saint to inspire them on their journey, and discover a hidden treasure in the Catechism.

# This Year's Theme:

This year's theme, "Summertime BLAST" is focused on getting to know Jesus in the Eucharist. They will learn how to KNOW Jesus & LOVE Jesus, and work as teams to go out to SHARE the love of Jesus with others and change the world.

### Cost:

First Child: \$125
Each Additional Child: \$110



#### SCAN CODE TO REGISTER!

Registration Closes
August 10th

Questions? Contact: Sophie.elhallal@gmail.com 240-708-9987

#### **Church Dress Code**

Please Dress Modestly. Modesty is a Christian virtue that refers to dressing and acting in a way that shows reverence for God. Please, dress your best when you come to Church. It is a holy ground and we should dress modestly in respect for God's house. Ask yourself this question and be honest. How should you dress in the house of the King of Kings? If you went to Buckingham Palace or the White House, what would you wear? Why should you dress with any less respect for the only King that matters?

Please, if possible no shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts or T-shirts, tight dresses or tight skirts, short dresses or skirts (knee length skirts and dresses are acceptable)

Thank you for your consideration to this friendly reminder.

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# Mass etiquette from St John Bosco (compiled by Fr Augustine Opara Ikechukwu)

- 1. Try to be early to Mass always. A few minutes spent in before Mass can open your soul to wonderful graces
- 2. When you enter or leave the church, take holy water and sign yourself with the sign of the cross.
- 3. Always genuflect (or bow according to our Maronite tradition) when you enter or leave your seat. This is an act of adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. Take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying "My Lord and My God" as your right knee touches the floor
- 4. Don't talk in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.
- 5. Listen to the homily it is from God which could bear much fruit for you.
- 6. Don't start to leave the church until the priest has returned to the sacristy. Stay to thank God for the graces you received from Him in the Mass.

Every day we take a step closer to Heaven. Every act should be for the greater glory of God and every morning we should renew our resolve to work for the salvation of souls.





#### 2025 Jubilee Year of "Pilgrims of Hope"

The Jubilee Year is a time of grace, mercy, and renewal.

It is a time to open wide the doors of our hearts to

Christ, to draw closer to him in every way, and to let

the Holy Spirit transform us into faithful disciples.

Live in the Hope of Christ and be a shining hope for

others.

Please share with your friends that our parish is designated as a Pilgrimage Site for this year until January 6, 2026.

https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/ bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html

#### **Holy Door**

The practice was reestablished in the year 1300 by
Pope Boniface VIII. Issued a bill of indulgence
proclaiming that Christians who confessed their sins,
received the Eucharist, and made a pilgrimage to Rome
could receive a plenary indulgence — a grace granted
by the Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to
remove the temporal punishment due to sin. Let us
rejoice, our Parish is designated as a pilgrimage site.

To live the Holy Year fully and fruitfully, the faithful are encouraged to embrace the following:

- Prayer: Personal and communal, frequent
   participation in the Holy Eucharist and Mystery of
   Reconciliation
- Pilgrimage and Indulgences: Visit a pilgrimage site, meet the requirements for plenary indulgency and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
- Acts of Charity and Mercy: Practice other corporal and spiritual works of mercy. <a href="https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html">https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html</a>



SANCTITY To create the Culture of Life in our society

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!

My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

How precious to me are your designs, O God. Psalms 139:13-17

Beliefs about the sanctity of life lie at the heart of all the ethical debates on embryo experiments, abortion and euthanasia. Learn what you can about what is being done to protect life and create a Culture of Life in Minnesota.

May is often referred to as the Month of Mary. It's a time when Catholics, and many others, are encouraged to pay special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayers, devotions, and reflection on her life and role in salvation history. It is the perfect time to focus your actions on promoting this Culture of Life.

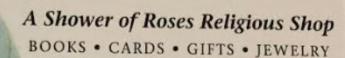
For more information, check out these websites:

Prolife Action Ministries www.plam.org/events (40 Days for Life, Prayers at local abortion sites.)

Prolife Across America www.prolifeacrossamerica.org (The billboard people and crisis resources information)

Familiarize yourself with Lila Rose and Abby Johnson

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St. Therese The Little Flower,
Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly
Garden and send it to me with a Message of
Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee
implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)

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## Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

# Reading 1 Isaiah 66:10-14c

Thus, says the LORD:

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,

all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts!

For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

#### The Word of the Lord

# Responsorial Psalm

R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of

Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him.

He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

#### Reading 2 Galatians 6:14-18

Brothers and sisters:

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does circumcision,

but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

#### The Word of the Lord

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel

#### Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them,

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

