

## OUR LADY OF MERCY

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## SUNDAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

**November 17<sup>th</sup> 2024**



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### 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 - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturday - 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 – Consecration of the Church**

**Saturday Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** - For the Intentions of Lori Flammia (birthday) req by Teddy Flammia St. Matthew the Evangelist, Ap

**Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>** – In memory for Samir Asswad, Youssef Samarani, and Antoine Shaya requested by Henrietta Asswad St Gregory the Wonderworker, C

Announcement to Zechariah Gen 17:15–22 Rom 4:13–25 Lk1:1–25

**Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>** –Cecilia Manrique Ortiz (deceased) requested by Karol Garcia St. Romanos (Raymond)

**Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Cecilia Manrique Ortiz (deceased) requested by Karol Garcia Pope St. Pontian (+235)

**Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>** – Cecilia Manrique Ortiz requested by Karol Garcia St. Gregory of the Decapolis, C

**Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Cecilia Manrique Ortiz req by Karol Garcia Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple

**Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Cecilia Manrique Ortiz (deceased) requested by Karol Garcia Sts. Joachim and Anne

**Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Cecilia Manrique Ortiz req by Karol Garcia St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus

**Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>** - In memory of Patricia Thomas & the Thomas Family requested by Denise Thomas

Cecilia Manrique Ortiz (deceased) requested by Karol Garcia St. Catherine of Alexandria, M

Announcement to the Virgin Mary 2 Sam 7:8–10, 11b–12, 13b–17 Gal 3:15–22 Lk 1:26–38

### **Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 11/9-11/10**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$2442 Online Giving - \$278.26 **Total – \$ 2720.26**

**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 the big red button 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)**

**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.**

### **Gifts of the Heart**

Consider spreading love by offering a Divine Liturgy or another item from the Gifts of the Heart for a loved one living or deceased. For more information, please contact Father Peter.

### **Bulletin Advertisements**

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 200 persons. For more information, please contact Fr Peter.

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

Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel, Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp in the church and in the chapel - In Memory of Najat and Fares Melki requested by Sabine Melki Bassim

Altar Bread and Wine in the church - In Thanksgiving for God's blessings requested by Deacon Adonis ElAsmar

Adoration Candles in the Church – For the parishioners of Our Lady Of Mercy

### **October 2024 Financial Standing**

**Ordinary Income** Collections on Sundays- **\$8676.5** Stipend, Donations, Candles, Gifts of the heart .... **\$80**

**Fundraising Event Profit: \$18235** **Total Income - \$26992**

**Ordinary Expenses** Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Phone, Internet, Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Eparchial Appeal, Garbage pickup, past due expenses... **\$38,184.7**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$11193.2**

**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**

**The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal is 1,000 a month starting from January 2024.**

**The Church's monthly building Insurance is \$1764.00.**

**Thank you for your support and for maintaining the Church through your donation and the different activities we plan.**

### JOIN US FOR DAILY DIVINE LITURGY

As you can, please consider coming to the chapel to participate in Divine Liturgy Monday through Friday at 9AM. **“Put all the good works in the world against one Holy Mass; they will be as a grain of sand beside a mountain.” St. John Vianney**

JOIN US DAILY FOR ROSARY @8:30pm ZOOM MEETING ID: 82059131889 PASSCODE: prayer

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY EVENING STARTING 11/7/2024 **(5:30PM-6:30PM)**, **FRIDAY 9:30AM-10:30AM** SATURDAY **(2:00PM-3:45PM)** FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-39 YEARS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

On Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> for MYA friendsgiving. Please check the flyer for more information.

JOIN US ON IN 33 Days to Morning Glory A Do-It Yourself Retreat  
Starting on Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please check the flyer for more information.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> FOR ADULTS GAME NIGHT.

Please check the flyer for more information.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> FOR BREAKFAST AND PHOTO WITH SANTA

Please check the flyer for more information.

### SOMETHING NEW IN OUR PARISH - 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](#).

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAD COME TO HELP US IN OUR TWO ORGANIZATION DAYS.

### Come & See Retreat Weekend for Women, Dartmouth MA

*Fiat: "I am the servant of the Lord" — Luke 1:38*

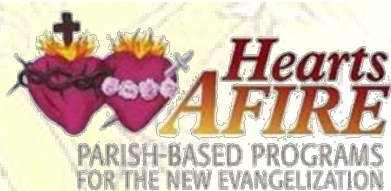
Is Jesus calling you to *Come and See*? Are you seeking to learn more about prayer, discerning God's voice and the gift of religious life.

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light located in Dartmouth MA, invite young adult women (ages 18-39) to prayerfully consider joining them for a Come & See Retreat Weekend, November 29 - December 1, 2024. The weekend is designed to give young adult women a glimpse into our prayer and communal life and to enjoy some adoration time with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord. To register visit [maroniteservants.org](http://maroniteservants.org).

Registration link for the Discernment Retreat Weekend can also be accessed [here](#).





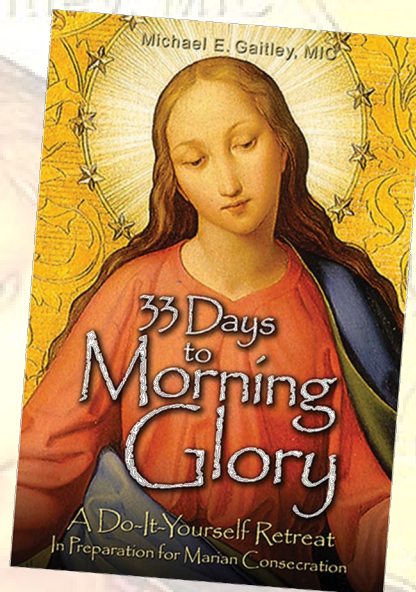


**Father Peter, the new administrator at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Encourages all men & women to participate in**

**33 Days to Morning Glory  
A Do-It Yourself Retreat**

**Starting on Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> & Consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**

The devotion, Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, has been practiced for centuries. It involves 33 days of preparatory devotions, with the Total Consecration made on the 34th day. As a community of faith, we want to start this consecration during the season of Announcements to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary at the beginning of 2025 on January 1st the day we will celebrate Mother of God. As Jesus trusted in Mary, His Mother, completely without reservation, so does each of us, His disciples, choose to trust in Mary completely without reservation as we choose this holy pathway of consecration to her Son.

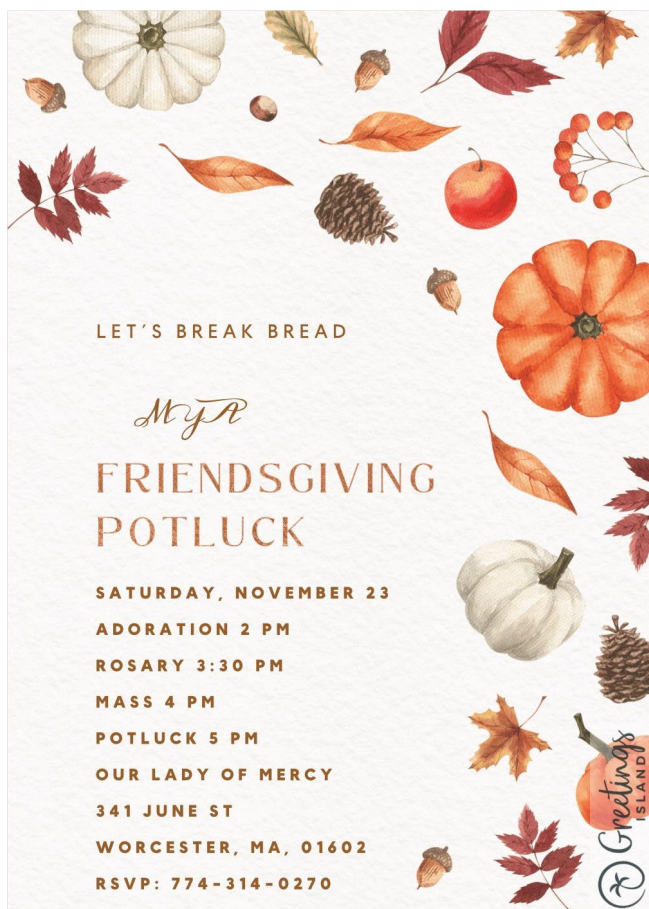


- Want to grow in holiness, but too busy? This do-it yourself retreat is easy-to-do and simple to practice; it will transform your life!
- Come learn what pope after pope has confirmed is the "surest, easiest, shortest, & most perfect means" to becoming a saint!
- Timing is perfect; the world needs more people consecrated to Our Lord through Our Lady.
- As we unite ourselves more deeply with Mary, we unite ourselves more perfectly with Jesus, her Son. Mary's greatest desire is to have each of us know, love, and serve her Son, Jesus Christ, with a true purity of heart, which she herself possessed through the grace of God the Father.
- Help spread sanctity, please join us!!
- There is limited number of booklets in the sacristy, please ask Father Peter for your copy or order it online.

***"Take this retreat! Believe me, your life will never be the same."***

***- Johnette Benkovic, Founder and President of Women of Grace***

"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference." ~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe





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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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## Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah

### Letter to the Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

## أحد بشارة زكريا

### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 4: 13-25

يا إخوتي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسبه بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوراثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدي للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوراثون، لكي تكون الورثة هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم، الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أباً لأمة كثيرة». فأبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يخلي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجياً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً لأمة كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مات، وأن حشا سارة قد مات. وبناءً على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجد الله. وأيقن ملء اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه برآ. ولم يكتف من أجله وخذ أنه «حسب له برآ»، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سنحسب لنا برآ، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا.

### إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 1-25

بما أن كثيرين أخذوا يرتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها إلينا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيت أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريف تيوفيل، أن أكتبها لك بحسب ترتيبها، بعدما تتبعتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعاً دقيقاً، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به. كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة أيا، له امرأة من بنات هارون اسمها إيصابات. وكانا كلاهما بارين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا لوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن إيصابات كانت عاقراً، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهما. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء نوبة فرفته، أصابته الفرعة، بحسب عادة الكهوت، ليدخل مقدس هيكل الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء إحراق البخور. وترأى ملك الرب لزكريا واقفاً من عن يمين مذبح البخور، فاضطرب زكريا حين رآه، واستولى عليه الخوف. فقال له الملك: «لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد استجيب طلبتك، وأمرأتك إيصابات ستلد لك ابناً، فسمه يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأبتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيماً في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمراً ولا مسكراً، ويمتلئ من الروح القدس وهو يعد في حشا أمه. ويرد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب الههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح إيليا وقوته، ليرد قلوب الآباء إلى الأبناء، والعصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهبني للرب شعباً معداً خيراً إعداد». فقال زكريا للملك: «بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمرأتي قد طعنت في أيامها!». فأجاب الملك وقال له: «أنا هو جبرائيل الواقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لأتكلّم وأبشرك بهذا. وها أنت تكون صامئاً، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يحدث فيه ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سيتم في أوانه». وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إبطائه في مقدس الهيكل. ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادراً أن يكلمهم، فأدركوا أنه رأى رؤيا في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أيام. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت أمرأته إيصابات، وكنمت أمرها خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب إليّ، في الأيام التي نظر إليّ فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!