

CRS RICE BOWL

FRIENDLY REMINDER - If you have a rice bowl, please return it as soon as possible so that we may forward the money to the Catholic Relief Service. Thank you in advance for your help, surely it makes a big difference to the needy people in the third world countries.

A Special Note of Thanks

Dear St. Elias Family and friends,

There are not enough words to fully express my appreciation and gratitude to everyone who shared their love and support during Joe's funeral services. Your kind words, comforting presence and thoughtful gestures have truly touched my heart during this incredibly challenging time. Losing Joe has been the hardest experience of my life but knowing that such caring friends and family surround me gives me the strength to get through each day. Your presence is a reminder of the incredible bond we share and the faith in God we honor.

Whether you attended the service, sent a message or flowers, brought or made food for the Mercy Meal, requested a mass, or donated in memory of Joe, or just kept me in your prayers, please know that your compassion has meant the world to me.

Thank you for honoring Joe's memory with us and for being there when I needed you most. Your love has brought light into the darkest moments and for that, I am forever grateful.

With love and gratitude,
Mandy

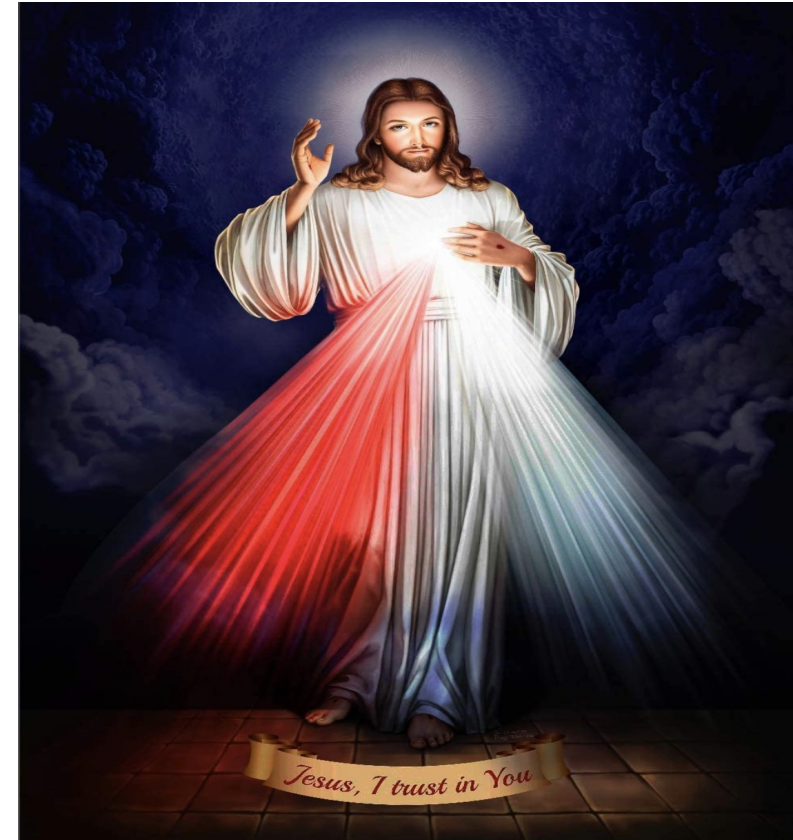
Book of Offering

As our church is sorely in need of more liturgy books (Book of Offering) we are reaching out to any and all who might want to help in this endeavor. We are offering the books to be left in church as a memorial to a loved one, in honor of a special occasion or other reason for recognition. We ask for a fee of \$50.00 and a printed announcement will be placed in the front page of the book. If someone wants to purchase a book as their own property, we also offer one for \$40.00.

Please see Rima or Glenda in the Gift Shop or you can reach out to Deebie in the office for further information.

**ST. ELIAS MARONITE
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April 12, 2026



Divine Mercy Sunday

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

Weekdays: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Friday following the 9:00 am
Liturgy until 5:00 pm

Mystery of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4:00 PM to
4:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM
or by appointment

LITURGY INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF APRIL 11 & 12, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM: Forty Day Liturgy, Joe Moses, RIP (Mandy Tolano)

Sunday: 10:30 AM: MaryAnn Assaid, RIP (Geroge & Kimberly Assaid)

Monday, April 13: 9 AM - NO MASS DUE to FUNERAL

Tuesday, April 14 9 AM - Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 15: 9 AM - Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 16: 9 AM - Souls in Purgatory

Friday, April 17: 9 AM - Joe Moses, RIP (Rosemary Larsen)

WEEKEND OF APRIL 18 & 19, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM: Joe Moses, RIP (George Assaid)

SUNDAY: 10:30 AM:

Offertory— April 5 - \$5,062.90*

***This includes Holy Thursday and Good Friday**

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend for the needy

Just a note - this year we received \$2,675.00 toward the Bishop's Appeal. We are obligated to send \$5,500.00, regardless of what we collect. We have a **shortage of \$2,825.00**. Anyone that has not given or that can help us reach our amount, please let me know.

ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION APRIL

The bread, wine & candles are being offered in loving memory of
M. Patrick & Lourice F. Thomas
by Lourice L. Thomas, II



Daily Scripture Readings

Week of April 12, 2026

Monday: 1 Peter 1:1-9 : John 20:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16 : John 20:11-18

Wednesday: 1 Peter 1:17-21 : Matthew 28:11-15

Thursday: 1 Peter 1:22-25 : Matthew 28:16-20

Friday: 1 Peter 2:1-10 : John 2:13-25

Saturday: 1 Peter 2:11-17 : Matthew 22:41-46

Sunday: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 : Luke 24:13-35

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My dear brothers and sisters,

My sincere appreciation for your greetings and generous gifts and prayers during this Season of the Glorious Resurrection. It touches my heart and I am very grateful and very blessed to be your priest. Many, many thanks! You are all in my prayers.

Gratefully Yours in Jesus Christ,
Fr. George

With Deepest Sympathy....



to the family & friends of Joe Williams, who died on April 9th.
The visitation will be at Oakeys, Vinton on Sunday, April 12 from 3 to 5 PM,
with the rosary and incense service at 5 PM.

The funeral liturgy will be at St. Elias on Monday at 10 AM.

May God rest his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed

25th LEBANESE FESTIVAL

SIGN-UP SHEETS; are on the table at the church entrance for different **time shifts for the food line**, per day. Please sign up as soon as possible.
Your help is greatly needed and appreciated!



Sunday of Divine Mercy

The church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy each year on the Second Sunday of Easter. On this day, we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets us come back to Him after we have sinned. We know Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big or bad you think your sin is, if we are sorry for it, then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you! We should thank God for His mercy and ask Him to look on the whole world with love and forgiveness!