



Saint Ann Catholic Church • Maronite Rite

A Catholic Parish of the Antiochian Syriac Maronite Church



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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 10:00 AM **Tuesdays – Thursdays:** 7:30 AM

Fridays: 6:30 PM followed by the veneration of the cross

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Liturgy: 6:30 PM | Actual Feast Day: 7:30 AM

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mondays: office is closed. | Saturdays: by appointment.

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation

Please call the rectory for arrangements 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents & Godparents should meet with the Pastor to schedule a date & arrange for proper parental preparation.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Confession can be heard before and after Liturgies or by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

For Weddings, 6 months advance notice is required in order that proper preparation may be made for the celebration of the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If a family member is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, or they are unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the rectory to arrange for Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick with Holy oil.

The list is updated every Thursday; if you would like to add a name, please call the rectory no later than Wednesday.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Sunday preceding the morning Liturgy for 30 minutes at 9:30 AM

Funerals

Please contact the Pastor as soon as possible after the death of a loved one.

Mass Intention Dedications

If you would like to have a mass dedicated, Mass cards are available for various intentions including memorials. Your voluntary gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted. Mass reservations should be made in advance.

You can request an announced or an unannounced Mass Intentions to be said for a living or deceased family member, friend or loved one by calling the rectory or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Parish Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

President: Joe JABOUR.

Daughters of St. Ann

This women's organization meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM.

President: Eva ABDALLAH.

St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

President: Albert NAHAL.

Junior MYO

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. We are a Maronite youth organization based in the United States. This Youth's organization meets on the last Sunday of every month after 10:00 Am Mass in the church.

Coordinators: Patricia THORNTON & Lora KARRAT.

Religious Education

Religious Education is available for all children in 1st through 6th grades. Classes are scheduled for 1 Friday and 1 Saturday a month.

Coordinator: Sister Florence Joseph FLAHERTY.

St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Director: Rick THORNTON.



Altar Gifts for March 2013

In Thanksgiving.

Requested by Sayed Frangie

The Sanctuary Lamps burn continuously, reminding us of Christ, the eternal and everlasting light.

It is proper and fitting to offer our Sanctuary lamp in memory, to honor a loved one or for a special intention.

It is scheduled on a first-come- first-served-basis to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sun, Mar 17 – Healing of the Blind Man

St. Patrick, C

2 Cor 10:1-7

Mk 10:46-52

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

- ✠ Boulos & Georgette ABDALLAH, requested by Tony and Eva ABDALLAH & family
- ✠ Joann E. SHERMAN, requested by Missy SHERMAN

The Divine Liturgy intentions are for the blessing and special intentions of:

- ❖ Mrs. Mary GOLDEN, for her special intentions and continued health on the occasion of her 90th birthday (03/16/1923), requested by her children, family and friends
- ❖ our recently elected Holy Father, Pope Francis
- ❖ Cancer patients and our sick and homebound

SUNDAY

Ushers: Al PATNODE / Bob STOLAR

Greeter: Tony ABDALLAH

Arabic Lector: Diana HANNOUSH

English Lector: Gerard GOLDEN

Intercessions: Zena EID

Mon, Mar 18; St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor of the Church, C

Rom 15:25-33

Jn 7:32-36

No Divine Liturgy

Tue, Mar 19; St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary, C

Eph 3:1-13

Mt 1:48-25

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wed, Mar 20;

1 Thes 4:1-9

Lk 11:37-48

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Thu, Mar 21;

Tit 2:1-8

Lk 18:31-34

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Fri, Mar 22; Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness

2 Thes 3:6-18

Lk 4:1-13

6:30 pm Divine Liturgy followed by Veneration of the Cross

Sat, Mar 23; Saturday of the Raising of Lazarus; St. Rafka, C

1 Thes 2:17-3:5

Jn 11:55-12:11

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Sun, Mar 24 – Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Phil 1:1-13

Jn 12:12-22

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

- ✠ Mary Louise BASLE, requested by her children and grandchildren

The Divine Liturgy intentions are for the blessing and special intentions of:

- ❖ for the continued health of Ronald BAGLEY
- ❖ Cancer patients and our sick and homebound

SUNDAY

Ushers:

Sayed FRANGIE / David NICHOLAS

Greeter:

Rosemary PATNODE

Arabic Lector: Michel BOUTROS

English Lector: Mary CARROLL

Intercessions: Patti THORNTON

Papal March Prayer Intentions

Respect for Nature. That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility.

Clergy. That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Heal Your servants, who are sick, O Lord, and send them help and comfort from Your holy place.

Wadad FRANGIE, Chantelle BOUDIWAN, Jay MOONEY, Chas TANGREDI, Paul STAVIS, Foutine FRANGIE, Audrey DOWALIBY-FINSON, Joyce & Christy FIRSIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Mary GOLDEN, Jamileh MAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Piero BERGONZELLI, Margaret McDonough, Jeremy WROBLE, Frank DORRITIE, Nawal FAKHOURI, Ronald BAGLEY

March BIRTHDAYS

As they celebrate their birthdays this month, we hold up to God the lives of:

10 Theresa SHUFELT

13 Lisa RYAN

14 Carolyn Lalli

16 Natalia KARAME

28 Dominic KARRAT

We ask that many blessings be theirs in the coming year.

Upcoming events - Mark your calendars

05/18 Pontifical Dedication of Watervliet Church

09/21 1st Annual Golf Tournament

11/09 Annual Parish Hafla (Diner)



EVENTS FOR MARCH

Tue	19	St. Maron Men's Society Meeting
Thu	21	Daughters of Saint Ann Meeting
Wed	10	Parish Council Meeting (APRIL)

Religious Education Schedule

Friday, March 22:	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 06:	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Friday, April 19:	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Saturday, May 04*:	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Friday, April 19:	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

PS: May 4th is subject to change to May 11th.

Schedule of Coffee Hour Sponsors

Sign-up sheets are in the binder on the table in front of St. Ann in the main entrance of the church.

Mar. 17	Tony & Eva Abdallah
Mar. 24	Clayton & Carol Shufelt
Mar. 31	Eggs prepared by all parishioners

2nd Collections for March

3/3	Building Fund
3/10	Easter Flowers
3/17	Fuel & Heat
3/24	Assessment / Bishop's Appeal

Mass Collections for March 9-10

Counted by Jeanette KARAM-AUGUST & Sr. Florence FLAHERTY

Sunday Offering	\$1,291.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Fuel & Heat	\$50.00
Bishop Appeal & Assessment	\$1,138.00
Snow Removal	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$303.00
Hosannah Sunday	\$55.00
Holy Thursday	\$15.00
Holy Land	\$15.00
Easter Sunday	\$5.00

TOTAL \$2,942.00

Thank You for your generosity and continued commitment to your parish! Please consider increasing your weekly donation, and don't forget to make up the Sundays you are absent. We are counting on your efforts.

Reminder of Ongoing Fundraisers

Please bring in:

- ✓ Unwanted cellphones for credit.
- ✓ Empty plastic bottles and cans for recycling.

Lenten Observances 2013

The Most Reverend Bishops Robert Shaheen and Gregory Mansour have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States:

- ❖ All Maronites who are physically capable [...] all Fridays of Lent.
- ❖ Great Friday of the Crucifixion is also day of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

PS: Women who are pregnant and persons who are sick are not required to fast.

Lenten Bible Study Program

Every Thursday, from 7:30 – 8:30 pm at the Church Hall
Book Reference: the Year of Faith – A bible Study Guide for Catholics

Saint Patrick's Day

On this special Saint Patrick's Day, we send blessings to you. May the luck of the Irish be yours. Congratulations for all the Irish descendants.

AN IRISH PRAYER

May God give you...

*For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.*



Daughters of St. Ann Upcoming Sales

March 17 - Decorated Candles – a MUST for the children on Palm Sunday. The candles will be decorated with a neutral color scheme. Should you wish to add a specific color to match an outfit, call Georgette Hannoush @ 489-1606.

March 24 - SWEETS will be available, just in time for Easter. These homemade delicacies are perfect as gifts or to fill children's baskets.

March 29 - Flower - The Daughters of St. Ann will be selling flowers to carry to the tomb of Jesus on Good Friday.

Thank you ALL for your support. These sales are a labor of love entailing hard work and precious personal time. Monies raised go towards the building fund.

Missal Book, Book of Offerings

New Liturgical books of the Divine Liturgy are here! You can sponsor a book in memory / honor of a loved one. Suggested contributions: \$25.00 Envelopes for this purpose are on the table in the rear of the church.

Please remember that these missals will be used for many years to come and each book sponsored will be a long lasting tribute or memorial.

A mass will celebrated for sponsors' intentions and the missals will be blessed on New Sunday, April 07, 2013.



Good Friday Meatless Potluck Dinner

On Good Friday, the parish will host its annual meatless potluck dinner. The gathering will be held in the church hall on Good Friday, March 29 from 4:30 - 6:15. This annual Maronite tradition brings the community together, first for a Lenten meal, followed by the solemn liturgical service commemorating Great Friday of the Crucifixion.

Patti Thornton is graciously organizing this event. Please give her a call at 783-9809, and let her know what dish you will be bringing to share. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the church! Thank you in advance for your contribution on this holy day.

Easter Eggs

We are asking our families to color one dozen eggs and bring them to church on Easter – whatever mass you attend. There will be baskets in the hall where eggs can be placed. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Habemus Papam!

We thank Almighty God that a short time ago, the Cardinals in Conclave elected **Jorge Mario Bergoglio**, the Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, a Jesuit, as the 265th successor of Saint Peter. He has chosen the name **Francis**.

Born: December 17, 1936

Ordained Priest: December 13, 1969

Ordained Bishop: June 27, 1992

Elected Pope: March 13, 2013

According to the Liturgical notes from the USCCB, "Again, the faithful should be exhorted to pray for the newly-elected Holy Father in their private prayers. The recitation of the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of the Pope is encouraged. The newly-elected Pope should be prayed for in the recitation of the Rosary."

Some facts about Pope Francis

Here are some additional facts about Pope Francis.

1. Bergoglio was born in Buenos Aires in 1936. His father was an Italian immigrant.
2. He's the first pope from South America. The only remaining continents that have never had a pope come from their lands are Australia, Antarctica, and North America.
3. He's the first Jesuit pope.
4. He only has one lung. His other lung was removed due to infection when he was a teenager.
5. Bergoglio is known for his personal simplicity. In Argentina he lived in a simple apartment rather than the archbishop's palace, cooked his own meals, and gave up his chauffeured limousine in favor of taking the bus to work.
6. In 2010, when Argentina became the first Latin American country to legalize same-sex marriage, Bergoglio encouraged clergy across the country to tell Catholics to protest against the legislation because, if enacted, it could "seriously injure the family" and that gay adoption would be "depriving (children) of the human growth that God wanted them given by a father and a mother."

7. He studied and received a master's degree in chemistry at the University of Buenos Aires, but later decided to become a Jesuit priest and studied liberal arts at the Catholic seminary in Santiago, Chile.
8. At the age of 76, Francis is the ninth oldest pope of those elected after 1295. (Benedict, who was elected at the age of 78, was fifth oldest.)
9. Last year, Bergoglio compared Catholic priests who refused to baptize the children of unwed mothers to the Pharisees of Jesus' day. "These are today's hypocrites. Those who clericalize the Church," he said, adding, "Jesus teaches us another way: Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in body as well as spirit."
10. His doctrinal orthodoxy emphasizes Christ's mandate to love: he is well remembered for his 2001 visit to a hospice, in which he washed and kissed the feet of twelve AIDS patients.
11. Also, he has served as Ordinary of the Ordinariate for the Faithful of the Eastern Rites in Argentina.

A humble pope

According to the Vatican press briefing, after the first appearance and blessing last night, Pope Francis went back to the cardinal's residence, Casa Santa Marta, on the little bus with the other cardinals rather than take the car with the plates SCV1. Pope Francis went this morning, his first full day as Pope, to the Basilica St. Mary Major to venerate the Madonna "Salus Populi Romani". He returned in one of the squad cars of the Vatican Gendarmes without the big entourage of cars. He ditched the Papal Mercedes to ride over to his hotel, to collect his luggage, in a Volkswagen to personally pay his bill, with his own money. He went to the office and paid the bill for his room!

Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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First Activities of Pope Francis

Thursday, March 14 Basilica of Saint Mary Major - Prayer of Pope Francis to the Salus Populi Romani - Holy Mass with the Cardinal electors at Sistine Chapel

Friday, March 15 Audience with the Cardinals at Clementine Hall



✠ POPE FRANCIS ✠



Saturday, March 16 Audience to the media representatives at Paul VI Audience Hall

Sunday, March 17 5th Sunday of Lent: Angelus at Saint Peter's Square

Tuesday, March 19 Celebration of Holy Mass for the beginning of the Petrine Ministry at Saint Peter's Square

Wed., March 20 Audience to the Fraternal Delegates

Statement on the election of Pope Francis

The election of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who has taken the name Francis, marks a great milestone in our church. As successor to Peter, our first pope, Pope Francis stands as the figure of unity for all Catholics wherever they reside.

The bishops of the United States and the people of our 195 dioceses offer prayers for our new leader and promise allegiance to him. Intense prayer from all around the world surrounded the election of Pope Francis.

The bishops of the United States thank God for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the inspired choice of the College of Cardinals. With joy in our hearts, we declare "Ad Multos Annos!" (For many years!)

Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York,

President – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Year of Faith: Some Papal Trivia

Age matters: Popes elected as young as 24, as old as 81

Ambrogio Piazzoni, Vice Prefect of the Vatican Library and author of a book on the history of papal elections, has compiled "some curiosities" about papal elections. On the topic of the age of the pope at election, he notes:

- ✦ Three popes were under the age of 25. The last was Pope Gregory V, who was 24 when elected in 996.
- ✦ Seven were between 25 and 40 years old. The last was Pope Leo X, who was 37 in 1513.
- ✦ Eleven were between 41 and 50. The last was Pope Clement VII, who was elected in 1523 at the age of 44.
- ✦ 24 popes were in their 50s. The most recent was Blessed John Paul II, who was 58 years old when he began his papal ministry in 1978.
- ✦ 37 were between 61 and 70 years old. The last was Pope John Paul I, who was 65 when he began his 33-day papacy in 1978.
- ✦ Only three popes were over 80 when elected. The last, chosen by cardinals in 1406, was Pope Gregory XII. He was 81.

FAMOUS LASTS

- ✦ The last pope who was not yet a cardinal when elected was Pope Urban VI in 1378.
- ✦ The last who was not even a priest yet was Pope Leo X.
- ✦ The last born in Rome was Pope Pius XII, elected in 1939. (He was also the last serving Vatican Secretary of State elected.)
- ✦ The last African was Pope Gelasius, elected in 492.
- ✦ The last native of Dalmatia, an ancient Roman province, was Pope John IV in 640.
- ✦ The last Frenchman elected was Pope Gregory XI, in 1370.
- ✦ The last Greek was Pope Zachary in 741.
- ✦ The last Englishman was Pope Adrian IV in 1154.
- ✦ The last Italian was Pope John Paul I.
- ✦ The last Dutchman was Pope Adrian VI in 1522.
- ✦ The last Palestinian was Pope Theodore in 642.
- ✦ The last Pole was Pope John Paul II in 1978.
- ✦ The last Portuguese was Pope John XXI in 1276.

- ✦ The last Syrian was Pope Gregory III in 731.
- ✦ The last Spaniard was Pope Alexander VI in 1492.
- ✦ The last German was Pope Benedict XVI, elected in 2005. It had been 950 years since a German -- Pope Victor II -- had been elected.

AND FINALLY

- ✦ Pope Leo XIII is the oldest pope in history, living until age 93 years and 104 days. He was elected at age 67.
- ✦ Pope John Paul I survived only 33 days in office, passing away Sept. 28, 1978. It created a rare year of three popes.
- ✦ JPI was the first pope born and the last to die in the 20th century.
- ✦ He was the first pope to take two names, and the first to use "the first" in his regal name.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Divine Liturgy, Blessing of palms & Procession; Refreshments after Mass

Monday, March 25

07:30 PM – 08:30 PM Rite of the Coming to the Harbor & Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 26

07:30 AM – 08:30 PM Divine Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross

Wednesday, March 27

07:30 PM – 08:30 PM Ceremony of the Lamp (Blessing of Oil for the sick) & Divine Liturgy

Holy Thursday of the Mysteries, March 28

06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Divine Liturgy & Washing of the feet of 12 disciples

08:00 PM – 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Great Friday of the Crucifixion, March 29

07:30 AM – 08:15 AM Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

04:30 AM – 06:15 PM Meatless Meal in the Church Hall

06:30 PM – 08:00 PM Adoration of the cross & Burial of the Lord

Saturday, March 30; 05:00 – 06:00 PM

05:00 PM – 06:00 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy

Easter Sunday, March 31

Midnight Divine Liturgy, followed by refreshment & Easter eggs

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Refreshment & Easter eggs

New Sunday, April 07

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Parish Easter Party

HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

Jesus was on the way to celebrate his last passover. He was traveling along the road to Jericho, a resort city, also known as the City of the Palms. Jericho was 15 miles from Jerusalem and every Jew living in the area was required to attend to the passover there. If they were unable to attend, they were required to stand along the sides of the roads and listen to the rabbis who taught as they passed by.

This passover was a very tense one. Jesus was considered a rebel, one who was preaching against the orthodox Judaism. He was now openly proceeding to Jerusalem, teaching as a rabbi. If what Jesus was teaching was true, the entire Temple worship was irrelevant. Jericho



was filled with priests and levites who took turns in serving at the Temple. Naturally, they would be concerned about what Jesus had to say.

Jesus and his entourage were approaching the gate of the city where a blind beggar was sitting. It was a good time to beg for alms because of the number of persons who walked by. The gospel gives his name as Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus heard the tramping of feet and the noise of the crowd and asked who was passing by. When he heard that it was Jesus, he began to shout and make noise to attract Jesus' attention. Everyone who was trying to listen to the Master was offended and tried to silence the beggar. But this was the only chance for the beggar. Jesus was passing by and he wanted to escape from the world of darkness.

When Jesus indicated that he wanted to meet Bartimaeus, the attitude of the crowd changed. They told the blind beggar, "Courage, sit up. He is calling you." The beggar's response was immediate. He threw off his cloak and rushed to the Lord. In many ways, we are called to be like a beggar. Certain opportunities come only once. When the Lord calls us, we must throw off everything that will hinder us and run to Christ.

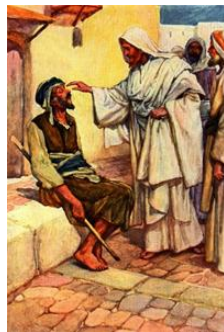
The blind man knew what he wanted; he wanted light. Not only was the beggar to receive the gift of sight from the Lord, he was also to receive the gift of inner light, the gift of faith. How courageous Bartimaeus was in his desire to seek the Light of the world. Many of us desire to remain in the darkness. Let us not allow the world to prevent us from seeking the Light, but let us cast aside all that hinders us and go to meet the Lord. "Through the rays of your light, we shall see the light, O Jesus, full of mercy."

Icon Description: As the season of Lent reaches its climax, we have the icon of the healing of Bartimaeus, the man born blind. This icon personifies the central theme of light found in the Maronite liturgy that Jesus is the true light of the world. Here, blind Bartimaeus, the beggar, is seen to be stepping out of darkness into the healing light of Jesus' touch. His staff and moneybag represent his former way of life; now he walks straight and can see because of Jesus' light, represented by large concentric circles around Our Lord, in shades of gold and blue. The disciples stand behind Christ, also bathed in this divine light.



Kids Korner

In Jesus' time, the crippled and the blind shared a common fate. Their only source of income was begging. People willingly gave them money, considering it a godly act to share with the poor; but they still looked down on beggars. After all, why were they crippled? Was it because they had sinned? Would God punish people who were truly righteous? Bartimaeus sat at the side of the road, clutching a beggar's pouch. The crowd was becoming bigger, noisier. Bartimaeus asked "Why is the crowd growing louder?" "It's Jesus—Jesus of Nazareth is coming," a man shouted. Bartimaeus believed that Jesus could heal him. He cried out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on



me!" "Bartimaeus, What do you want from me?" Jesus asked. "Rabbi, I want to see..." Bartimaeus felt the hands of Jesus touch his eyes. Ever so slowly, he began to see colors, reds and greens and blues. "Go" Jesus told him. "Your faith has healed you."

At times, we all find ourselves sitting on the roadside of life, blinded by the unexpected challenges that fill our days. But like Bartimaeus, Jesus always notices us, especially when we need a miracle. It's a time to answer God's question: "What do you want from me?"

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

In a letter sent to Bishops around the world, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, made an appeal for the Good Friday Collection in support of the Holy Land. The people of the Holy Land, along with their pastors he said, "live the mystery of Christ, Crucified and Risen for the salvation of mankind."

The Holy Land, he said, "is the silent witness and living custodian, thanks to the Latin communities of the Patriarchal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Franciscan Custody, as also to the Melkite, Maronite, Syrian, Armenian, Copt and Chaldean faithful active there".

Cardinal Sandri went on to say that the assistance that comes from the annual Good Friday collection maintains not only the Holy Sites but also the communities that dwell around them.

"Together with institutes of men and women religious, the funds collected provide immediate relief to the catastrophic consequences of war and other emergencies," he said. "Through a qualified network of pastoral, educational and health care specialists, these resources come to the aid of families, often saving lives that have been rejected: the old, the sick, and the disabled. In addition, aid is provided to those without work and to youth in search of a brighter future. In every case, the collection seeks to build up human rights, especially the right to religious liberty."

Holy Saturday broadcast of Shroud

The Shroud, venerated as the burial cloth of Christ, bears a mysterious image of a man who suffered in a manner consistent with crucifixion. It is kept in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Turin, Italy, and is rarely available for viewing.















The extremely limited access to seeing the shroud gives the TV broadcast particular significance. It will be shown internationally by the Italian public service broadcaster Rai 1. The Holy Saturday broadcast of the Shroud images is only the second-ever, with the other occurrence taking place in 1973. The TV exhibition will last about an hour, and will be part of a celebration led by Archbishop Nosiglia.

Holy Saturday, the archbishop observed, is "a day of silence, prayer, contemplation of the mystery of the passion and death of the Lord, but also a day of expectation and openness of heart and life in the light of the resurrection."

Archbishop Nosiglia voiced his hope "that this worldwide event will leave, in the hearts of many people who will see it, a little light and peace in these complex times and give strength and hope to many sick and poor, but also families and people in need."



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

 <p>In Memory Of Joseph & Helen YAMIN JABOUR Requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR</p>	 <p>In Loving Memory of Rose, Father Paul, Mike, Joe, Peter KORKEMAZ</p>	 <p>In Memory Of <i>the deceased members of</i> RICE & HEALY Families</p>
 <p>In Loving Memory Of Walter J. GOLDEN & the deceased members of the GOLDEN & VOLKOMER Families</p>	 <p>In Memory Of deceased members of the TAMER & THORNTON Families</p>	 <p>For the living and deceased members of the JOSEPH-NACKLEY & PATNODE Families</p>
 <p>In Memory Of Solomon A. & Patricia H. JABOUR by their children & grandchildren</p>	 <p>In Memory Of <i>The Deceased Members of the</i> TALARICO & DEEP Families</p>	 <p>In Loving Memory Of the deceased members of the REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE & CLOUGH Families</p>
 <p>In Memory Of David & Jenny REZEY & Nehme FRANGIE</p>	 <p>In Memory Of our grandparents Francis & Marsha KADD0, and Suleiman & Jamileh FRANGIE Requested by the KADD0 Family</p>	 <p>In Loving Memory Of Dot RILEY and the deceased members of the RILEY, MANLEY & PETERSON Families Requested by Tom RILEY, Sr.</p>
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