

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Hosanna Sunday: Palm Sunday**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



**Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturday – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am

By appointment

**Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule**

Tuesday through Friday 9am  
in the Chapel.

Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursdays - 9:30am to 10:30am

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturdays – 2pm to 3:45pm

**First Saturday Devotion**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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**

### **Divine Liturgy Intentions – Hosanna Sunday: Palm Sunday**

**Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM– For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM– For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Hosanna Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> @10:00 AM- In memory of Youssef & Labiby Jreij Requested by their son Michel Jreij & granddaughter Laura Bitar**

Zech 9:9-11,15a,16-17; Phi 1:1-13; John 12:12-22

**Monday of Passion week April 14<sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Tuesday of Passion week April 15<sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Wednesday of Passion week April 16<sup>th</sup> @7:00 PM – Liturgy & Rite of the Lamp**

**Thursday of the Mysteries April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM– Divine Liturgy of the Rite of the Washing of the feet**

**Good Friday of the Crucifixion, April 18<sup>th</sup> 9 AM– Liturgy of the Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice**

**7:00 PM – Liturgy of the Adoration of the Cross**

**Great Saturday of the light, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM- Prayer of Forgiveness**

**Easter Vigil, Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> @6PM– For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Sunday of the Great Resurrection Liturgy & the Rite of Peace April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM- For the Intentions of the Parishioners**

### **Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 03/31/2025-04/06/2025**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1653.00; Online Giving - \$264.11; Bishop Appeal: \$252.00; Total –\$2169.11

**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.**

**SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE ON PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13 AFTER 10 AM  
DIVINE LITURGY**

### **Gifts of the Heart for the Month of April**

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

Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church – For the intentions of Don & Pat Quintiliani and their family

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of Don & Pat Quintiliani and their family

**Promoting Vocations** - 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 [here](#).**

Scripture Verse for the week- **FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,” DECLARES THE LORD, “PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE. - Jeremiah 29:11**



**HOLY WEEK & RESURRECTION SUNDAY**  
**AT OUR LADY OF MERCY Maronite Catholic Church**  
*341 June Street Worcester MA 01602*

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**Saturday April 12:** *Vigil Palm Sunday - 04:00 pm*

• **Sunday April 13:** *Palm Sunday with Solemn procession - 10:00 am*

• **Monday April 14:** *Coming to the Harbor - 07:00 pm*

• **Tuesday April 15:** *Coming to the Harbor - 07:00 pm*

• **Wednesday April 16:** *Healing Service / Rite of the Lamp - 7:00 pm*

• **Thursday April 17:** *Washing of the Feet - 07:00 pm*

*Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament - 09:00 pm to Midnight*

• **Friday April 17:** *Signing of the Chalice / Pre-sanctified Gifts - 09:00 am*

*Burial of the Lord - 07:00 pm*

• **Saturday April 19:** *Awaited Light / Prayer of Forgiveness - 11:00 am*

*Vigil Liturgy of Easter Sunday - 06:00 pm*

• **Sunday April 20:** *Easter - 10:00 am*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered daily from 06:00 pm to 06:45 pm*  
*Except Holy Thursday and Saturday of the Light from 10:00 am to 10:45 am*

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**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ALL OUR LITURGIES.**

*\* May you experience on a deeper level the merciful love of Christ  
through the Sacrament of Reconciliation & an appreciation  
for the redemptive work of Christ on the cross \**

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# BARBECUE

# Family Fun Day

Sunday May 18th  
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\$30 Adult  
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341 June St. Worcester MA 01602

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### 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>

### Lent Guideline

Our Lent begins this year with

**Ash Monday, March 3rd**

and concludes on

**Easter Sunday, April 20th**

### Below are the Lent Regulations

All those who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Monday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting should be from midnight until noon. Of course you are all encouraged to also fast and do other acts of penance on the other days during Lent, especially Fridays. There are plenty works of charity and you can help by doing your share of compassion and mercy. Most importantly do good things instead of just giving up some food.

Have a blessed Lent.

### Confessions during Lent

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need it in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace.



### 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:

1. Prayer: Personal and communal, frequent participation in the Holy Eucharist and Mystery of Reconciliation
2. Pilgrimage and Indulgences: Visit a pilgrimage site, meet the requirements for plenary indulgency and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
3. Acts of Charity and Mercy: Practice other corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

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

### Join the Order of St. Sharbel

The order of St. Sharbel supports the education of Maronite seminarians and our retired priests who deserve a decent retirement.

Please consider joining the Order as an  
Annual Member for \$500 a year, or  
Perpetual Member for \$5,000 for life.

Information about the Order can be found  
at [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org)

Thank you for considering this invitation.



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The gates of heaven are opened through prayer and fasting.



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*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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Hosanna Sunday

Letter to the Philippians 1: 1-13

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ.

The Gospel according to Saint John 12: 12-22

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

أحد الشعانين

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبي 1: 1-13

يا إخوتي، من بولس وطيموثاؤس، عبيد المسيح يسوع، إلى جميع القديسين في المسيح يسوع، الذين في فيلبي، مع الأساقفة والشمامسة: أَلْعَمَةُ لَكُمْ، وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِينَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! أَشْكُرُ إِلَهِي، كُلَّمَا ذَكَرْتُكُمْ،

ضارِعًا بِفَرَحٍ عَلَى الدَّوَامِ فِي كُلِّ صَلَوَاتِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِمُشَارَكَتِكُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ مُنْذُ أَوَّلِ يَوْمٍ إِلَى الْآنِ.

وَإِنِّي لَوَاقِفٌ أَنَّ الَّذِي بَدَأَ فِيكُمْ هَذَا الْعَمَلَ الصَّالِحَ سَيُكْمِلُهُ حَتَّى يَوْمَ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.

فَإِنَّهُ مِنَ الْعَدْلِ أَنْ يَكُونَ لِي هَذَا الشُّعُورُ نَحْوَكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِأَنِّي أَحْمِلُكُمْ فِي قَلْبِي، أَنْتُمْ جَمِيعًا شُرَكَائِي فِي نِعْمَتِي، سِوَاءٍ فِي قُبُودِي أَوْ فِي دِفَاعِي عَنِ الْإِنْجِيلِ وَتَشْيِيبِهِ،

فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاهِدٌ لِي كَمَا أَتَشَوَّقُ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا فِي أَحْشَاءِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وَهَذِهِ صَلَاتِي أَنْ تَزْدَادَ مَحَبَّتُكُمْ أَكْثَرَ فَأَكْثَرَ فِي كُلِّ فَهْمٍ وَمَعْرِفَةٍ،

لِنُمُوتِ مَا هُوَ الْأَفْضَلُ، فَتَكُونُوا أَنْقِيَاءَ وَبِغَيْرِ عِثَارٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، مُمْتَلِئِينَ مِنْ ثَمَرِ الْبِرِّ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ وَمَذْجِهِ.

أُرِيدُ أَنْ تَعْلَمُوا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنَّ مَا حَدَثَ لِي قَدْ أَدَّى بِالْحَرِيِّ إِلَى نَجَاحِ الْإِنْجِيلِ،

حَتَّى إِنَّ قُبُودِي مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ صَارَتْ مَشْهُورَةً فِي دَارِ الْوِلَايَةِ كُلِّهَا، وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ آخَرَ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12: 12-22

لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرُ، الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ،

حَمَلُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ، وَخَرَجُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ: «هُوْشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلِ.»

وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا فَرَكِبَ عَلَيْهِ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ:

«لَا تَخَافِي، يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونِ، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ أَبْنِ أَتَانِ.»

وَمَا فَهَمَ تَلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ، أَوَّلَ الْأَمْرِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَذَكَّرُوا، حِينَ مَجَدَّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُ، وَأَنَّهُمْ صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ.

وَالْجَمْعُ الَّذِي كَانَ مَعَ يَسُوعَ، حِينَ دَعَا لِعَازَرَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ.

مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا لَاقَاهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الْآيَةَ. فَقَالَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: «انْظُرُوا: إِنَّكُمْ لَا تَتَفَعَّلُونَ شَيْئًا! هَا هُوَ الْعَالَمُ قَدْ ذَهَبَ وَرَاءَهُ.»

وَكَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُودَانِيِّينَ.

فَدَنَا هُؤْلَاءُ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.»

فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاؤُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاؤُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ.