

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Forth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Prodigal Son  
March 23<sup>rd</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 – Forth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Prodigal Son**

**Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> – In memory of Toufic Aghnatiou & Linda Ghanem**

**Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> – In memory of Maurice and Jane Elibri, Requested by Nabil and Alex Khoury**

Zech 3:1-7; 2 Cor 13:5-13; Luke 15:11-32

**Monday March 24<sup>th</sup> – No Divine Liturgy: Clergy Retreat**

**Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> – No Divine Liturgy: Clergy Retreat**

**Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> – No Divine Liturgy: Clergy Retreat**

**Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> – No Divine Liturgy: Clergy Retreat**

**Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> – No Divine Liturgy: Clergy Retreat**

**Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> – In memory of Toufic Aghnatiou & Linda Ghanem**

**Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 03/10/2025-03/16/2025**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1170.00 Online Giving - \$163.11; Bishop Appeal: \$311.00 Total –\$1644.11

**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 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.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html>

### 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.

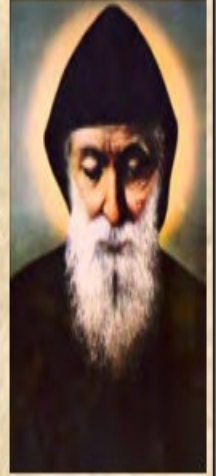
Please consider joining the Order as an

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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Saturday April 12, 2025 - 09:30 AM

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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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Our Lady of Mercy Church hall

341 June St. Worcester MA 01602

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Last day for reservation

Sunday March 23rd



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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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**Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

**Second Letter to the Corinthians 13: 5-13**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**The Gospel according to Saint Luke 15: 11-32**

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

**الاحد الرابع من الصوم الكبير : مثل الابن الشاطر**  
رسالة بولس الثانية الى اهل كورنثس 13: 5-13  
يا اخوتي، اختبروا انفسكم، هل انتم راسخون في الإيمان. امتحنوا انفسكم. ألا تعرفون أن المسيح يسوع فيكم؟ إلا إذا كنتم مرفوضين! فأرجو أن تعرفوا أننا نحن لسنا مرفوضين! ونصلي إلى الله كي لا تفعلوا أي شر، لا لينظر نحن مقبولين، بل لكي تفعلوا أنتم الخير، وتكون نحن كأننا مرفوضون! فأبنا لا نستطيع أن نفعل شيئاً ضد الحق، بل لأجل الحق! أجل، إننا نفرح عندما نكون نحن ضغفاء، وتكونون أنتم أقوياء. من أجل هذا أيضاً نصلي لكي تكونوا كاملين. أكتب هذا وأنا غائب، لئلا أعلمكم يقسوة وأنا حاضر، بالسلطان الذي أعطاني إياه الرب، لئليانكم لا يهدمكم. وبعد، أيها الأخوة، افرحوا، وأسعوا إلى الكمال، وتشجعوا، وكونوا على رأي واحد، وعيشوا في سلام، وإله المحبة والسلام يكون معكم! سلّموا بعضكم على بعض بقبلة مقدسة. جميع القديسين يسلمون عليكم. نعمة الرب يسوع المسيح، ومحبة الله، وشركة الروح القدس معكم أجمعين!

**إنجيل القديس لوقا 15: 11-32**  
قال الرب يسوع: «كان لرجل ابنان. فقال أصغرهما لأبيه: يا أبي، أعطني حصتي من الميراث. فقسّم لهما ثروته. وبعد أيام قليلة، جمع الأب الأصغر كل حصته، وسافر إلى بلد بعيد. وهناك بدّد ماله في حياة الطيش. ولما أنفق كل شيء، حدثت في ذلك البلد مجاعة شديدة، فبدأ يجس بالعوز. فذهب ولجأ إلى واحد من أهل ذلك البلد، فأرسله إلى حقوله ليزرع الخنازير. وكان ينتهي أن يملأ جوفه من الخروب الذي كانت الخنازير تأكله، ولا يعطيه منه أحد. فرجع إلى نفسه وقال: كم من الأجراء عند أبي، يفضل الخبر عنهم، وأنا ههنا أهلك جوعاً! أقوم وأمضي إلى أبي وأقول له: يا أبي، خطيت إلى السماء وأمامك. ولا أستحق بعد أن ادعى لك ابناً. فأجعلني كأحد أجراءك! فقام وجاء إلى أبيه. وفيما كان لا يزال بعيداً، رآه أبوه، فتحن عليه، وأسرع فألقى بنفسه على عنقه وقبله طويلاً. فقال له أبوه: يا أبي، خطيت إلى السماء وأمامك. ولا أستحق بعد أن ادعى لك ابناً... فقال الأب لعبيده: أسرعوا وأخرجوا الخلة الفاخرة واللبسوه، وأجعلوا في يديه خاتماً، وفي رجله جذاء، وأثوا بالعجل المسمن وأدبحوه، ولناكل ونتنعم! لأن ابني هذا كان ميتاً فعاش، وضائعاً فوجد. وبدأوا يتنعمون. وكان أبوه الأكبر في الحقل. فلما جاء وأقرب من البيت، سمع غناء ورقصاً. فدعا واحداً من الغلمان وسأله: ما عسى أن يكون هذا؟ فقال له: جاء أخوك، فدبح أبوك العجل المسمن، لأنه لقيه سالماً. فعضب ولم يرد أن يدخل. فخرج أبوه يتوسل إليه. فأجاب وقال لأبيه: ها أنا أخذك كل هذه السنين، ولم أخالف لك يوماً أمراً، ولم تعطيني مرة جدياً، لأنتم مع أصدقائي. ولكن لما جاء أبوك هذا الذي أكل ثروتك مع الزواني، دبحت له العجل المسمن! فقال له أبوه: يا ولدي، أنت معي في كل حين، وكل ما هو لي هو لك. ولكن كان ينبغي أن نتنعم ونفرح، لأن أخاك هذا كان ميتاً فعاش، وضائعاً فوجد.»

