

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/Miracle at Cana Galilee  
March 2<sup>nd</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 - 9:30pm to 10:30pm

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 – Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/Miracle at Cana Galilee**

**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> -At 10:00 AM, Funeral Mass for Fouad Thomas**

**Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> – At 4:00 PM, In memory of Anthony Russell (40 days), requested by his family**

**Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> - In memory of Tanios Ataya requested by Dr & Mrs. Mario AbouJaoude**

Is 55:1,6-13; Rom 14:14-23; John 2:1-11

**Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> -9:00 AM- Ash Monday-**For the intentions of Rachelle Flammia

**Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> -6:30 PM- Ash Monday- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup> –** For the intentions of Janelle Gummesson requested by Michael Egan

**Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> –** For the intentions of Janelle Gummesson requested by Michael Egan

**Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> –** For the intentions of Barbara Belesky

**Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> –** For the intentions of Janelle Gummesson requested by Michael Egan

**Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> -6:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> –** For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

**Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>-** For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

**Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 02/17/2025-02/22/2025**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1026.00 **Online Giving - \$213.61; Total –\$1239.61**

**Saint Maron Haffle- \$4655.00**

**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.**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP–**

**SAINT MARON CELEBRATION ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2025**

**PARISH MISSION WITH THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT SATURDAY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> (MYO, MYA AND WOMEN) AND SUNDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> (KIDS)**

**FEMININE GENIUS BRUNCH ON SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025 – CHECK THE FLYER FOR MORE**

**Gifts of the Heart for the Month of February**

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

Altar Bread and Wine in the Church – Private Intention offered by Aline & Fadi Khoury

Sanctuary Lamp and adoration candles in the Church – For the intentions of George Zogheib and family

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of George and Charlotte Jreij and 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**



### 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>

### ANNUAL EPARCHIAL APPEAL

The Holy Season of Lent challenges all of us to love and give of ourselves for the love of God and neighbor. One way in which we manifest this call is through the **Annual Eparchial Appeal**.

You should have received the mailing asking for your support. Your gift of love is a personal sacrifice, which allows our Eparchy to help the poor, missions, retired priests, religious education, youth, vocation and Lebanon. If you have already given your donation, we say Thank You and may God reward you one hundred fold.

### Daylight Saving Time

Remember to set your clocks one hour forward on



**Sunday, March 9th**

Also remember to change the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

### 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.



# LENT



### 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.

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### 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.

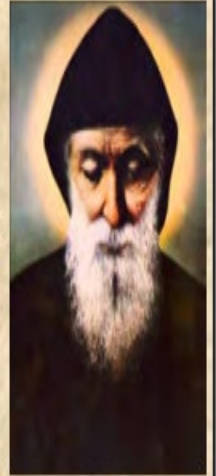
Please consider joining the Order as an

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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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*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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# First Sunday of Great Lent: Cana Sunday

The Letter to the Romans 14: 14-23.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

## The Gospel according to Saint John 2: 1-11.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

# احد مدخل الصوم الكبير : أحد آية عرس قانا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 14: 14-23  
يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنِّي عَالِمٌ وَوَاثِقٌ، فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ لَا شَيْءَ نَجِسٌ فِي ذَاتِهِ، إِلَّا لِمَنْ يَحْسِبُهُ نَجِسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجِسًا.  
فَإِنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُحْزِنُ أَخَاكَ، فَلَا تَكُونُ سَالِكًا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ. فَلَا تُهْلِكْ بِطَعَامِكَ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ!  
إِذَا فَلَا تَسْمَحُوا بِأَنْ يَصِيرَ الْخَيْرُ فِيكُمْ سَبَبًا لِلتَّجْدِيفِ.  
فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلًا وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ بَرٌّ وَسَلَامٌ وَفَرَحٌ فِي الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. فَمَنْ يَخْدُمُ الْمَسِيحَ هَكَذَا فَهُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَمَقْبُولٌ لَدَى النَّاسِ. فَلْنَسْعَ إِذَا إِلَى مَا هُوَ لِلسَّلَامِ، وَمَا هُوَ لِلنُّبْيَانِ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا.  
فَلَا تَنْقُضْ عَمَلَ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ؛ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ طَاهِرٌ، وَلَكِنَّهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرًّا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبٌ عَثْرَةً لِأَخِيهِ. فَخَيْرٌ لَكَ أَنْ لَا تَأْكُلَ لَحْمًا، وَلَا تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا، وَلَا تَتَنَاوَلَ شَيْئًا يَكُونُ سَبَبٌ عَثْرَةً لِأَخِيكَ.  
وَأَحْتَفِظْ بِرَأْيِكَ لِنَفْسِكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ. وَطُوبَى لِمَنْ لَا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ فِي مَا يُفَرِّزُهُ!

أَمَّا الْمُرْتَابُ فِي قَرَارِهِ، فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَانُ، لِأَنَّ عَمَلَهُ غَيْرُ صَادِرٍ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ. وَكُلُّ عَمَلٍ لَا يَصْدُرُ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ فَهُوَ خَطِيئَةٌ.

## إنجيل القديس يوحنا 2: 1-11

فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ، كَانَ عَزْسٌ فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ. وَدُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ إِلَى الْعَزْسِ. وَنَفَدَ الْخَمْرُ، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِمْ خَمْرٌ.» فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «مَا لِي وَلَكَ، يَا أُمْرَأَةٌ؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْدُ.» فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُمْ فَافْعَلُوهُ.» وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْزَانٍ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، مُعَدَّةٌ لِنُطْهِيرِ الْيَهُودِ، يَسْغُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إِلَى مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ لِبْتَرًا، فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «إِمْلَأُوا الْأَجْزَانَ مَاءً.» فَمَلَأُوهُمَا إِلَى فَوْقِ. قَالَ لَهُمْ: «اسْتَقُوا الْآنَ، وَقَدِّمُوا لِرَبِّيسِ الْوَلِيمَةِ.» فَقَدِّمُوا. وَذَاقَ الرَّبِّيسُ الْمَاءَ، الَّذِي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وَكَانَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، وَالْخَدَمُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَقُوا يَعْلَمُونَ - فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يَقْدِمُ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ أَوَّلًا، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ الْمَدْعُوْنَ، قَدَّمَ الْأَقْلَّ جُودَةً، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ إِلَى الْآنَ.»

تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعَ، صَنَعَهَا فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، فَظَاهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، وَأَمَنَ بِهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ.