

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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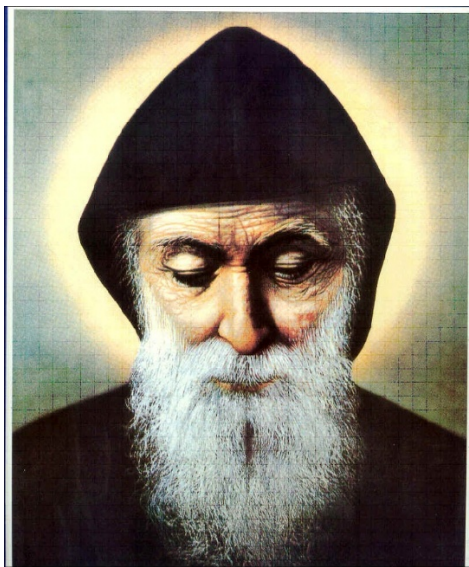
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**7th Sunday of Pentecost
July 20th, 2025**



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 – 7th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday July 19th @ 4:00 PM- For the intentions of the Flammia family

7th Sunday Pentecost July 20th-- For the intentions of the Flammia family

Rom 8:28-39; Matthew 13:36-43

Monday July 21st @9:00 AM- In Memory of Cecilia Ortiz Manrique

Tuesday July 22nd @8:00 AM- In Memory of Cecilia Ortiz Manrique

Wednesday July 23rd @9:00 AM – For the intentions of Gabriel Garcia Becerra(Birthday)

Thursday July 24th @ 9:00 AM– NO DIVINE LITURGY

Friday July 25th 9:00 AM In Memory of Cecilia Ortiz Manrique

Saturday July 26th @ 4:00 PM- In Memory of Cecilia Ortiz Manrique

8th Sunday Pentecost Sunday July 27th @ 10:00 AM- In Memory of Wanas Askanian & his wife Nouhad Younes

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 06/22/2025-07/13/2025

Saturday/Sunday 06/29 collection - \$961.00; Online Giving - \$337.99; Total –\$1298.99

Second collection: Peter Pence: \$99.00

Saturday/Sunday 06/29 collection- \$1124.00; Online Giving - \$234.11; Total –\$1358.11

Saturday/Sunday 06/29 collection- \$850.00; Online Giving - \$293.11; Total –\$1143.11

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.

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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The Feast of St. Sharbel

عيد مار شربل

Letter of Paul to the Romans 8:28-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

The Gospel of Saint Matthew 13:36-43

Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 8: 28-39

يا إخوتي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لِخَيْرِ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُ، أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ دَعَاهُمْ بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ؛ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ سَبَقَ فَعَرَفَهُمْ، سَبَقَ أَيْضًا فَحَدَّدَهُمْ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مُشَابِهِينَ لِصُورَةِ ابْنِهِ، حَتَّى يَكُونَ ابْنُهُ بَكْرًا لِإِخْوَةٍ كَثِيرِينَ. وَالَّذِينَ سَبَقَ فَحَدَّدَهُمْ، هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا دَعَاهُمْ، وَالَّذِينَ دَعَاهُمْ، هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا بَرَّرَهُمْ، وَالَّذِينَ بَرَّرَهُمْ، هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا مَجَّدَهُمْ. إِذَا فَمَاذَا نَقُولُ بَعْدَ؟ إِذَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مَعَنَا، فَمَنْ عَلَيْنَا؟ فَاللَّهُ الَّذِي لَمْ يَخْلُ بَابْنِهِ، بَلْ سَلَّمَهُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ مِنْ أَجْلِنا جَمِيعًا، كَيْفَ لَا يَهَبُ لَنَا مَعَهُ أَيْضًا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ؟ فَمَنْ يَشْكُو مُحْتَارِي اللَّهَ؟ اللَّهُ يَبَرِّرُهُمْ. فَمَنْ الَّذِي يَدِينُ؟ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ يَسُوعُ الَّذِي مَاتَ، بَلْ أَقِيمَ، وَهُوَ أَيْضًا عَنْ يَمِينِ اللَّهِ، وَهُوَ أَيْضًا يَنْفَعُ لَنَا! مَنْ يَفْصِلُنَا عَنْ مَحَبَّةِ الْمَسِيحِ؟ أَضِيقُ، أَمْ شِدَّةٌ، أَمْ أَضْطِهَادٌ، أَمْ جُوعٌ، أَمْ عَرْيٌ، أَمْ خَطَرٌ، أَمْ سَيْفٌ؟ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «إِنَّا مِنْ أَجْلِكَ نُمَاتُ النَّهَارَ كُلَّهُ، وَقَدْ حُسِبْنَا مِثْلَ غَنَمٍ لِلذَّبْحِ!» إِنْ أُنَّا فِي كُلِّ ذَلِكَ نَعْلَبُ بِالَّذِي أَحَبَّنَا. فَإِنِّي لَوَاتِقٌ أَنَّهُ لَا مَوْتَ وَلَا حَيَاةَ، وَلَا مَلَائِكَةَ وَلَا رِئَاسَاتَ، وَلَا حَاضِرَ وَلَا مُسْتَقْبِلَ، وَلَا قُوَّاتَ، وَلَا غُلُوَ وَلَا غَمَقَ، وَلَا أَيَّ خَلِيقَةٍ أُخْرَى تَفْزِرُ أَنْ تَفْصِلَنَا عَنْ مَحَبَّةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا

إنجيل القديس متى 13: 36-43

تَرَكَ يَسُوعُ الْجُمُوعَ وَآتَى إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، فَدَنَا مِنْهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ وَقَالُوا لَهُ: «فَسِّرْ لَنَا مِثْلَ زُرَّانِ الْحَقْلِ» فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: «زَارِعُ الزَّرْعِ الْجَيِّدِ هُوَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، وَالْحَقْلُ هُوَ الْعَالَمُ، وَالزَّرْعُ الْجَيِّدُ هُمُ ابْنَاءُ الْمَلَكُوتِ، وَالزُّرَّانُ هُمُ بَنُو الشَّيْطَانِ، وَالْعَدُوُّ الَّذِي زَرَعَ الزُّرَّانَ هُوَ إِبْلِيسُ، وَالْحِصَادُ هُوَ نِهَايَةُ الْعَالَمِ، وَالْحِصَادُونَ هُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ. فَكَمَا يُجْمَعُ الزُّرَّانُ وَيُحْرَقُ بِالنَّارِ، كَذَلِكَ يَكُونُ فِي نِهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ. يُرْسِلُ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ مَلَائِكَتَهُ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مِنْ مَمْلَكَتِهِ كُلَّ الشُّكُوكِ وَفَاعِلِي الْإِثْمِ، وَيُلْقَوْنَهُمْ فِي آتُونِ النَّارِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرْيَفُ الْأَسْنَانِ. حِينَئِذٍ يَسْطَعُ الْأَبْرَارُ كَالشَّمْسِ فِي مَلَكُوتِ آبِيهِمْ. مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ فَلْيَسْمَعْ!