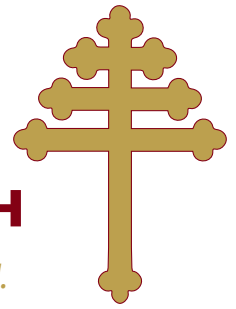




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MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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**SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK**

- 12 Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes and Eugraphus, M
- 13 St. Zosimas, C
- 14 St. Hermenegild the King, M
- 15 Pope St. Soter (+175), M
- 16 St. Bernadette Soubirous, V
- 17 Pope St. Agapitus (+536), C
- 18 St. Thais the Penitent, C

**NEW SUNDAY / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00a.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. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



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

In this Gospel, our Lord Jesus Christ invites Saint Thomas to move from doubt to faith. So the question for me is: Do I need to see to believe, or can I trust His presence in my life even when He seems unseen?

**PROMISES FOR THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

On one occasion, I heard these words: **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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Father will pray the  
**THE ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS**  
beginning on page 856

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 11 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the souls of Tania & Maurice Barakat  
Requested by Ninette Barakat

**Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of G. Hartley and Violet Curtis  
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

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

**Saturday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m..**

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

For the repose of the souls of Azar Noujaim  
and his wife Antoinette  
Requested by their daughter Mirielle

**Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of  
Anthony & Giovanna Matrascia  
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

Forty day memorial for Edward Piechocki

**Saturday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Hannah Nelson and  
for strength for her family  
Requested by Deacon Steven Marcus

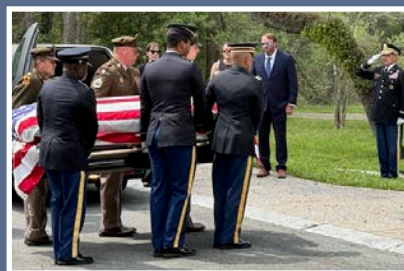
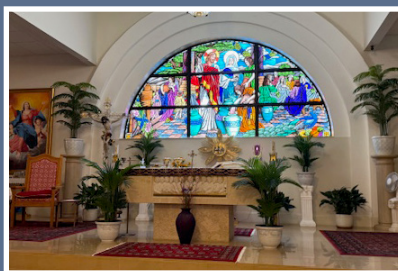
**Sunday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m..**

For the repose of the soul of Egidio Recidivi  
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

A prayer for Lorenzo and Rosa Guaman  
on the feast of Saint Mark

*Our business is to gain heaven,  
everything else is a sheer waste of time.*

-- St. Vincent de Paul



Subdeacon Mike and Lisa Soliani visited Saint Jude Maronite Church in Orlando recently. Fr. Elie is always quite busy as they do not have a Deacon or Subdeacon in the parish. St. Jude's has a beautiful stained glass window behind the altar depicting Jesus' first miracle - the turning of water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Please visit Parish if you're ever in Orlando.

Subdeacon Mike and Lisa Soliani also attended a funeral in Tampa for retired army Lt. Col. Jason Malone. Jason was engaged to their niece, Katie Newkirk Evans. We ask everyone to please pray for Jason and his family.

## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of April 4/5**

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$764.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$1322.00**

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GOD CALLS PEOPLE TO  
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Holy Marriages,  
Generous Single Persons,  
Youth Discerning  
God's Call,  
and the Mission of  
our Maronite Church

**MONTHLY PRAYER:**

First Sunday:  
Parish Rosary for Vocations  
before or after  
the Divine Liturgy.  
First Monday of the Month:  
Parish Rosary,  
Youth-Led Rosary,  
Family Rosary Night,  
or Holy Hour for Vocations.

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**EVERY VOCATION IS A PATH TO SAINTHOOD**

*Divine Mercy... continued from page 1*

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 of St. Faustina, 699).

## 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.

### OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL IS THAT OUR YOUTH WILL BE AWARE OF THE LORD IN THEIR LIVES

Heavenly Father: We entrust our young people to Your care. Help them to recognize Your presence in every part of their lives. May they grow in wisdom, faith, and favor with You and with others. Strengthen them to seek You and trust You daily in Your guidance. Amen. (Proverb 3:5-6).

### WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

*If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces... never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That's the beauty of being alive... We can always start all over again. Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always.*

-- St. Bernadette Soubirous (feast day April 16)



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Chapter 6 of Revelations reveals the opening of the first six seals by the Lamb, Jesus Christ. As each seal is opened, powerful visions appear: the four horsemen bringing conquest, war, famine, and death. It followed by the cry of the martyrs for justice and cosmic disturbances shaking the earth.

This chapter shows that history is under God's control, even in suffering, and calls believers to remain faithful, trusting in God's justice and victory.

Be assured of my love and blessings for you and your whole family this Easter season and always.

Fr. Fadi

### THE OLD TESTAMENT: EZRA

Ezra was a priest and scribe who led the Jewish people back to faith after their exile in Babylon. He devoted himself to studying, teaching, and living the law of God. Moreover, he is devoted to help his people to rediscover their identity and renew their covenant with the Lord

Ezra reminds us that true reform begins with the heart, grounded in scripture, and faithful obedience.



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### Lunch & Learn

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Carla Angevine, MPH, MS, RDN and Stephanie Fowler, MD

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*All are welcome!*

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