

OUR LADY OF MERCY

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of The Paralytic March 30th, 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 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 – Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of The Paralytic

Saturday March 29th – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Sunday March 30th- In memory of Toufic Aghnatiou & Linda Ghanem

Isiah 35:1-6,8,9b-10; 1 Tim 5:24-6:5; Mark 2:1-12

Monday March 31st - For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Tuesday April 1st – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Wednesday April 2nd – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Thursday April 3rd – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Friday April 4th – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Friday April 4th -6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 5th – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Sunday April 6th- In memory of Fouad Thomas (40 days) Requested by his family

Stewardship of God’s Blessings for the Week of 03/17/2025-03/23/2025

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1613.00; Online Giving - \$213.61; Bishop Appeal: \$465.00; Total –\$2291.61

Games night: \$3582.00

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:

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 14th 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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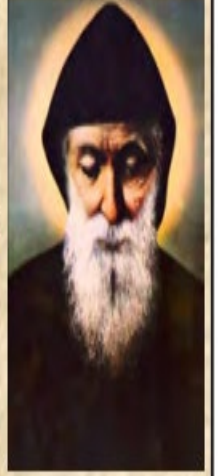
Join the Order of St. Sharbel

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

Thank you for considering this invitation.



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The gates of heaven are opened through prayer and fasting.

Open
to
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Feminine Genius Brunch With the Sisters of Life



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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:

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



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Fish Sunday

Sunday March 30th
11:30 am

Fish with Rice and Green beans

Salad

Mjaddara

\$30 Adults

\$5 Kids
12 YO
and under

Cash
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Our Lady of Mercy Church hall
341 June St. Worcester MA 01602

For reservation:
Rony Zoghby: (774) 312-3447

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Sunday March 23rd

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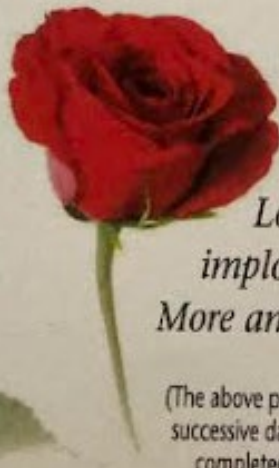
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St. Therese *The Little Flower,*
Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly
Garden and send it to me with a Message of
Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee
implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(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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Fifth Sunday Lent: Sunday of the Man who was Paralyzed

First Letter to Timothy 5:24-6: 5

The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?

Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء المخلع

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى تيموثاوس 5:24-6: 5
يا إخوتي، من الناس من تكون خطاياهم واضحة قبل الحكم فيها، ومنهم من لا تكون واضحة إلا بعدة. كذلك فإن الأعمال الصالحة هي أيضاً واضحة، والتي هي غير واضحة فلا يمكن أن تبقى خفية. على جميع الذين تحت نير العبودية أن يحسبوا أسيادهم أهلاً لكل كرامة، لئلا يجذف على أسم الله وتعليمه. أما الذين لهم أسياد مؤمنون فلا يستهينوا بهم، لأنهم إخوة، بل بالأحرى فليخدموهم، لأن المستفيدين من خدمتهم الطيبة هم مؤمنون وأحباء، ذلك ما يجب أن نعلمه وتعط به. فإن كان أحد يعلم تعليماً مخالفاً، ولا يتمسك بالكلام الصحيح، كلام ربنا يسوع المسيح، وبالتعليم الموافق للتقوى، فهو إنسان أعمته الكبرياء، لا يفهم شيئاً، بل مصاب بمرض المجادلات والمماحكات، التي ينشأ عنها الحسد والخصام والتجديف وسوء الظن، والمشاكرات بين أناس فاسدي العقل، زائفين عن الحق، يظنون أن التقوى وسيلة للربح.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 2:1-12

عاد يسوع إلى كفرناحوم. وسمع الناس أنه في البيت. فتجمع عدد كبير منهم حتى غص بهم المكان، ولم يبق موضع لأحد ولا عند الباب. وكان يحاطبهم بكلمة الله. فأتوه بمخلع يحمله أربعة رجال. وبسبب الجمع لم يستطيعوا الوصول به إلى يسوع، فكشفوا السقف فوق يسوع، ونبشوه، ودلوا الفراش الذي كان المخلع مطروحاً عليه.

ورأى يسوع إيمانهم، فقال للمخلع: «يا ابني، مغفورة لك خطاياك.»

وكان بعض الكتبة جالسين هناك يفكرون في قلوبهم: لماذا يتكلم هذا الرجل هكذا؟ إنه يجذف! من يقدر أن يعفر الخطايا إلا الله وحده؟

وفي الحال عرف يسوع بروجه أنهم يفكرون هكذا في أنفسهم فقال لهم: «لماذا تفكرون بهذا في قلوبكم؟

ما هو الأسهل؟ أن يقال للمخلع: مغفورة لك خطاياك؟ أم أن يقال: قم وأحمل فراشك وأمش؟

ولكي تعلموا أن لأبن الإنسان سلطاناً أن يعفر الخطايا على الأرض»، قال للمخلع:

«لقد أقول: قم، احمل فراشك، وأذهب إلى بيتك!»

فقام في الحال وحمل فراشه، وخرج أمام الجميع، حتى دهشوا كلهم ومجدوا الله قائلين: «ما رأينا مثل هذا البتة.»