

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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4th Sunday of Pentecost: Saints Peter & Paul
June 29nd, 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturdays - 2pm to 3:45pm

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.

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 – 4th Sunday of Pentecost: Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday June 28st @ 4:00 PM –For the intention of the newly wedded couple Lorea Habchy & Joseph Gergis

4th Sunday Pentecost - June 29th 10:00 AM- In Memory of Chorbishop Joseph Saidi

2 Cor 11:21-30; Matthew 16:13-20

Monday June 30th @9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY-NAM

Tuesday July 1st @9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY -NAM

Wednesday July 2nd @9:00 AM – NO DIVINE LITURGY-NAM

Thursday July 3rd @ 9:00 AM– NO DIVINE LITURGY and NO ADORATION -NAM

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

Saturday July 5th @ 4:00 PM – NO ADORATION and NO DIVINE LITURGY -NAM

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

Monday July 7th @9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY

Tuesday July 8th @9:00 AM- NO DIVINE LITURGY

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

Thursday July 10th @ 9:00 AM– NO DIVINE LITURGY and NO ADORATION

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.

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

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

OUR LADY OF MERCY MARONITE
CHURCH PRESENTS:

SUMMERTIME BLAST

K4J SUMMER DAY CAMP
AUGUST 18-22, 2025

JOIN US FOR AN OPPORTUNITY
TO GROW IN FRIENDSHIP WITH
JESUS THROUGH FORMATION,
SONGS, CRAFTS, GAMES AND
MORE!

10AM - 2PM

341 June St,
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K4J SUMMER DAY CAMP

AUGUST 18-22, 2025

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.

الثياب المحتشمة

لطفاً الرجاء ارتداء الثياب المحتشمة في بيت الله.

يرجى عدم ارتداء "الشورت" او التنانير القصيرة , او الثياب بلا اكمام.

مع الف شكر!

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:

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>



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)

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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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Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, The Apostles

Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 11: 21-30

To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone dares to boast of I am speaking as a fool I also dare to boast of that.

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? I am talking like a madman I am a better one: with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless floggings, and often near death. Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked. And, besides other things, I am under daily pressure because of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

The Gospel of Saint Matthew 16: 13-20

Then Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

عيد القديسين بطرس وبولس الرسولين

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى 11: 21-30

يا إخوتي، أقول وأخجل، كما لو كنا ضُعفاء! وأقول كجَاهِل: إنَّ كُلَّ مَا يَجْرُو عَلَيْهِ هُؤُلاءِ، أَجْرُو عَلَيْهِ أَنَا أَيْضًا: أَهْمُ عِبْرَانِيُّونَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا عِبْرَانِي! أَهْمُ إِسْرَائِيلِيُّونَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا إِسْرَائِيلِي! أَهْمُ نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ؟ أَنَا أَيْضًا نَسْلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ!

أَهْمُ خُدَّامُ لِلْمَسِيحِ؟ أَقول كَمَنْ فَقَدْ صَوَّابَهُ: أَنَا أَكْثَرُ! فِي الْإِتْعَابِ أَكْثَرُ! فِي السُّجُونِ أَكْثَرُ! فِي الصَّرَبَاتِ أَكْثَرُ جِدًّا! فِي أخطارِ الْمَوْتِ أَكْثَرُ بِمَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ! تَلَقَّيْتُ الْجُلْدَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ خَمْسَ مَرَّاتٍ، كُلَّ مَرَّةٍ أَرْبَعِينَ جُلْدَةً إِلَّا وَاحِدَةً!

ضَرَبْتُ بِالْعَصِي ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ! رُجِمْتُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً! أَنْكَسَرَتْ بِي السَّفِينَةُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ! قَضَيْتُ فِي غَرَضِ الْبَحْرِ لَيْلَةً وَنَهَارًا! قُفْتُ بِأَسْفَارٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، كُنْتُ فِي أخطارٍ مِنَ الْأَنْهَارِ، أخطارٍ مِنَ اللَّصُوصِ، أخطارٍ مِنْ أَمْتِي، أخطارٍ مِنَ الْأُمَمِ، أخطارٍ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ، أخطارٍ فِي الصَّحَرَاءِ، أخطارٍ فِي الْبَحْرِ، أخطارٍ بَيْنَ الْإِخْوَةِ الْكَذِبَةِ! عَانَيْتُ النَّعَبَ، وَالْكَدَّ، وَالسَّهَرَّ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَالْجُوعَ، وَالْعَطَشَ، وَالصَّوْمَ مَرَّاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَالْبَرْدَ، وَالْغَرِي! أَضِفْ إِلَى ذَلِكَ، مَا عَلَيَّ مِنَ الْأَغْيَاءِ كُلِّ يَوْمٍ، وَالْأَهْتِمَامِ بِجَمِيعِ الْكَنَائِسِ! مَنْ يَضْغَفُ وَلَا أَضْغَفُ أَنَا؟ وَمَنْ يَقَعُ فِي الْخَطِيئَةِ وَلَا أَحْتَرِقُ أَنَا؟ وَإِنْ كَانَ لَا بُدَّ مِنْ الْإِفْتِخَارِ، فَأَنَا أَفْتَخِرُ بِأَوْهَانِي!

إنجيل القديس متى 16 : 13-20

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيلِبُّسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟». «فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ». قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟». «فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ بِطَرُسَ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!».

فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بُطْرُسُ، أَيِ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا. سَأُعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرْتِبطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَخُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.» حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَلَّا يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ.