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March 8, 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

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The liturgy this week is offered for

Peace in Lebanon

MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
St. Agnes Chapel
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, Florida

Wednesday, 12:00 noon
Saint Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Naples, Florida

Thursday, 5:30 P.M.
Our Lady Of Guadalupe Chapel
Ave Maria University Campus

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Fr. Paul is always available
before Divine Liturgy or by appointment

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Epistle

2 Corinthians 13:5-13

Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless, of course, you fail the test. I hope you will discover that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do evil, not that we may appear to have passed the test but that you may do what is right, even 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 but you are strong. What we pray for is your improvement. I am writing this while I am away, so that when I come I may not have to be severe in virtue of the authority that the Lord has given me to build up and not to tear down. Finally, brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, 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 holy ones greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you. Praise be to God always.

Gospel

Luke 15:11-32

Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" This is the Truth. Peace be with you.

The Prodigal Son
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.
Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

Wisdom from the Saints

Patience is the root and guardian of all the virtues.

-- Pope St. Gregory the Great
(Feast Day March 12)

Last Sunday's Numbers

March 1
Attendance: 74
Collection: $965.00

When you are out of town, you can still donate to the collection by using this link.
https://naplesmaronite.org/donate

We are grateful for all your generous financial support. The bank has requested that all checks must be made out to
Heart of Jesus Naples Maronite Mission

February 2026 Financials

Collections	$3,795.00 (includes $550. online)
Expenses	($1,271.50)
Net	$2,523.50

Dear Friends: It is tax season. If you need a letter for your taxes, please email Deacon Steve at father@naplesmaronite.org and he will send you the forms. God bless you for your generosity. We are most grateful.

Saints for this Week

8 St. Frances of Rome, C
9 The Forty Martyrs, M
10 St. Auxentius, C
11 St. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem, C
12 Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church (+604), C
13 St. Theophanes the Chronicler, C
14 St. Euphrasia, V

Journey with Jesus to Calvary: Our Lent, Holy Week and Easter Schedule*

"Do whatever He tells you."

March 8	9:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Great Lent *(The Parable of the Prodigal Son)*
March 13	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross at George & Daad Chamoun's home
March 15	9:30 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Great Lent *(The Healing of the Paralytic)*
March 20	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
March 22	9:30 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Great Lent *(The Healing of the Blind Man)*
March 27	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
March 29	9:30 a.m.	Hosanna Sunday
April 1	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday of Holy Week
April 2	6:00 p.m.	The Thursday of the Mysteries
April 3	6:00 p.m.	Great Friday of the Crucifixion
April 5	10:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection

*All Liturgies and Services at St. Agnes, unless otherwise noted
Please check the times, as they may vary from week to week

The Way to Calvary. Ugolino di Nerio c.1325-8. London, The National Gallery.

Save the Date!

Join us for
a church family picnic
and fundraiser
in support of our Mission!

When: Saturday, March 28, 1 pm - 5pm

Where: Vineyards Park. Pavilion #1
(Please bring your own chairs)

Food: Lebanese street food and desserts

50/50 raffle tickets!

A Prayer for Peace

Saint Francis, our brother,
you who eight hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,
intercede for us before the Lord.

You who recognized true peace
in the Crucifix of San Damiano,
teach us to seek in him the source of
all reconciliation that breaks down every wall.

You who, unarmed, crossed the lines
of war and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.

In this time afflicted by conflict and division,
intercede for us so that
we may become peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses
of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen.

The year 2026 is the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi - a timeless intercessor for peace.

In January, Pope Leo XIV met with the leaders of the Franciscan order and together they prayed the prayer to the left.