

# SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday 12 April 2026



## **SUNDAY READINGS**

### **EPISTLE - 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.

### **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.

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## PARISH LIFE

**Safro (Morning Prayer)**

Monday—Friday - 7:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am  
and by appointment

**Mystery of Crowning**

Contact the pastor 6 months  
in advance

**Baptism and Chrismation**

Make arrangements as soon  
after birth as possible

**Parish Calendar.** Please see [stanthonymaronitechurch.org](http://stanthonymaronitechurch.org) for the parish calendar.

**Liturgical Hours.** Monday through Saturday 9:00am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel.

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies. Summer Hours: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am

**First Saturday of the Month.** Marian devotions at 9:30am.

**St. Sharbel Devotions.** Third Sunday of the month at 11:00am Divine Liturgy

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Festival Cooking.** Cooking for the 41st Annual Food Festival is on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Thursday cooking begins at 4 pm to 8 pm. Please come for whatever time you can give us. Every little bit helps. There are jobs for everyone.

**Lifeguards.** If you are interested in lifeguarding at the pool during the summer, please contact Father John this week.

**Girls Club.** Girls from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend the Girls Club on 12 April after the 11:00 liturgy in the clubroom. See flyer for details.

**Maronite Women's Fellowship Meeting.** Join us on Sunday, 26 April, for the women's meeting. See flyer for details.

**Are you interested?** Volunteer at the newest St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at Westland Shopping Center. There are many roles and time slots. Giving just two hours will help our neighbors in need and make a difference! See flier for details.

**Rosary.** Join us to say the rosary on Saturdays, 11 April and 13 June in Mary's garden at noon.

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## MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Sunday, 12 April at 9:30 am.** MCF All Students

**Sunday, 12 April at 12 noon.** Girls Club Meeting

**Tuesday, 14 April, from 9:30 to 3 pm.** Festival Cooking

**Wednesday, 15 April at 7 pm.** Liturgy Planning Meeting

**Thursday, 16 April, from 4 to 8 pm.** Festival Cooking

**Sunday, 19 April at 9:30 am.** MCF Preschool - Sixth Grades, MCF/MYO for Seventh - Twelfth Grades

**Tuesday, 21 April at 7 pm.** Pastoral Council Meeting

**Sunday, 26 April at 9:30 am.** Maronite Women's Fellowship Breakfast

## LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday, 12 April 2nd Sunday of the Resurrection, New Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus**

**8:30 am**

In memory of Anne Trexell, requested by Mary and Anthony Shaia

In memory of Theresa Nadder Carroll, requested by Teresa and John Nadder

**11 am**

In memory of Johnny Gibrall, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

For the living and deceased family members of the Saad Family

**Monday, 13 April St. Zosimas**

In memory of Father Naji Kiwan

**Tuesday, 14 April St. Hermenegild the King**

In memory of Sandra Mizzell, requested by the Beasley Family

**Wednesday, 15 April Pope St. Soter**

**Thursday, 16 April St. Bernadette Soubirous**

**Friday, 17 April Pope St. Agapitus**

**Saturday, 18 April St. Thais the Penitent**

In memory of Father Naji Kiwan

**Sunday, 19 April 3rd Sunday of the Resurrection, St. Timon the Deacon**

**8:30 am**

In memory of Peggy Turlinski, requested by Teresa and John Nadder

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family

**11 am**

In memory of Johnny Gibrall, requested by Joe and Cathy George

In memory of Gina Marie Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members

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## USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
12 Apr	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson	Milad Habboush, Diana Yaqoo, Christopher Dib, John Nadder, Jr.
19 Apr	Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley, Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr.,	Peter George, Daniel Dailey, Tony Azzi, Joseph Kakish

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
12 Apr	Ben Wright, Nicholas, Tobias, Philip Edwards	Patrick Savage, Grayson Funk, Christian Funk
19 Apr	Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Henry Craig, Wilby Craig	Sami Sakr, Luke Salloum, Vincent Carr, Sonny Dailey

## TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
12 Apr	Rosie Boykin, Lili Boykin, Ivy Boykin	Alyssa Maust, Alexa Haddad, Anna Haddad
19 Apr	Virginia Hendrix, Stella McIvor, Amina Howard, Hailey Shibley	Jenna Chaoul, Romi Rustom, Kylie Stephan, Jennifer Dib

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
12 Apr	Kelly Edwards	Denise Maurer
19 Apr	Jacqueline Gray	Lara Bouhaidar

## STEWARDSHIP

**3 Apr 2026 Good Friday** Collections: \$468

### 5 Apr 2026

Collections: \$2963

Contributions: \$710

Lenten Appeal: \$300

Memorial contributions - Johnny Gibrall - \$50

St. Joseph Society - \$100

## COLLECTION COUNTERS

Apr: David Walton and Paul Shibley

May: Joe George and Anthony Shibley

June: George Yesbeck



**YOU'RE INVITED**


Breakfast & Babies

**APRIL 26**

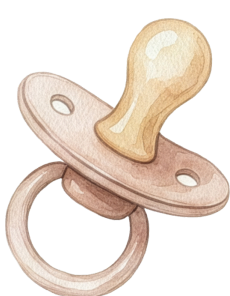
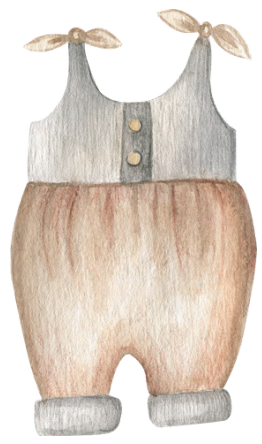
**9:30AM**





Baby Supply Drive



We will be collecting baby supplies  
and clothing from infant to age 4  
to help Mary's Choice.



Mary's Choice RVA provides  
a Christ-centered  
program of guidance and  
support for women facing  
a crisis during pregnancy.



# mya Schedule

Spring 2026

All young adults (ages 18-40) are welcome!

## March

- **3/22: MYA Breakfast**  
*Between Masses | Church Hall*
- **3/28: Adoration & Dinner**  
*For Peace in the Middle East*  
5:00PM | Church  
*Confession Available*  
*Dinner Out to Follow (Self-Pay)*

## April

- **4/18: Spring Hike**  
*Humpback Rock*

## May

- **5/17: End of School Party**  
*Details to Follow*

## June

- **6/7: MYA Dunk Tank**  
*2:00PM | Church Grounds*
- **Pool Party & Grill Out**  
*Date and Time TBD*

## Groups

- **MYA Men's Bible Study**  
Tuesdays @ 6PM | Church Hall
- **MYA Women's Bible Study**  
Tuesdays @ 6PM | Church Hall

## Regular Events

- **Coffee Hour** (Sundays  
between Masses | Club Room)

To receive more young adult event information, contact Evelyn Fodill at (804) 920-3479 to be added to our Flocknote (email and text) and/or WhatsApp group!

## Save the Dates!

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Annual MYA Cornhole Tournament**

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>: Fr. John's 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary**

Have an event idea? Contact Alex at (804) 955-5739!



# Girls Club

♥ FAITH • FRIENDSHIP • FUN

## APRIL

**Theme:** "Growing in faith & blooming where you are planted"

**Activity:** Paint a terra-cotta planter & plant new seeds to grow a mint plant.

**WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US NEXT TIME!**

When: Sunday, April 12

Where: clubroom

Time: after 11 a.m. mass

Contact: Nicole Sawyer or Elizabeth Sakr for details

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH:

### THEME: SAINTPATRICK'SDAY

- LEARNED ABOUT THE STORY AND HISTORY OF SAINT PATRICK AND SOME OF THE TRADITIONS GREW OVER TIME
- TALKED ABOUT FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH
- MADE FRIENDSHIP CHARM BRACELETS TOGETHER
- SHARED LOTS OF LAUGHS AND CREATIVITY!



# Volunteers Needed



## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at Richmond Westland

**Be part of our team!**

Did you know by giving as little as two hours of your time, you will help us prevent homelessness? Every hour counts.

**Learn More About SVDP Richmond!**

[svdp-rvacouncil.org](http://svdp-rvacouncil.org)

## What are the benefits of volunteering at SVDP Richmond Thrift Stores?

- Making a Positive Impact
  - Building Friendships
- Serving Neighbors in Need by Giving Your Time
  - Growing in Spirituality
  - SVDP Thrift Store Discounts
- Simple Training Provided on First Day

**Sign Up | Two-Hour Shifts**

[stvincentthrift.org/volunteer](http://stvincentthrift.org/volunteer)

**Westland Location | 8051 W. Broad Street**



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