



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

March 19-20, 2022

### SEASON OF GREAT LENT

### Sunday of the Parable of the Prodigal Son

#### DISCOVERING MERCY REFLECTING ON THE LESSONS OF THE PRODIGAL SON

**Grace:** To know the mercy of the Father and His unconditional love for me in the midst of my sinfulness.

**Reflection:** Jesus' story of the prodigal son provides a uniquely comprehensive vision of the nature of our own sinfulness, the mercy of our heavenly Father even in light of that sinfulness, and the beauty of the encounter when we finally come home to that mercy.

To start with, it is good to note that for the son to go and ask for his inheritance while his father is still alive is effectively proclaiming to the father that he might as well be dead as far as he is concerned. The radical selfishness that takes over the son's desires has no room for concern for anyone else, including the one who gave him life itself. The son proceeds to operate unhesitatingly according to this self-centered worldview as he goes to a "far off country"—far from home and far from the source of his life.

This selfishness, taken to its logical end, concludes in misery. Sooner or later, we all "bottom out" when we live according to that mode of selfishness. The vividness of the

scene where the son is stuck with the pigs and longing for what they feed upon conjures up in us the utterly pathetic state in which we are left when we have so totally turned in on ourselves and turned away from the love of God in our own lives. It is a pitiful place to be in and it can look like there is no way out of it. Only in this moment of "hitting rock bottom" is the son prepared to receive the mercy that the Father has desired to offer him since the first moment he turned away.

The Father, who has apparently been scanning the horizon all the while looking for his lost son, rushes out to meet him. That is the heart of the Father that Jesus reveals to us. The son can't even get his speech out of his mouth. The father's mercy envelops him before he can even utter the words seeking some degree of forgiveness and toleration from his Father. The father responds with much more than toleration—he restores him to a dignity greater than any he had apparently ever enjoyed—robing him in glory and majesty and initiating a great feast.

**Questions:** When have I experienced this kind of mercy? When have I shown it? Remember and re-visit the conditions, what it felt like. Am I in the midst of a situation of shame and regret right

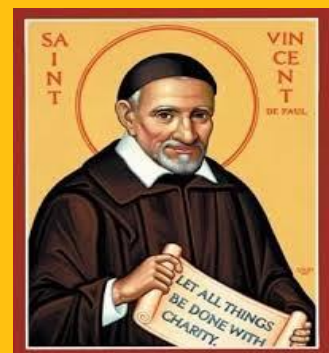
now that seems too great to overcome? Am I stuck with the swine somehow, wondering what it would be like to "go home"? Is there a prompting in my heart in this direction? Is there another person in my life who might be liberated and lifted up if I showed him or her a taste of this same mercy of the Father?

[https://www.magisspirituality.org/spe\\_reflection/the-prodigal-son-discovering-mercy/](https://www.magisspirituality.org/spe_reflection/the-prodigal-son-discovering-mercy/)

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?"*

*Saint Vincent de Paul*



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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## EASTER FLOWER DONATION



We will be accepting donations for the Easter flowers for the week of Great Lent. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one or a special intention, please include that intention on the envelope so that we may have a special Liturgy for these intentions. Thank you for your generosity

## PALM SUNDAY BAKESALE

We will have our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale on April 9-10, following Divine Liturgies. Homemade Maamoul with dates, walnuts, or pistachios, Biklawas, Ghribee, and Kaak maa haleeb with or without dates will be for sale. Thank you for your support.

## SAINT JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL

Once again it is time to support Saint Jude's Hospital as we have been doing for the past 12 years. Last year, due to your generosity, we were able to send almost \$1,000.00 to help the children who are suffering with cancer. If we set a goal this year of \$1,200.00, will you help us meet it? Please see either Mae Dickinson or George Saba with your donation. We will continue to collect donations for the next three weeks. You can also make your donation at our website by Vanco. There is a tab for Saint Jude's Hospital on the link. Thank you for all your support, both past and present. The need continues. God bless you and God bless these children.

## SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

Periodically we will be publishing news and coming events from the St. Joseph Sodality. The Sodality is the oldest organization in the Parish, having been founded in 1918. Through their devotion to St. Joseph, Sodality Members seek to emulate the life and faith of St. Joseph, and by doing so, hope to achieve eternal happiness as he did. The Sodality encourages you to consider becoming a member.

We are happy to welcome the newest members of the Saint Joseph Sodality. Jimmy Kalife, John Kalife, Danielle Kalife, Salim Khalife, and Boutros Arsanios.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Terry Ansdén by Joanne David. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Angela Scorza-Anderson, Terry Amsden, Lisa Mello-Frost, Ziad Al-Ghoubry, Lesleigh Farhat, Nicholas Awad, Natalya Sarkis, Joe Reid, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Leo and Ida Roderick, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

## "CALLING ALL RECIPES!!!"

Please help us display our beautiful parishes "Legacy Through Food" cookbook. If you have a recipe (or ten) you would like to share, OLOP Education Foundation would love to hear from you!

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE RECEIVE THESE RECIPES BY APRIL 15, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THEM READY FOR THE MAHRAJAN!**

We are hoping to include your favorite Lebanese, American, and children's cherished dishes as well. We would appreciate if you attach any stories and pictures about your family's recipes or traditions to be included with your recipe.

Any format will do. You may email Leilah Moses Silveira at [leelee8878@comcast.net](mailto:leelee8878@comcast.net) or Annemarie Espindola at [saba.ase@comcast.net](mailto:saba.ase@comcast.net) or Sarah Thomas Hitchings at [sa.thomas@me.com](mailto:sa.thomas@me.com) with any recipes, stories, pictures, or questions. All proceeds benefit the OLOP Education Foundation. Cookbooks are planning to be sold at the 2022 Mahrajan, Christmas Bazaar, and throughout the 2022 holiday season. Sahtain and thank you.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, March 22, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful service.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 19, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Joseph the Virgin, The Spouse).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Laurence McAllister requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph and Maria Tavares requested by Dan and Helena Tavares and family, May their soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Deceased members of Saba family requested by Annmarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 20, @ 10:30 AM, Parable of the prodigal Son (Feast of Saint Photina the Samaritan).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Chedid requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

**Monday, March 21, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Synesius).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent.

**Tuesday, March 22, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of saint Sergius Paulus).**

**Wednesday, March 23, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Rafka).**

**Thursday, March 24, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Artemon).**

**Friday, March 25, @ 7:00PM, (The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary). Benediction/Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday March 26, @ 4:30 PM (Feast of Saint Gabriel the Archangel).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph, Matilda and George Attallah requested by family. May their soul rest in peace.

**Sunday March 27, @10:30 AM Healing of The Paralytic (Feast of Saint Matrona).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Robert M. Thomas (40-day mass) requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of James and Catherine Graham requested by family (FM). May their soul rest in peace.

## LECTORS FOR MARCH 2022

**Saturday, March 19,**

Carol Maslanka

**Sunday, March 20,**

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, March 26**

Smitty Cabral/intercessions: Mariam

Uwanogho

**Sunday, March 27**

Jean Barbour/Halim Choubah

## LECTORS FOR April 2022

**Saturday, April 2,**

Carol Ann Maslanka

**Sunday, April 3,**

Khoury family

Intercessions: Khoury family

**Saturday, April 9,**

Rachel Higgins/Intercession: Anna

Higgins

**Sunday, April 10,**

Mae Dickinson /Jano Baroody

**Saturday, April 16,**

Carol Maslanka

**Sunday, april17,**

Ann Dupre /Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, April 23**

Mae Dickinson /intercessions: Mariam

Uwanogho

**Sunday, April 24**

Jean Barbour/ Rana Choubah

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/21-3/26/22

**Monday:**

2 Corinthians 9:1a,5-15

Luke 9:37-45

**Tuesday:**

1 Corinthians 16:15-24

Mark 8:22-26

**Wednesday:**

Romans 14:1-13

Luke 7:1-10

**Thursday:**

2 Corinthians 1:23-2:5

Matthew 15:29-39

**Friday:**

Galatians 3:15-22

Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday:**

Timothy 4:9-19

Mark 3:1-12

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of March is offered in memory of Steven Espindola requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment

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## WEEK OF March 5-6, 2022.

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,424.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Sanctuary Candle</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 314.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 23.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 62.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1843.00</b>

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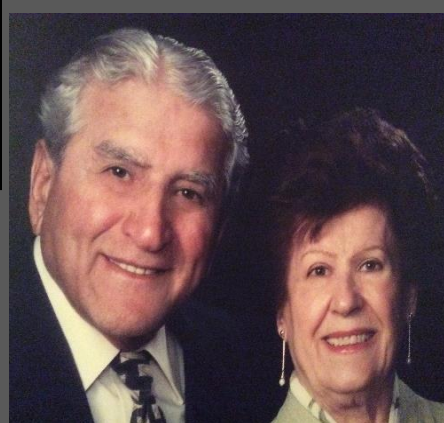
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