

# OUR LADY OF MERCY

## MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Third Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Hemorrhaging Woman March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025



#### 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 - 9:30am to 10:30am

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 – Third Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Hemorrhaging Woman**

**Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

2 Kings 5:1-3,9-14; Rom 6:12-23; Mark 1:3-45

**Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> - For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions of Jill Flammia**

**Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> – In memory of Fouad Thomas**

**Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> -6:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

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**Stewardship of God’s Blessings for the Week of 03/03/2025-03/07/2025**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1819.00 **Online Giving** - \$364.11; Bishop Appeal: \$200.00 **Total –\$2383.11**

**Falafal Sunday: \$1517.00**

**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 EVENTS:**

**GAMES NIGHT ON MARCH 22,2025**

**FISH SUNDAY ON MARCH 30,2025**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP–**

**FEMININE GENIUS BRUNCH ON SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025 – CHECK THE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Gifts of the Heart for the Month of February**

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno.

Altar Bread and Wine in the Church – Private Intention offered by Aline & Fadi Khoury

Sanctuary Lamp and adoration candles in the Church – For the intentions of George Zogheib and family

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of George and Charlotte Jreij and 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- **FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,” DECLARES THE LORD, “PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE. - Jeremiah 29:11**



### 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>

### Lent Guideline

Our Lent begins this year with  
**Ash Monday, March 3rd**  
and concludes on  
**Easter Sunday, April 20th**

#### Below are the Lent Regulations

All those who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Monday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting should be from midnight until noon. Of course you are all encouraged to also fast and do other acts of penance on the other days during Lent, especially Fridays. There are plenty works of charity and you can help by doing your share of compassion and mercy. Most importantly do good things instead of just giving up some food.

Have a blessed Lent.

#### Confessions during Lent

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need it in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace.



## 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.

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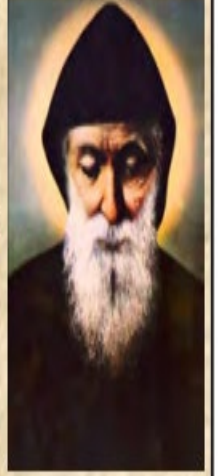
## Join the Order of St. Sharbel

The order of St. Sharbel supports the education of Maronite seminarians and our retired priests who deserve a decent retirement.

Please consider joining the Order as an Annual Member for \$500 a year, or Perpetual Member for \$5,000 for life.

Information about the Order can be found at [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org)

Thank you for considering this invitation.



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The gates of heaven are opened through prayer and fasting.

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to  
all women

# Feminine Genius Brunch With the Sisters of Life



Come discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing!



Saturday April 12, 2025 - 09:30 AM

Our Lady of Mercy - Maronite Catholic church  
341 June St. Worcester MA 01602

Register by April 6 via the link:

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A CASUAL

# ***GAME NIGHT***

Saturday, March 22nd  
at 7:30 p.m.

**\$35 PER PERSON**  
**FOOD INCLUDED**  
**CASH BAR**  
**CASH GAMES**  
**BINGO**

RSVP TO CARINE EL HAYEK  
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**ADULTS ONLY**





# Fish Sunday

Sunday March 30th  
11:30 am

Fish with Rice and Green beans

Salad

Mjaddara

\$30 Adults

\$5 Kids  
12 YO  
and under

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341 June St. Worcester MA 01602

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Last day for reservation  
Sunday March 23rd

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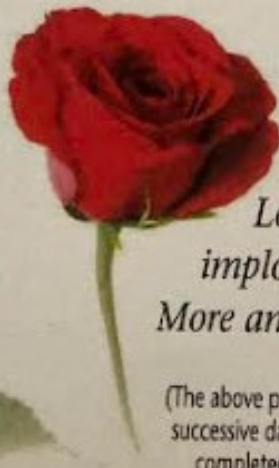
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***St. Therese*** *The Little Flower,*  
*Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly*  
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*Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee*  
*implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day*  
*More and More.*

(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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الأحد الثالث من الصوم الكبير: أحد شفاء النازفة

Second Letter to the Corinthians 7:4-11

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 7:4-11

I often boast about you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with consolation; I am overjoyed in all our affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way disputes without and fears within. But God, who consoles the downcast, consoled us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was consoled about you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it, for I see that I grieved you with that letter, though only briefly). Now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance; for you felt a godly grief, so that you were not harmed in any way by us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death. For see what eagerness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

يا إخوتي، إن لي عليكم دالة كبيرة، ولي بكم فخرًا عظيمًا. ولقد أمتلأت تعزية، وأنا أبيض فرحًا في ضيقنا كله. فإننا لما وصلنا إلى مقدونية، لم يكن لجسدنا شيء من الراحة، بل كنا متضايقين في كل شيء، صراع من الخارج، وخوف من الداخل! لكن الله الذي يعزي المتواضعين عزانا بمجيء طيطس، لا بمجيئه فحسب، بل أيضًا بالتعزية التي تعزاهما بكم. وقد أخبرنا بأشقيائكم البنيا، وحزنكم، وغيرتكم علي، حتى إني أزدت فرحًا. وإذا كنت قد أحزنتكم برسالتني فلست نادمًا على ذلك، مع أنني كنت قد تدمت، لأني أرى أن تلك الرسالة، ولو أحزنتكم إلى حين، قد سببت لي فرحًا كثيرًا، لا لأنكم حزنتم، بل لأن حزنكم أدى بكم إلى التوبة. فقد حزنتم حزنًا مرضيًا لله، كي لا تحسروا بسببنا في أي شيء؛ لأن الحزن المرضي لله يصنع توبة للخلاص لا ندم عليها، أما حزن العالم فيصنع موتًا. فأنظروا حزنكم هذا المرضي لله كم أنشأ فيكم من الأجهاد، بل من الاعتذار، بل من الاستنكار، بل من الخوف، بل من الشوق، بل من العزيمة، بل من الإصرار على العقاب! وقد أظهرتم أنفسكم في كل ذلك أبرياء من هذا الأمر.

The Gospel according to Saint Luke 8:40-56

إنجيل القديس لوقا 8:40-56

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.' While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

لما عاد يسوع، استقبله الجمع، لأنهم جميعهم كانوا ينتظرونه. وإذا برجل اسمه يائيرس، وكان رئيس المجمع، جاء فأرتمى على قدمي يسوع، وأخذ يتوسل إليه أن يدخل بيته، لأن له ابنة وحيدة، عمرها نحو اثنتي عشرة سنة، قد أشرفت على الموت. وفيما هو ذاهب، كان الجموع يزحمونه. وكانت امرأة مصابة بنزف دم منذ اثنتي عشرة سنة، ولم يقدر أحد أن يشفيها. دنت من وراء يسوع، ولمست طرف رداءه، وفجأة وقفت نرف دميها. فقال يسوع: «من لمسني؟». وأنكر الجميع. فقال بطرس ومن معه: «يا معلم، إن الجموع يزحمونك ويضايقونك.» فقال يسوع: «إن واحدًا قد لمسني! فإني عرفت أن قوة قد خرجت مني.» ورأت المرأة أن أمرها لم يخف عليه، فدنت مرتدة وأرتمت على قدميه، وأعلنت أمام الشعب كله لماذا لمستته، وكيف شفيت للحال. فقال لها يسوع: «يا ابنتي، إيمانك خلصك! اذهبي بسلام.» وفيما هو يتكلم، وصل واحد من دار رئيس المجمع يقول: «ماتت ابنتك! فلا تزج المعلم.» وسمع يسوع فأجابته: «لا تخف! يكفي أن تؤمن فتحي ابنتك.» ولما وصل إلى البيت، لم يدع أحدًا يدخل معه سوى بطرس ويوحنا ويعقوب وأبي الصبية وأمه. وكان الجميع يتكلمون عليها ويفرعون صدورهم. فقال: «لا تبكوا! إنها لم تمت. لكنها نائمة.» فأخذوا يضحكون منه لعلهم بأنها ماتت. أما هو فأمسك بيدها ونادى قائلاً: «أيتها الصبية، قومي.» فعادت روحها إليها، وفجأة نهضت. ثم أمر بأن يطعموها. فدهش أبواها، وأوصاهما يسوع ألا يخبرا أحدًا بما حدث.