



Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Season of Holy Lent

Healing Of The Blind Man

March 21, 2021



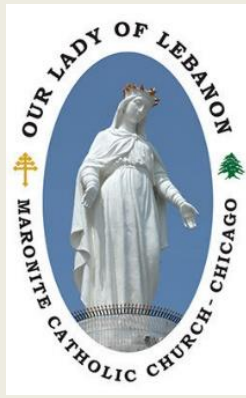
Bartimaeus Teaches Us How To Pray

Have you ever had a desperate longing in your heart? A need, a plea that you knew was too great for any earthly fulfillment, but that must be carried to the cross, again and again?

Bartimaeus was a blind man and his prayer, his longing, his need was to regain his sight. There are some profound lessons to be learned about prayer from this short passage.

For Bartimaeus, Jesus must have seemed so close, yet impossibly far away. Not only was there a great crowd surrounding Jesus, but Bartimaeus was blind, and all he had at his disposal to get Jesus' attention was his voice. So he cried out, a simple and honest plea, "Have mercy on me." Really, isn't this at the center of everything we pray?

Prayer starts with a desire, and often times, a desperate need. When frustration is mixed with desperation, one of two things will happen. Either we will listen to the voices telling us to give up, or we will persevere, and become louder and bolder in our plea.



Subject: Reopening guidelines for Our Lady of Lebanon Church amid COVID-19

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that you and your loved ones are enjoying good health and continuing to join us in prayer via the Facebook Livestream. I look forward to being able to pray together again.

- Our Lady of Lebanon Church has developed a reopening plan under the guidance of the Diocese of Joliet and the State of Illinois.
- These guidelines have been created to keep everyone safe and healthy, while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. These instructions will be under evaluation and are subject to change.
- Although public Masses are resuming, please note, as per our bishop, a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will continue until further notice.
- We will continue to livestream Mass and prayers on our Facebook page: **Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church.**

Mass will be celebrated at:

- **9:30 am and**
- **11:30 am.**
- Because of social distancing requirements, seating will be limited to every other pew with social distancing between those attending. We will have an **online reservation system at our website ollchicago.org** where you can reserve a seat at Mass. **Unreserved attendance will be turned away.**
- Please instruct those who do not have access to a computer to call the Parish Office at **630-932-9640**. The office is checking messages daily.

The following guidelines have been put in place for the safety of all attending:

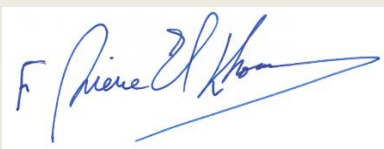
- If you are sick or vulnerable to infection, or care for someone who is vulnerable, we ask that you please do not attend.
- **Plan to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the Mass you have signed up for.**
- All attendees must wear face masks inside the Church premises **AT ALL TIMES.**

- To ensure the safety and health of all our parish family and friends, we ask that you **do not congregate or meet up before or after Mass.**
- Please comply with the instructions of the ushers.
- **PLEASE NOTE** - you will be escorted to a pew.
- All attendees must use hand sanitizers, which is available at the entrance.
- All attendees will have their temperature taken before entering Church.
- Collection baskets will be placed at the main entrance of the Church. However, we encourage online donations at our website.
- The crying room and the Shaker Hall will be temporarily closed. Devotional candles will not be available. Please do not bring any strollers into the Church.
- To avoid cross contamination, Mass books will not be provided.
- You will notice that there are no Holy Water fonts. However, you should make the sign of the Cross when entering the Church.
- Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be announced during each Mass. Please note that the consecrated Host will be distributed **IN THE HAND ONLY until further notice.**
- The Church will be sanitized and disinfected after each Mass.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we come together for Mass with measures in place to minimize risks during this time. It is good to note that we do this together as we learn from the Bible that we indeed are “our brother’s keeper” (**Genesis 4:9**). Our collective patience, willingness to help, and the care we take to reopen are demonstrations of our strong faith, unity and love for one another.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 713-972-2990. May God protect you and grant you His grace during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ,



Father Pierre El Khoury MLM
Pastor

Readings for Sunday March 21

الْمَرْمُورُ السَّابِعُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ.

اللَّهُ نُورِي وَخَلَّاصِي فَمِمَّنْ أَخَافُ؟ الرَّبُّ حِصْنُ حَيَاتِي فَمِمَّنْ أَفْزَعُ؟
إِذَا تَقَدَّمَ عَلَيَّ الْأَشْرَارُ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَعْثُرُونَ وَيَسْقُطُونَ.

إِذَا اضْطَفَّ عَلَيَّ عَسْكَرٌ فَلَا يَخَافُ قَلْبِي. وَإِنْ قَامَ عَلَيَّ قِتَالٌ فِي اللَّهِ ثِقَّتِي.
لَأَنَّهُ يَخْبَأُنِي فِي مِظْلَتِهِ يَوْمَ الشَّرِّ وَيَسْتُرُنِي بِسِتْرِ خِبَائِهِ وَعَلَى صَخْرَةٍ يَرْفَعُنِي.
وَالرَّبُّ يَرْفَعُ رَأْسِي فَوْقَ أَعْدَائِي. فَأَرْنُمُ وَأُشِيدُ لَهُ.

إِسْتَمِعْ يَا رَبِّي، إِنِّي بِصَوْتِي أَدْعُو فَارْحَمْنِي، وَاسْتَجِبْ لِي.
بِكَ نَطَقَ قَلْبِي، إِيَّاكَ التَّمَسَّ وَجْهِي، وَجْهَكَ يَا رَبَّ أَلْتَمَسَ.
لَا تَحْجُبْ وَجْهَكَ عَنِّي وَلَا تَنْبِذْ بِغَضَبٍ عَبْدَكَ.

نَاصِرًا كُنْتَ لِي، فَلَا تَخْذُلْنِي وَلَا تَتْرُكْنِي، يَا إِلَهَ خَلَّاصِي.
وَتَنْهَزُمُ عَنْهُمْ الْخَسْرَةُ وَيَهْرُبُ عَنْهُمْ النَّحِيبُ. هَلِّلُوْا!

Philippians 3:7-14;

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ Jesus.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining toward what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِلْقَدِّيسِ مَرْقَسِ

بينما يسوعُ خارجٌ مِنْ أريحا، هو وتلاميذهُ وجمعٌ غفير، كانَ برطيما، أي ابْنُ طيما، وهو شَحَّادٌ أَعْمَى، جالِساً على جانبِ الطريق. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ يسوعُ الناصِرِيّ، بدأ يَصْرُخُ ويقول: ”يا يسوعُ ابْنُ داودَ ارْحَمْنِي!“ فانتَهَرَهُ أناسٌ كثيرونَ لَيْسَكْتَ، إِلَّا أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَزِدُّ صُراخاً ”يا ابْنُ داودَ ارْحَمْنِي!“ فوَقَّفَ يسوعُ وقال: ”أدعوه!“ فَدَعَوْا الأعمى قائلين لَهُ: ”ثِقْ وانْهَضْ! إِنَّهُ يَدْعوكَ.“ فطَرَحَ الأعمى رداءَهُ، وَوثَبَ وجاءَ إلى يسوع. فقال لَهُ يسوعُ: ”ماذا تُريدُ أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكَ؟“. قالَ لَهُ الأعمى: ”رَبِّونِي، أَنْ أَبْصِرَ!“ فقالَ لَهُ يسوعُ: ”إِذْهَبْ! إيمانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ“. ولِلوَقْتِ عادَ يُبْصِرُ، وراحَ يَتَّبِعُ يسوعَ في الطريق.

Mark 10: 46-52

They came to Jericho and as Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging.

On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me."

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you."

He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Mass Intentions for **SUNDAY March 21, 2021**

09:30 AM

1 Year Memorial for Andrew Sullivan

Eileen Sullivan

Tino Ernest Gemayel *(Tony Gemayel)*

Hank Yario

11:30 AM

40 days Memorial Marta Esper Moussa *(Micheline Hanna and Family)*

Mass Intentions for **NEXT SUNDAY March 28, 2021**

09:30 AM

Owen Petrzelka *(Nabil Zahrah)*

Ann and Chris Crispin - Megan Shaker - Dixie Haddad *(The Shaker Family)*

11:30 AM

Mgsr. John Naffah

Archbishop Francis Zayek

Bishop Robert Shaheen

Schedules	Sunday 9:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Readers	Margaret Budz	Subdeacon George Romanos
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Sami Tabet Eddy Moinnes	Ed Kneip, William Harb Henry Abboud, Elie Masud Naji Abiad, John Albani

Let us remember

We pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the **Month of March**

Megan Shaker - Dixie Haddad - Jim Abraham - Stasia Abraham -
Chris Crispin - Bertha Derzy - Albert Joseph - Josephine Stets -
Peter Dumit - Robert Basil - James Bomrad - Louis Haddad -
Fredia Saige - Nabiha Farris - Mary Bouzide - Maurice Zayek

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday <i>March 28</i>	Holy Wednesday <i>March 31</i>	Holy Thursday <i>April 01</i>	Good Friday <i>April 02</i>	Easter Sunday <i>April 04</i>
Blessing Of Palms & Procession	Healing Mass: Blessing of oil & anointing	The Lord's Supper & Adoration of the Sacrament	Adoration of the Cross & Procession	Glorious Resurrection of the Lord <i>Happy Easter!</i>
09:30 AM 11:30 AM	7 PM	7 PM	3 PM 7 PM	Midnight 09:30 AM 11:30 AM

Easter Lilies that decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday are generously donated in memory of loved ones.

If you would like to donate one or more flowers in memory of someone, please send a check made out to *Our Lady of Lebanon* and labeled "Easter Lilies" in the memo or use one of the envelopes in the church lobby. Write the name/s of your beloved ones and place your donation in the offering basket. **The cost is \$20 per plant.**





HISTORY OF THE PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to invite you to our little corner that will be dedicated to the history of the church and the people who played a vital role in our church and those who follow their footsteps till today.

We'd like to introduce all the families of the church.

We are blessed to have a vibrant community of amazing people, who love their faith and support one another.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

MYO (Maronite Youth Organization):

Meetings are every Saturday @ 1pm, via Zoom. For more information or to be added to the What's App group, please contact Gisele: (630) 229.4216.

MYA (Maronite Young Adults):

Meetings are every Sunday @ 7pm, via Zoom. For more information or to be added to the What's App group, please contact:
Karen: (630) 597-8501 or
Danny: (847) 924-7806

Wednesday Night Bible Study (7pm):

Let's engage in a group bible study, via Zoom, led by Abouna Pierre.

You'll find the details for the zoom off the home page, but just in case:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82328282750?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82328282750?pwd=cTBsd0x5ZWlxb0tZOHozZXhza215QT09)
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MRE (Maronite Religious Education):

The classes are ongoing via Zoom. If you'd like to include your child in the religious education program, please contact the church.

Easter Bake Sale:

The bake sale is on Palm Sunday and will be curbside:

March 28, 2021.

You'll be able to place your order either directly through the website or by contacting Madeleine Malek. Stay tuned this week.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night at 7PM

View the stations on our YouTube Channel:
https://youtu.be/DH_Myy8SOuo



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Mail your contribution to:

Our Lady Of Lebanon Church

950 N Grace street, Lombard, IL, 60148

or

Donate online: www.ollchicago.org

SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2021

Collection: \$2,958

Mail In: \$730

Online: \$325

**Thank you for your continued financial support
and generosity and prayers as our country and
people get through this most difficult situation.**

May God keep you safe and watch over you.