

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Fourth Sunday after the Holy Cross October 12th, 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 - 9:30am- 10:30am

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- Fourth Sunday after the Holy Cross 10/12/ 2025

Saturday October 11th @ 4:00 PM – In memory of Fr Benedict Joseph Groeschel, C.F.R.

2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross October 12th @ 10:00 AM – In memory of Joanna Youssef (one-year anniversary) 1Thes 5:1-11; Matthew 24:45-51

Monday October 12th @ 9:00 AM – For the intentions of Dr Wael, Dalia Youssef & family

Tuesday October 13th @ 9:00 AM - For the intentions of Eva Youssef & Family

Wednesday October 14th @ 9:00 AM - For the intentions of George Zougheib

Thursday October 15th @ 9:00 AM– For the intentions of Eli, Maya Zogby and Family

Friday October 16th @ 9:00 AM – For the intentions of Hoda Daou and her family

Saturday October 17th @ 4:00 PM –For the intentions of Boulos, Laure & Rony Zoghby

2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross October 12th @ 10:00 AM – In memory of Akram Marjieh

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 09/29/2025-10/05/2025

Saturday/Sunday 10/05/25 collection - \$2197.00; Online Giving - \$264.11; Total –\$2461.11

Religious Education: \$350.00

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 flyers for upcoming events Our Annual Hafele and Ladies Candlelight Event.

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of October

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 all the sick people

Please join us in the rosary rally at St Peter's Church in Northbridge on October 11th from 12 to 3 pm it is the 108 anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Our lady has asked for the rosary to be prayed for peace in the world. This rosary will be prayed with over 25,000 other rallies around the world. The goal is to promote Our Ladies message and rosary to win the hearts of America. Please tell as many as you can to join in this beautiful devotion to our lady to bring peace and love to this broken world

The Office of Vocations of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon and the Eparchy of Saint Maron will be holding a discernment weekend from Friday October 31st to Sunday November 2nd at the Maronite Seminary, in Washington DC. If you know of anyone discerning a vocation to priesthood, or would like to know more, please let him fill out the form found in this following link:

<https://forms.gle/vS767wXLcavCcsDH9>

They will be able to experience a weekend in the life of a seminarian by joining us for Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers and hanging out. This weekend is a great opportunity for them to come and see what a weekend in the life of a seminarian is like!

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. **Please refrain from talking 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.



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& Under



Tarek Abdelhai

November 8 2025 @ 8:30pm

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Elie Zogby (508) 654-6639

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IN PREPARATION OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Ladies CANDLELIGHT Event

*Join us and and prepare your
heart for Christ's birth!*

Experience a heartwarming evening
filled with beautiful carols, inspiring
messages, warm drink, delicious food
and the gentle glow of candlelight.

Guest of Honor - Bishop Gregory J. Mansour

Keynote Speaker - Sr Therese Maria Touma
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

FRIDAY 5 6:30PM- 9:00PM
DECEMBER DONATION \$30

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By check: Saint Joseph Monastery Tomb of Saint Rafqa
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WHAT DO YOU SEEK?
(JN 1:38)

THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

A Weekend Of Discernment
AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL IN YOUR LIFE

WONDERING IF THE LORD IS CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE MARONITE CHURCH?

MEN AGED 18-40 ARE INVITED FOR A WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER, DISCUSSION & DISCERNMENT.

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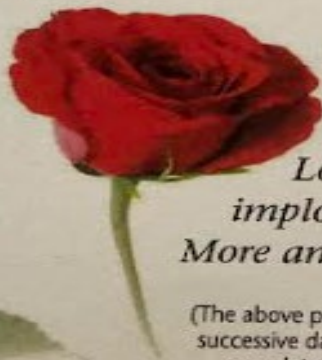
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St. Therese *The Little Flower,*
Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly
Garden and send it to me with a Message of
Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee
implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(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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The Fourth Sunday after The Cross

First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 24: 45-51

Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time?

Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.

Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

الأحد الرابع بعد عيد الصليب

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 5: 1-11

يا إخواني، أمّا الأزمنة والأوقات، أيّها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيّداً أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فجبن يقولون: سلام وأمن! حينئذ يداهمهم الهلاك وهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفلتون. أمّا أنتم، أيّها الإخوة، فأنتم في ظلمة ليفاجئكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق.

فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولسنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة.

إذاً فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون ففي الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون ففي الليل يسكرون.

أمّا نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص ببرتنا يسوع المسيح،

الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيّا معه ساشرين كنّا أم نائمين. فإذلك سجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، ولتين الواجد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلّون.

إنجيل القديس متى 24: 45-51

قال الرب يسوع: «من هو العبد الأمين الحكيم الذي أقامه سيّده على أهل بيته، ليُعطيهم الطعام في حينه؟»

طوبى لذلك العبد الذي يجيء سيّده فيجده فاعلاً هكذا!

الحق أقول لكم: إنّه يقيّمه على جميع ممتلكاته. ولكن إن قال ذلك العبد الشرير في قلبه: سيّتي أخّر سيّدي!

وبدا يضرب رفاقه، ويأكل ويشرب مع السكّيرين، يجيء سيّد ذلك العبد في يوم لا ينتظره، وفي ساعة لا يعرفها،

فيفصله، ويجعل نصيبه مع المرائين. هناك يكون البكاء وصريف الأسنان