

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Sixth Sunday of Great Lent: Healing of The Blind Man  
April 6<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 – Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of The Paralytic**

**Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> - In memory of Fouad Thomas (40 days) Requested by his family**

Isiah 42:6-8,16-18; 2 Cor 10:1-7; Mark 10:46-52

**Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> - For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions Madeline & Mason (wedding anniversary)**

**Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Friday April 11<sup>th</sup> -6:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension**

**Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> - In memory of Youssef & Labiby Jreij Requested by their son Michel Jreij & granddaughter Laura Bitar**

**Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 03/24/2025-03/30/2025**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1092.00; Online Giving - \$312.99; Bishop Appeal: \$162.00; **Total –\$1566.99**

**Fish Sunday: \$1025.00**

**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:**

**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 April**

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

Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church – For the intentions of Don & Pat Quintiliani and their family

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of Don & Pat Quintiliani and their 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**



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Saturday April 12, 2025 - 09:30 AM

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Register by April 6 via the link:

<http://www.cedaroflebanonfcc.com/fgb> Or Scan to register



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### 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.

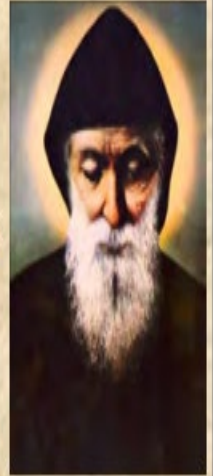
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Information about the Order can be found at [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org)

Thank you for considering this invitation.



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*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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**Sixth Sunday of Lent: The Healing of the Blind Man**

**Second Letter to the Corinthians 10: 1-7**

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

**The Gospel according to Saint Mark 10: 46-52**

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

الأحد السادس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء الأعمى

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل

كورنثس 10:1-7

يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ نَفْسِي أَنَاشِدُكُمْ بِوَدَاعَةِ الْمَسِيحِ وَحِلْمِهِ، أَنَا الْمُتَوَاضِعُ بَيْنَكُمْ عِنْدَمَا أَكُونُ حَاضِرًا، وَالْجَرِيءُ عَلَيْكُمْ عِنْدَمَا أَكُونُ غَائِبًا. وَأَرْجُو أَلَّا أُجْبَرَ عِنْدَ حُضُورِي أَنْ أَكُونَ جَرِيئًا، بِالثِّقَةِ الَّتِي لِي بِكُمْ، وَالَّتِي أَنُوي أَنْ أَجْرُوَ بِهَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّنَا نَسْلُكُ كَأَنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّينَ. أَجَلْ، إِنَّنَا نَحْيَا فِي الْجَسَدِ، وَلَكِنَّا لَا نُحَارِبُ كَأَنَاسٍ جَسَدِيِّينَ؛ لِأَنَّ أَسْلِحَةَ جِهَادِنَا لَيْسَتْ جَسَدِيَّةً، بَلْ هِيَ قَادِرَةٌ بِاللَّهِ عَلَى هَدْمِ الْخُصُوفِ الْمَنِيعَةِ؛ فَإِنَّمَا نَهْدِمُ الْأَفْكَارَ الْخَاطِئَةَ، وَكُلَّ شُمُوءٍ يَرْتَفِعُ ضِدَّ مَعْرِفَةِ اللَّهِ، وَنَأْسُرُ كُلَّ فِكْرٍ لِبَطَاعَةِ الْمَسِيحِ. وَنَحْنُ مُسْتَعِدُّونَ أَنْ نُعَاقِبَ كُلَّ عُصْيَانٍ، مَتَى كَمَلَتْ طَاعَتُكُمْ. إِنَّكُمْ تَحْكُمُونَ عَلَى الْمَظَاهِرِ! إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ وَاثِقًا بِنَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَلْيَفَكِّرْ فِي نَفْسِهِ أَنَّهُ كَمَا هُوَ لِلْمَسِيحِ كَذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 10:46-52

بَيْنَمَا يَسُوعُ خَارِجٌ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، هُوَ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ وَجَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ، كَانَ بَرْطِيمَا، أَي ابْنُ طِيمَا، وَهُوَ شَحَادٌ أَعْمَى، جَالِسًا عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ النَّاصِرِيُّ، بَدَأَ يَصْرُخُ وَيَقُولُ: «يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنُ دَاوُدَ ارْحَمْنِي.» فَأَنْتَهَرَهُ أَنَاسٌ كَثِيرُونَ لَيْسَكْتَ، إِلَّا أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَزْدَادُ صَرَخًا: «يَا ابْنُ دَاوُدَ ارْحَمْنِي.» فَوَقَفَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «أَدْعُوهُ!» فَدَعَا الْأَعْمَى قَائِلِينَ لَهُ: «ثِقْ وَأَنْهَضْ! إِنَّهُ يَدْعُوكَ.» فَطَرَحَ الْأَعْمَى رِدَاءَهُ، وَوَتَّبَعَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى يَسُوعَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكَ؟» قَالَ لَهُ الْأَعْمَى: «رَابُّونِي، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ.» فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِذْهَبْ! إِيمَانُكَ خَلَصَكَ.» لِلْوَقْتِ عَادَ يُبْصِرُ. وَرَاحَ يَتَّبِعُ يَسُوعَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ.