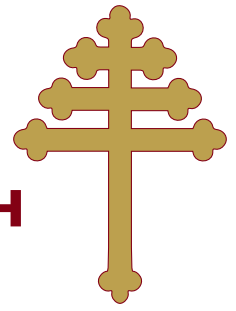




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Please contact our priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

RECONCILIATION

Before or after Liturgy or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Couples must contact our priest six months before the wedding.

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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

NEW SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:26-31



Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand

and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



OUR LORD APPEARS TO THOMAS. *The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.* Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999. Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy is at the heart of Sacred Scripture. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, *The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners (1849)*. It can be summarized: Divine Mercy is the Gospel; it is the good news; it is at the heart of our faith. Pope Benedict XVI taught: *Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer.*

So, what is Divine Mercy Sunday, and how did it come about? In a series of revelations to Sister (now Saint) Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun and a mystic, in the 1930s, our Lord called

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**This week Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF ST. JOHN
beginning on page 815**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Marian Theeb
Anniversary Memorial, requested by her children

Sunday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Gloria Spina
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

Saturday, April 13 at 4:30 p.m.

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Nader
Requested by his mother Dulce & his family

For the repose of the soul of Elias Noujaim
Requested by his wife Afaf & his family

Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Joseph Haddad
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

In thanksgiving for all the babies baptized at
St. Maron's in 2023 and for the intentions of their
families.

Saturday, April 20 at 4:30 p.m.

In thanksgiving and gratitude for Ron Leible
Requested by Deacon Steve

Sunday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. - First Communion

For the intentions of the First Communion class

Saturday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m.

Available

Sunday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m.

For the repose of the souls of Bill Dunning
and all of the deceased of the Assumption College
Class of 1968
Requested by Sam and Jane Slaiby

Saturday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Birthday remembrance for Maurice Theeb, Jr.
Requested by Michael & Lisa Soliani and
Donald & Sharon Newkirk

Sunday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Available

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of March 30/31

Saturday, March 30 Offering:

1st Collection **\$902.00**

Sunday, March 31 Offering:

1st Collection **\$1268.00**

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Bingo: **\$818.00**

Thank You!

On behalf of our entire parish community we offer our deepest condolences to the Ivain family. Deirdre was a faithful member of our parish family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Deirdre Conception (Gordon) Ivain, of

Torrington CT, passed away peacefully on Saturday March 23, 2024. She was born in Mohill Village, County Leitrim, Ireland on December 7, 1932, the daughter of Thomas & Margaret Reynolds Gordon.

Deirdre was educated at Mercy Convent, Mohill; Loreto Convent, Kilkenny; and the London School of Nursing. She traveled to America on the RMS Queen Elizabeth and resided with relatives in New York City, visiting her sister Mary in Torrington often. She met the love of her life, Stephen on her travels to Torrington and they married in 1958. Stephen and Deirdre built their Westside Road home across from the Ivain family farm.

They had four children, Thomas, Sheila, Robert and Stephen. Deirdre is preceded in death by an infant son Thomas, her husband Stephen and her daughter, Sheila. She leaves her sons Stephen and his wife Philippa Howe Ivain of Torrington, and Robert and his wife Madhvi Ivain of Mauritius, along with her grandchildren Phoebe, Joshua, Michael and Deirdre.

Deirdre loved storytelling and would make frequent trips to the local library with her grandchildren where she would often be found surrounded by children who were mesmerized by her animated reading.

The Divine Liturgy of Resurrection was held on Friday, April 5th at Saint Maron's Church.

Next Coffee Hour is Sunday April 21
after the 10:00 a.m. Mass & First Communion!



A cup of coffee shared with a friend is
happiness tasted and time well spent.



EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we are clearly apparent to God, and I hope we are also apparent to your consciousness. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast of us, so that you may have something to say to those who boast of external appearance rather than of the heart. For if we are out of our minds, it is for God; if we are rational, it is for you. For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Praise be to God always.

.....
The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy (*Diary, 699*)

Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion (*Diary 1146*).

No soul that has called upon My mercy has been disappointed (*Diary 1541*).

Jesus also told St. Faustina that just as He is merciful, so should we be. I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first – by deed, the second – by word, the third – by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies Me and pays reverence to My mercy (*Diary 742*).

This means that whenever our hearts are moved to compassion, wherever we are, we can always put this compassion into action by some deed that helps alleviate another person's suffering, by some word that comforts or assists them, or by a prayer.

Jesus also asked St. Faustina to have an image of Divine Mercy painted. The image was to look exactly as he appeared to her. Jesus' right hand is raised in blessing; He is taking a step toward us, and there are two rays of light that issue from His Heart: a red ray and a pale ray, representing the blood and water that gushed forth from His pierced side on the Cross. He promised: **By means of this image, I shall be granting many graces to souls** (*Diary 327, 742*).



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Today the Catholic church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. We are very fortunate to live in Torrington Connecticut because we are a short drive away from Eden Hill, the Divine Mercy chapel in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. As we meditate upon these sacred days of Easter, think about taking a drive up to Stockbridge and visiting the chapel. It is a profound experience of God's mercy.

May the gifts that pour out of the loving heart of Jesus resonate with all of us during this sacred time of the year. Happy holy season of Divine Mercy.

Fr. Fadi

- **Divine Mercy** continued from page 1
- for a special feast day to be celebrated
- on the Sunday after Easter. St. Faustina
- kept a diary in which she wrote down
- Jesus' requests for the special feast, as
- well as His descriptions of His mercy.
- Today, this feast is Divine Mercy Sunday,
- instituted by Pope St. John Paul II at the
- canonization of St. Faustina on April 30,
- 2000.

- My daughter, tell the whole world
- about My inconceivable mercy. I desire
- that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and
- a shelter for all souls, and especially
- for poor sinners. On that day the very
- depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean
- of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.





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