

# Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Maronite Rite

Pastor: Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas, JCD

**Deacon:** John Jarvis

WEEKEND MASSES	Saturday at 4:00 pm (English) Sunday at II:00 am (English + Arabic)	
WEEKDAY MASSES	Monday through Thursday at 12:00 noon	
OFFICE HOURS	Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Closed on: Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays	

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## **SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION**

## TWO WEEK EDITION



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 04/20	The Glorious Resurrection	Tues. 04/29	St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, C
12:00 midnight		12:00 noon	For the intentions of Suzanne Chebat
	For Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors, Living and Deceased		By The Chebat Family
11:00 am	For Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors, Living and Deceased	Wed. 04/30 12:00 noon	<b>St. James, son of Zebedee, Ap</b> For Elias Jabbour By Mela and Elie Attie
Mon. 04/21 - Fri. 04/25 NO MASS		Thurs. 05/01	Jeremiah the Prophet
Sat. 04/26		12:00 noon	For the intentions of Marsha Macary
4:00 pm	For Alex Rondeau		By Dottie Nolen
	By Carol Rondeau		
		Fri. 05/02	NO MASS
Sun. 04/27	2 <sup>nd</sup> of the Resurrection New Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Sat. 05/03	
11:00 am	For Sayed El Khaouli, Antonio El Khaouli, and Denys Jreige By The Family	4:00 pm	For the intentions of Jasmine and Gary Burkholder By Dottie Nolen
3:00 pm	<b>Holy Hour of Divine Mercy</b>	Sun. 05/04	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Resurrection Our Lady of Lebanon
Mon. 04/28	St. Jason,		1 <sup>st</sup> Communion and May Crowning
12:00 noon	One of the 72 Disciples, Ap For James Yezbick By Nadine Rodden	11:00 am	For the 1 <sup>st</sup> Communicants and Their Families

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### COME AND MEET OUR NEW PASTOR

Father Rabih Aoun, M.L.M.

He will be visiting us Thursday, May 01 - Sunday, May 04. He will return to Fort Lauderdale to begin his assignment on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### "100 CLUB" RAFFLE

The drawing for the April 100 Club Raffle will be on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

# FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The food drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be on Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sun. May 4<sup>th</sup>.



#### FAMILY OF THE SACRED HEART

Sunday, May 4th – Before Mass

The Family of the Sacred Heart will be gathering for prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### **Easter Monday**

In observance of Easter Monday, the Parish office will be closed on Monday, April 21.

#### SECOND COLLECTION

A Second collection will be taken on, **Saturday & Sunday**, **April 26 & 27**, for the *Catholic Home Missions Appeal*.

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

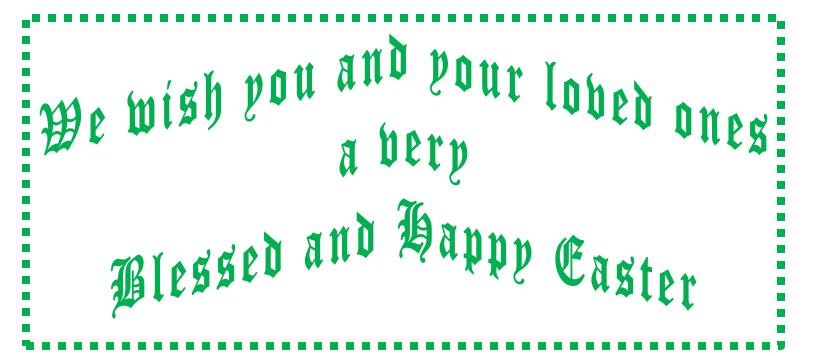
A Second collection will be taken on, Saturday & Sunday, May 03 & 04, for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon.

## PARISH FINANCES

April 12 & 13

Tel: 954-522-3939

Collection Basket \$ 2,362.00
Automated Bank Checks \$ 380.00
Electronic Payments \$ 78.25
Candles \$ 117.00
Total \$ 2,937.25







Join us in congratulating our Pastor

Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas
Upon his retirement
Sunday, May 18, 2025 at
Weart of Jesus Church
11:00 A.M. Mass
Followed by an informal reception

In the Parish Hall

All are welcome!

## WHO ARE THE MARONITES?

The Maronite Church is one of 22 Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, under the authority of the Pope. It dates back to the early Christians of Antioch (Syria) where Jesus' followers "were called Christians for the first time" (Acts II:26). The actual name "Maronite" is derived from the name of Saint Maron, who was a priest and hermit, and died around the year 410 AD.



Pope Saint John Paul II, Bishop Frank Caggiano, Chorbishop Michael Thomas
The Vatican - June 1992

As part of the Roman Catholic Church, Maronites profess the beliefs in same the Dogmatic and Moral teachings of the Church and celebrate the same seven Sacraments. Their liturgical celebrations are more unique and reflect their early Apostolic beginnings. For example, in some prayers and hymns of the Mass, the Maronites still use Syriac, a dialect of the Aramaic language spoken by Jesus and his Apostles, and incense is regularly used.

During the civil and religious persecutions of the 7th century, the Maronites fled their churches and monasteries in the plains of Syria, and took refuge in the verdant mountains and caves of nearby Lebanon. Since then, Lebanon has been considered the homeland of the Maronite Church.

Millions of Maronites now live in various countries throughout the world, but their Mother Church remains in Lebanon. The current Maronite Patriarch, Bechara Peter Rai, was made a Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI, in November of 2012. Cardinal Rai lives at the Maronite Patriarchal residence in Bkerke, Lebanon.

The United States is home to two Maronite Eparchies (Dioceses). The Most Reverend Gregory Mansour is our Bishop who resides in Brooklyn, New York. Bishop Mansour is a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), as is the Maronite Bishop of the Western Eparchy, the Most Reverend Elias Zaidan who resides in Los Angeles.

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