

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection  
May 18<sup>h</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 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection**

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM -For the intention of Natalie Yago

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection- May 18<sup>th</sup>@ 10:00 AM- For the intentions of the MYO**

Ezek 24:11-16, 23-25a; Eph 2:1-10; John 21:15-19

Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> @9:00 AM- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> @9:00 AM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> @9:00 AM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 AM– **St. Rita**- For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 AM– – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM – For the intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection- May 25<sup>th</sup>@ 10:00 AM- I memory of Milia, Shoukrallah, & Samira Abboud  
; Requested by Fadia Abdelmessieh and Family**

## **Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 05/05/2025-05/11/2025**

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1034.00; **Online Giving** - \$263.11; **Total –\$1297.11;**

**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 May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm**

**Sessions about the Eucharist on Wednesday and Thursdays – Check the flyer form more information**

**Family BBQ Sunday on May 18, 2025 – check the flyer for more information**

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

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, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp,

Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of Dwight and Teddy Flammia 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- HIS MOTHER SAID TO THE SERVANTS, “DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.”  
JOHN 2:5**

### **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.



Join us in this Jubilee  
of Hope as we delve  
into the Eucharist,  
source of our hope  
and strength, by  
reading and  
reflecting on true  
stories from  
Beautiful Eucharist.

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM MAY 14 TO JUNE 25 @ 9:00AM -10:30AM  
DIVINE LITURGY FOLLOWED BY ROSARY AND HYBRID SESSION

OR

EVERY THURSDAY FROM MAY 15 TO JUNE 26 @ 7:00PM – 8:45 PM  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOLLOWED BY IN PERSON SESSION

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For more information and to register, check our website:  
<https://ourladyofmercymaronite.org/>

Come as you are and as often as you can!  
No commitment required!  
Just open your heart to encounter Christ in the Eucharist!





## 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)

Familiarize yourself with Lila Rose and Abby Johnson



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# BARBECUE

# Family Fun Day

Sunday May 18th  
at 11:30 am

\$30 Adult  
\$10 Kids 12 YO and under



Bounce House

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MYO Fundraiser



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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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**Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Letter to the Ephesians 2:1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**The Gospel according to Saint John 21:15-19**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'

He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.'

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

**الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة**

**رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 2:1-10**

يا إخوتي، وأنتم، فقد كنتم أمواتاً بزلاتكم وخطاياكم، التي سلكنتم فيها من قبل بحسب إله هذا العالم، بحسب رئيس سلطان الجوّ، أي الروح الذي يعمل الآن في أبناء العصيان؛

ومنهم نحن أيضاً جميعاً قد سلكننا من قبل في شهوات إنساننا الجسديّ، غاملين برغباته وأفكاره، وكنا بالطبيعة أولاد

الغضب كالباقين؛ لكن الله، وهو الغني برحمته، فلكرّة محبته التي أحبنا بها، وقد كنا نحن أيضاً أمواتاً بزلاتنا، أحياناً مع

المسيح، وبالنعمة أنتم مخلصون؛ ومعه أقامنا وأجلّسنا في السماوات في المسيح يسوع، ليظهر في الأجيال الآتية غنى

نعيمته الفائقة، بلطفه لنا في المسيح يسوع. فبالنعمة أنتم مخلصون بواسطة الإيمان: وهذا ليس منكم، إنه عطية الله.

ولا هو من الأعمال، لئلا يفخر أحد؛ لأننا نحن صنعناه، قد خلقنا في المسيح يسوع للأعمال الصالحة، التي سبق الله

فأعدّها لكي نسلك فيها.

**إنجيل القديس يوحنا 15:21-19**

بعد الغداء، قال يسوع لسمعان بطرس: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أتحبني أكثر ممّا يحبني هؤلاء؟». قال له: «نعم، يا رب، أنت تعلم أنني أحبك».

قال له يسوع: «إزع حملاني».

قال له مرّة ثانية: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أتحبني؟». قال له: «نعم، يا رب، أنت تعلم أنني أحبك».

قال له يسوع: «إزع نعاجي».

قال له مرّة ثالثة: «يا سمعان بن يونا، أتحبني؟». فحزن بطرس، لأن يسوع قال له ثلاث مرّات: أتحبني؟ فقال له: «يا رب، أنت تعلم كل شيء، وأنت تعرف أنني أحبك».

قال له يسوع: «إزع خرافي»!

الحق الحق أقول لك: حين كنت شاباً، كنت تشدّ جزامك بيدك وتسير إلى حيث تريد. ولكن حين تشيخ، ستبسط يديك وآخر

يشدّ لك جزامك، ويذهب بك إلى حيث لا تريد».

قال يسوع ذلك مشيراً إلى الميّتة التي سيّمد بها بطرس الله. ثمّ قال له: «إتبعني»!