



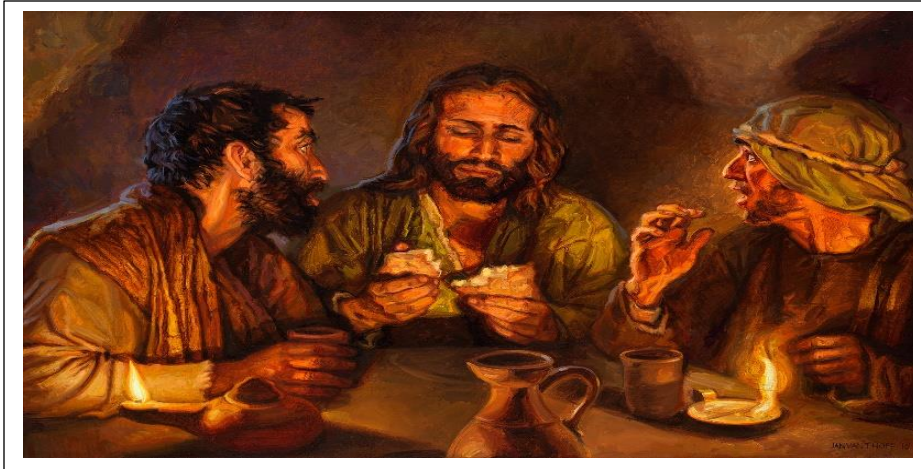
Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



April 13-14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION



Continue to live in despair, confusion, instability, and fear. Continue to live in a world where evil has the last word and death is the end of life. Or hear the Word, hear the Voice, and be overwhelmed by Love. Go back to Jerusalem, back to your passion, back to healing, back to a life of hope, and back to a world where love has the last word and life never ends.

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/our-road-to-emmaus/>

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ray Robataille, Abouna Tanios Abi Ramia, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

OUR ROAD TO EMMAUES

Like many of us today, the disciples on the road to Emmaus were at a loss and in despair over a world seemingly gone mad, seeing the foundational principles of the world around them being shaken and living in fear for their own lives. The horror and shock of the Crucifixion had overwhelmed all hope and threatened the teachings of love and compassion Jesus had sought to instill. Do the horrors of today's world events overwhelm your sense of hope? Do the teachings of love and compassion seem pointless in the face of terrorist atrocities, racial hatred, refugee crises, and so many other evils? Wherever you are at this moment, you are on that road to Emmaus.

Something happens on this road. Christ joins the disciples, walks beside them, breaks bread with them, and opens their hearts with his Word in a way that is so overwhelming, the world is no longer mad to them. Note the world situation has not changed at all, but the hearts of the disciples have. For any Christian, for anyone who professes belief in the Resurrection and the teachings of Jesus, our hearts must be overwhelmed by this

same interaction with God on our own roads to Emmaus. Christ walks beside us today. Christ breaks bread with us today. Christ opens our hearts with his Word today in exactly the same way he did on that road to Emmaus 2,000 years ago. His teachings are the same: Love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. Love your neighbor and pray for your enemies. Forgive all. Welcome the stranger. Care for the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Provide for the least among us. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Nothing has changed, except now we are the ones walking the road.

This encounter on the road so turned the hearts of the disciples that they literally turned around and ran back into the fray, back into Jerusalem, back into the world. So must we allow our encounter with Christ in others, in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the Word to turn our hearts around today. We must allow ourselves to be so overwhelmed by the revelation of a God of love, that no fear, no evil, no suffering, and no hatred can leave us in despair.

The choice is ours. You can continue on your road to Emmaus and stay there.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Go and be witnesses of the mercy of God, the spring of hope for every man and for the entire world. May the risen Lord be with you always!"

Pope Benedict XVI



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

WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Beginning **Monday, April 8**, Eucharistic Adoration will be available every Monday evening from **5:00 PM – 9:00 PM**. This is a beautiful time to spend with Jesus Christ in prayer and reflection. If you would like to be offer an hour with Jesus each week, please contact Fr. Vincent. We will have the changing of the guards every hour between 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND EASTER WISHES

Massih Qam! I would like to thank all of you for the warm and beautiful Easter messages, greetings, and kindness. This Lenten journey continues to give us many blessings every year. I pray that your Lenten journey has brought you comfort, peace, and much joy, knowing that we have a God who is madly in love with us. May we always draw closer to Him. God bless you and your families.

SPECIAL VISIT FROM HIS EXCELLENCY MICHEL AOUN

His Excellency Michel Aoun, Bishop of Jbeil, Lebanon, will be visiting our area on **April 17, 2024**. He wishes to see everyone, especially those from his diocese. Msgr. James Root, the parishioners of St. Anthony of the Desert, along with Fr. Vincent and the parishioners of Our Lady of Purgatory, are teaming up together to host Bishop Aoun on Wednesday, April 17.

Divine Liturgy will be held at Saint Anthony of the Desert Church in Fall River, at **7:00 PM**, and a reception will be held immediately following Divine Liturgy.

I ask you all to mark your calendars and join us for this special visit by Sayedna Aoun. There will be no charge for the reception and details of the reception will be forthcoming. We welcome Sayedna Aoun and pray his visit is fruitful.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of April is offered for Joseph and Alice Daher requested by Family.

2024 EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2024 Education Foundation Scholarships will be emailed this week. The Education Foundation Members have worked very hard to replenish monies needed to award our young men and women a scholarship to help in their education. I thank these members: Annemarie Espindola, Sarah Thomas Hitchings, Lorraine David, Leilah Moses Silveira, and Matthew Thomas.

Any High School Senior who will be attending college in the fall, and any Undergraduate College student are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. There will be up to 3 scholarships awarded for the 2024 school year.

These scholarships will be emailed and must be completed by and returned by Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Please follow the instructions and supply the necessary documents to be considered for these scholarships. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the foundation members or Fr. Vincent.

MCF CLASS SCHEDULE MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION SESSIONS

February - May 2024 at the Church Hall

Tuesdays

April: 23

April:30 First Communion Rehearsal

May: 7 last class

First Communion: May 5, 2024

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Tuesday, April 16, 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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The Vocations Team for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn has printed these beautiful prayer cards for each family. Vocations take on different ways of life such as a priest, religious brother or sister, deacons, subdeacons, holy married couples, parents, and generous single people. In all these vocations does the beauty of our Catholic Faith shine and draws us closer to Christ, to know Him, love Him, and serve Him more.

We ask that you take a copy of these prayer cards home with you and pray this prayer with your family every night. We also have an icon of the Holy Family that we ask each family to take home with them for the week and pray this prayer before it. A signup sheet will be provided for each week. Our Lord listens to our prayers. May the fire and zeal for our Lord foster vocations worthy to serve Him.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Zosimas). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Michele Sr. and Jr., Anna and Baldassare Magaletta requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Alice Daher requested by Diane and Mike LeBlanc. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, April 14, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Hermenegild the King). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. May all the souls in the Book of Life rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Fred Thomas, Joao and Fernanda Baptista, Mema Carvelho and Edigio Baptista requested by Fernanda Thomas. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joanne Yozefek requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, April 15, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Soter). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, April 16, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Bernadette Soubirous). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Arthur M. Thomas Sr. requested by family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Wednesday, April 17, @ 9:00 AM, (, Feast of Saint Agabus). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the American Lebanese Veterans Auxiliary (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Thursday, April 18, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Thais the Penitent). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of James and Catherine Graham (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, April 20, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Nathanael the Hermit). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Christine David requested by family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Sara and Sean Paul McLaughlin requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, April 21, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Anselm, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Louise Dupree requested by Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Arnold and Laurette Mello, Anna Thomas, and Mary and Diab Hardin requested by Michael and Joan T. Mello and family. May their souls rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Hiba Chdid. 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.

LECTORS FOR APRIL 2024

Saturday, April 13,
Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, April 14,

John Barbour/ Joumana Chedid

Saturday, April 20,

Smitty Cabral

Intercession: Mae Dickinson

Sunday, April 21

Ann Dupre/ Gaby Baroody

Saturday, April 27,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, April 28,

Mae Dickinson/ Hiba Chdid

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 04/15-04/20/24

Monday:

1 Peter 2: 18-25

Luke 24: 44-49

Tuesday:

1 Peter 3: 1-12

John 6:28-33

Wednesday:

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 6: 34-40

Thursday:

1 Peter 4: 1-11

John 6: 41-47

Friday:

1 Peter 4:12-19

John 2: 48-59

Saturday:

1 Peter 5: 1-14

John 6: 60-71

WEEK OF APRIL 6-7, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,264.00
Memorial Donation	\$ 500.00
Bake Sale	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 43.00
Candles	\$ 132.00
Total	\$ 1,959.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



Christ is Truly Risen!

Please join us on the occasion of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Sunday, April 14, 2024

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