

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**3<sup>Rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Pentecost**

Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00 PM — For the intention of Maria Damle Requested by her family

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Pentecost - June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM- In Memory of Mehse Bassim**

Prov 8:22-23, 30-36; 1Cor 2:1-10; John 14:21-27

Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup> @9:00 AM- For the poor souls in Purgatory

Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> @9:00 AM- For the poor souls in Purgatory

Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> @9:00 AM – For the poor souls in Purgatory

Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM– For the intention of Emily Flammia

Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM– For the poor souls in Purgatory (**The Sacred Heart of Jesus**)

Saturday June 28<sup>st</sup> @ 4:00 PM – **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**: For the intention of the newly wedded couple Lorea Habchy & Joseph Gergis

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Pentecost - June 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM- In Memory of Chorbishop Joeseph Saidi**

### **Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 06/09/2025-06/15/2025**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$618.00; Online Giving - \$163.11; Total –\$781.11

**Donation: \$500.00**

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.**

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Rosary – Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

**SAJ Sunday: Sunday June 22, 2025. Please come and support your parish**

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

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 – In memory of Mehse Bassim offered by Adrian Bassim & 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- AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT WAS GIVING THEM UTTERANCE. ACTS 2 :1-4**

### **Baptized in Christ**

Our congratulations to Roni and Talia Rostom  
on the Baptism/Chrismation of their first-born son  
George Emmanuel

Wishing him joy and blessings, and a peaceful life.  
May the Lord grant you all holiness.



# **SAJ DAY**

**Sunday June 22nd**

**At 11:30 am**

**Zaatar: \$5**

**Cheese: \$7**

**Keshek: \$7**

**Nutella-Banana: \$7**



**Our Lady of Mercy parking lot**

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### 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](http://www.plam.org/events) (40 Days for Life, Prayers at local abortion sites.)

Prolife Across America [www.prolifeacrossamerica.org](http://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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**Third Sunday of Pentecost**

**First Letter to the Corinthians 2: 1-10**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

**The Gospel according to Saint John 14: 21-27**

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة**

**رسالة بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 10-1:2**

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا، لَمَّا أَتَيْتُكُمْ لِأُبَشِّرَكُمْ بِسِرِّ اللَّهِ، لَمْ أَتِ بِبَرَاةِ الْكَلَامِ أَوْ الْحِكْمَةِ؛ لِأَنِّي قَرَّرْتُ أَنْ لَا أَعْرِفَ بَيْنَكُمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَإِيَّاهُ مَصْلُوبًا! وَقَدْ جِئْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِضَعْفٍ وَخَوْفٍ وَرَعْدَةٍ شَدِيدَةٍ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ كَلَامِي وَتَبَشِيرِي بِكَلِمَاتِ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْإِقْنَاعِ، بَلْ بِبُرْهَانِ الرُّوحِ وَالْقُدْرَةِ، لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ إِيمَانُكُمْ قَائِمًا عَلَى حِكْمَةِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ عَلَى قُدْرَةِ اللَّهِ. غَيْرَ أَنَّنَا نَنْطِقُ بِالْحِكْمَةِ بَيْنَ الْكَامِلِينَ، وَلَكِنْ لَا بِحِكْمَةِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، وَلَا بِحِكْمَةِ رُؤَسَاءِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ الَّذِينَ مَصِيرُهُمْ إِلَى الزَّوَالِ. بَلْ نَنْطِقُ بِسِرِّ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ الْمَخْجُوبَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَحَدَدَهَا قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ لِمَجْدِنَا. وَهِيَ الْحِكْمَةُ الَّتِي لَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ رُؤَسَاءِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، لِأَنَّهُمْ لَوْ عَرَفُوهَا لَمَّا صَلَّبُوا رَبَّ الْمَجْدِ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «مَا لَمْ تَرَهُ عَيْنٌ، وَلَمْ تَسْمَعْ بِهِ أُذُنٌ، وَلَمْ يَخْطُرْ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ، قَدْ أَعَدَّهُ اللَّهُ لِلَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُ.» لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعْلَنَهُ لَنَا بِرُوحِهِ، لِأَنَّ الرُّوحَ يَسْتَبْرِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى أَعْمَاقِ اللَّهِ.

**إنجيل القديس يوحنا 27-21:14**

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: «مَنْ كَانَتْ لَدَيْهِ وَصَايَايَ وَيَحْفَظُهَا، هُوَ الَّذِي يُحِبُّنِي. وَمَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يُحِبُّهُ أَبِي، وَأَنَا أُحِبُّهُ وَأُظْهِرُ لَهُ ذَاتِي.» قَالَ لَهُ يَهُوذَا، لَا ذَاكَ الْإِسْخَرِيُّوطِي: «يَا رَبِّ، مَاذَا جَرَى حَتَّى تُظْهِرَ ذَاتَكَ لَنَا، لَا لِلْعَالَمِ؟» أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «مَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي، وَأَبِي يُحِبُّهُ وَإِلَيْهِ نَأْتِي، وَعِنْدَهُ نَجْعَلُ لَنَا مَنْزِلًا. مَنْ لَا يُحِبُّنِي لَا يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي. وَالْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي تَسْمَعُونَهَا لَيْسَتْ كَلِمَتِي، بَلْ كَلِمَةُ الْآبِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي. كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِذَا، وَأَنَا مُقِيمٌ عِنْدَكُمْ. لَكِنَّ الْبَرَفِيلِيطَ، الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ، الَّذِي سَيُرْسِلُهُ الْآبُ بِاسْمِي، هُوَ يُعَلِّمُكُمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَيَذَكِّرُكُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ. السَّلَامُ أَسْتَوِدِعْكُمْ، سَلَامِي أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا كَمَا يُعْطِيهِ الْعَالَمُ أَنَا أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا يَضْطَرِبُ قَلْبُكُمْ وَلَا يَخَفُ!»