

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor Deacon George Elandary Mass Schedule	
Sunday	8:30 A.M. English 11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday—Friday	9:00 A.M. English
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:30–5:00 P.M.
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.
	Monday—Friday: 9:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M.
	Saturday: 9:00 A.M.–5:30 P.M.

Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817.491.0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817.430.3066
Choir: 8:30 A.M. Mary Marincel	817.491.0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214.497.0783
Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972.832.8507	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817.491.0763
RCIA: Sue Marincel	817.491.0763	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817.491.0763
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From a Sermon by Saint Augustine, Bishop

I speak to you who have just been reborn in baptism, my little children in Christ, you who are the new offspring of the Church, gift of the Father, proof of Mother Church's fruitfulness. All of you who stand fast in the Lord are a holy seed, a new colony of bees, the very flower of our ministry and fruit of our toil, my joy and my crown. It is the words of the Apostle that I address to you: *Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh and its desires, so that you may be clothed with the life of him whom you have put on in this sacrament. You have all been clothed with Christ by your baptism in him. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor freeman; there is neither male nor female; you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Such is the power of this sacrament: it is a sacrament of new life which begins here and now with the forgiveness of all past sins, and will be brought to completion in the resurrection of the dead. *You have been buried with Christ by baptism into death in order that, as Christ has risen from the dead, you also may walk in newness of life.*

You are walking now by faith, still on pilgrimage in a mortal body away from the Lord; but he to whom your steps are directed is himself the sure and certain way for you: Jesus Christ, who for our sake became man. For all who fear him he has stored up abundant happiness, which he will reveal to those who hope in him, bringing it to completion when we have attained the reality which even now we possess in hope.

This is the octave day of your new birth. Today is fulfilled in you the sign of faith that was prefigured in the Old Testament by the circumcision of the flesh on the eighth day after birth. When the Lord rose from the dead, he put off the mortality of the flesh; his risen body was still the same body, but it was no longer subject to death. By his resurrection he consecrated Sunday, or the Lord's day. Though the third after his passion, this day is the eighth after the Sabbath, and thus also the first day of the week.

And so your own hope of resurrection, though not yet realized, is sure and certain, because you have received the sacrament or sign of this reality, and have been given the pledge of the Spirit. *If, then, you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your hearts on heavenly things, not the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.*

The Catechism on Tradition and Scripture

80 "Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing and move towards the same goal." Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own "always, to the close of the age."

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 4/13:	For God's will upon CMS Hospital; †Stephen & Celina Ugochukwu & All Deceased Ugochukwu Family
Wednesday, 4/14:	For God's will upon CMS Hospital; Sunny & Alphonsine Ugochukwu & Their Family; Healing for Danny Hand
Thursday, 4/15:	For God's will upon CMS Hospital; For Janet Gibson & Joy Byurman; †Jeremiah O'Flaherty
Friday, 4/16:	For God's will upon CMS Hospital
Saturday, 4/17:	For God's will upon CMS Hospital
Sunday, 4/18:	For God's will upon CMS Hospital

Prayer from St. Maria Faustina Kowalska's Diary

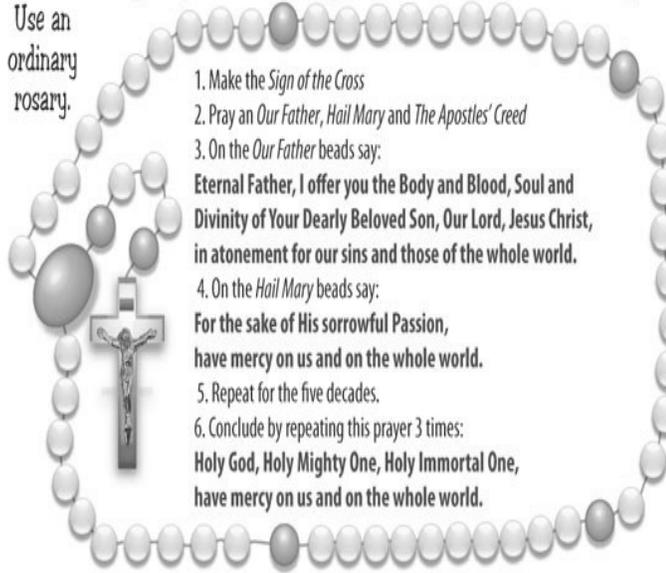
O Jesus, stretched out upon the cross, I implore You, give me the grace of following faithfully the most holy will of Your Father in all things, always and everywhere. And when this will of God seems to me very harsh and difficult to fulfill, it is then I beg You, Jesus, may power and strength flow upon me from Your wounds, and may my lips keep repeating—Your will be done, O Lord.... O most compassionate Jesus, grant me the grace to forget myself that I may live totally for souls, helping You in the work of salvation, according to the most holy will of Your Father. Amen. (Diary, 1265).

Daily Scripture Readings April 11th through April 17th

Sunday, 4/11:	2 Cor. 5:11-21	Jn. 20:26-31
Monday, 4/12:	1 Pet. 1:1-9	Jn. 20:1-10
Tuesday, 4/13:	1 Pet. 1:10-6	Jn. 20:11-18
Wednesday, 4/14:	1 Pet. 1:17-21	Mt. 28:11-15
Thursday, 4/15:	1 Pet. 1:22-25	Mt. 28:16-20
Friday, 4/16:	1 Pet. 2:1-10	Jn 2:13-25
Saturday, 4/17:	1 Pet. 2:11-7	Mt. 22:41-6

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Use an ordinary rosary.



1. Make the *Sign of the Cross*
2. Pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *The Apostles' Creed*
3. On the *Our Father* beads say:
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
4. On the *Hail Mary* beads say:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Assistance with Taxes

Taxes are due in the next few weeks. Mike Powell, our parish's accountant, is available to assist anyone who needs Certified Public Accountant (CPA) assistance. You can call him at (469) 235-7863.

Diocese Lenten Appeal

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Diocese Lenten Appeal! We were able to reach our goal this year thanks to your help. Your donations are much appreciated by the bishop. Fr. Assaad is praying for each of you and is grateful for your help.



Modesty Reveals Holiness

Modesty in dress reveals a modesty and godliness of the heart, attitudes that should be the desire of all men and women who live to please and honor God. We ask all members of Our Lady of Lebanon to dress modestly when they step into God's house. Please no shorts, sleeveless shirts, short dresses, miniskirts, or t-shirts. Thank you for your consideration of this reminder.

St. Joseph Image

This week the St. Joseph image is going to the O'Flaherty family.

Due to an early bulletin deadline with our publisher, we were not able to record last week's collection numbers. Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Mercy Sunday—11th April 2021

Fr. Assaad will lead the parish in the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 10:00 AM on Divine Mercy Sunday—between the two Sunday Masses.

The Divine Mercy chaplet devotion comes from St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. Christ spoke to her on many occasions and made many powerful remarks regarding devotion to His Most Sacred Heart. This devotion is worth looking into.

Confessions

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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. Fr. Assaad holds confessions every Saturday from 3:30pm—5:00pm in the sacristy. The line is formed on the benches in the hallway.

Requesting a Mass Intention

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. If possible, Masses are scheduled on the date you request, otherwise the nearest date that is open. Please schedule your Mass intentions by contacting Michael in the Church Office at 972.436.7617 or LadyofL719@gmail.com.

"Whoever does not seek the cross of Christ, does not seek the glory of Christ."

—St. John of the Cross



Sister Faustina Kowalska

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations—or messages—from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Pope St. John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000, making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely of St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully towards others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.

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