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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday April 15, 2007 – Sunday April 22, 2007

**1. What is World Youth Day (WYD)?**

World Youth Day is the Catholic Church's week of events for youth and with youth. It gathers thousands of young people from around the world to celebrate and learn about the Catholic faith and to build bridges of friendship and hope between continents, peoples and cultures.

**2. When and where will World Youth Day take place?**

World Youth Day will be held in Sydney, Australia from 15 - 20 July 2008. The event will mark the first visit to Australia of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. Days in the Dioceses will take place in the leadup to WYD08, from approximately 10-14 July 2008.

**3. How did the World Youth Days begin?**

Initiated by Pope John Paul II, World Youth Day has been held every year since 1986 when the first event was held in Rome. Sydney will host the 10th international WYD and XXIII WYD overall.

**4. Where has World Youth Day been held previously?**

World Youth Day has been held in Buenos Aires (1987), Santiago de Compostela (1989), Czestochowa (1991), Denver (1993), Manila (1995), Paris (1997), Rome (2000 Jubilee), Toronto (2002), and Cologne (2005).

If you are interested in being a part of WYD, give me your name, phone number and e-mail if possible before May 4, 2007 so we can prepare this trip together throughout the year. Fr. Jihad.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



**Clergy**

Rev. Father Jihad Younes  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte  
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

**Parish Staff**

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary  
Darrell Frye – Maintenance  
Pat Haley – Caterer

**Parish Leaders**

Albert Zerka – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dottie Byrnes – Organist  
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education  
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar  
Rob Kowalk – Spiritual Growth Coordinator



**Liturgy Schedule**

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	9a.m.
	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10a.m. (English)
	12noon (Arabic)

**Adoration**

Friday 11a.m.

**Confessions**

½ hour before liturgy on Saturday and Sunday and by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism**, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage**, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.

**Sick calls**, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.

**Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:**



Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Doris Beck  
Ann Faris  
Dorothy Mattar  
Sharon Griffiths



Tom & Margaret LaBranch

**Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours**

Monday 9am – 5pm  
Tuesday 9am – 5pm  
Wednesday 9am – 5pm  
Thursday 9am – 5pm  
Friday 9am – 5pm



# MASS INTENTIONS



## SUNDAY 15: New Sunday

### Divine Mercy Sunday

10A.M.: (2Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31) Reader: Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Jim Maroun by Sam
- Rep. Sultana & Iqbal Boutros by Manal Dabish
- Rep. Antoine Massoud
- 40 Day Memorial by Jaber & Eva Massoud

## MONDAY 16: St. Bernadette Soubirous

- NO MASS

## TUESDAY 17:

- NO MASS

## WEDNESDAY 18:

- Rep. Betty Mansour by George & Sue Rasak

## THURSDAY 19:

- NO MASS

## FRIDAY 20:

12NOON

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Vincent Harrison

## SATURDAY 21: St. Anselm

9A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Rose Johnson by Josie Knight

## SUNDAY 22: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Resurrection

10A.M.: (2Tim 2:8-13; Lk 24:13-35) Reader: Diane Massad

- Special Intentions

## SUNDAY 29: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Resurrection

10A.M.: (Heb 13:18-25; Jn 21:1-14) Reader: Earl Matte

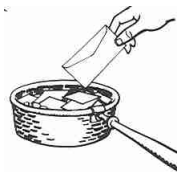
- Rep. Wajdi Badr by Family

40 Day Memorial

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Joe & Marilyn Faris

### Weekly Contributions

March 18:	\$2159
March 25:	\$2810
April 1:	\$3778
April 8:	\$4621



### Altar Server Schedule

- April 22: Team 2
- April 29: Team 3
- May 6: Team 4



## Announcements

Father will be out of town beginning Monday, April 9, 2007 returning on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Please pay special attention to the bulletin for mass schedules while he is gone.

There also will be no mass on Thursday, April 19, 2007.

Fr. Jihad's Abbot from the Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be here to celebrate Mass with us on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

The Ladies Altar Society is looking for donations of water and can pop for the salad supper bingo. Please drop your donation off at the church office. They are also looking for donations of salads. If you would like to make a salad please see Pat Pollack.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### APRIL

22 Abbot's Visit

#### MAY

- 5 & 6 Bishop Robert Shaheen Visit
- 6 First Holy Communion & May Crowning
- 9 Altar Society Salad Supper Bingo
- 20 Altar Society Sunday



Church cleaning for the Month of April:

Diane Massad & Sue Rasak

Our Lady of Lebanon Altar Society's Annual Salad Supper Bingo



Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Doors open at 4:30

Supper Served at 6:00

Tickets \$10

Tickets are available from any Altar Society Member or the church office.

No one under 18 years of age will be permitted

## Pope Benedict on Divine Mercy

4/10/2007



"God's passionate love for his people – for humanity – is at the same time a forgiving love. It is so great that it turns God against himself, his love against his justice."

This is a startling, radical, statement about divine mercy – the kind of declaration that one might expect to see attributed to Pope John Paul II. But it was

Pope Benedict XVI who wrote it, in his first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est (God Is Love)*.

Seven years after Pope John Paul II first announced the creation of Mercy Sunday, many priests are still wary of the feast. Why do they hold back? There is a certain assumption that the divine mercy is a private devotion that had a personal meaning to a particular Polish man who happened to also be pope, but that it is not for everyone.

Reading Pope Benedict's words about divine mercy should dispel that notion. Rather than attributing the popularity of the divine mercy devotion to Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI seems more likely to attribute the greatness of Pope John Paul II to his devotion to divine mercy.

In his homily before the conclave that elected him, he summed up John Paul's pontificate by speaking about the late pope's emphasis on the divine mercy: "Jesus Christ is divine mercy in person: Encountering Christ means encountering the mercy of God," said Pope Benedict. "The mercy of Christ is not a cheap grace; it does not presume a trivialization of evil. Christ carries in his body and on his soul all the weight of evil, and all its destructive force. He burns and transforms evil through suffering, in the fire of his suffering love."

He concluded last year's Way of the Cross by saying: "The Way of the Cross is the way of mercy, the way of mercy that puts a limit on evil: This is what we learned from Pope John Paul II. It is the way of mercy; hence, the way of salvation. ... Let us pray to the Lord to help us be 'infected' by his mercy."

He often noted that Pope John Paul II died after Mercy Sunday Mass. And in a March 26 homily last year, Benedict said forcefully: "The pope, in this last text which is like a testament, then added: 'How much the world needs to understand and accept divine mercy!'"

In a visit with the sick on May 7, Pope Benedict embraced not just the message of divine mercy, but the specific devotion popularized by St. Faustina.

The image the devotion promotes is a portrait of Jesus with rays of light emanating from his heart. The words "Jesus, I trust in you" are inscribed below.

Pope Benedict told the sick people, "You who say in silence: 'Jesus, I trust in you' teach us that there is no faith more profound, no hope more alive and no love more ardent than the faith, hope and love of a person who in the midst of suffering places himself securely in God's hands."

He later spoke about visiting the convent where "Sister Faustina Kowalska, contemplating the shining wounds of the risen Christ, received a message of trust for humanity which John Paul II echoed and interpreted and which really is a central message precisely for our time: mercy as God's power, as a divine barrier against the evil of the world."

In his homilies, the Holy Father has given us some of our most eloquent and adamant enunciations of God's mercy.

Men and women are prone to doubt God's care for them. So Pope Benedict stressed: "God loves us in a way that we might call 'obstinate' and enfolds us in his inexhaustible tenderness."

The wrong kind of emphasis on God's mercy can create the impression that God forgives all in an apathetic way, more like a benign uncle than a loving father.

So the pope stresses God's anger, too. "The anger and mercy of the Lord alternate in a dramatic sequence, but love triumphs in the end, for God is love."

And always, he seeks to root trust in God's mercy in the gospels and the sacraments rather than in private revelation.

"How many people also in our time are in search of God, in search of Jesus and of his church, in search of divine mercy, and are waiting for a 'sign' that will touch their minds and their hearts!" he said, in one homily. "Today, as then, the evangelist reminds us that the only 'sign' is Jesus raised on the cross: Jesus who died and rose is the absolutely sufficient sign."

The church grants an indulgence for participation in Mercy Sunday devotions. In his new document on the Eucharist, Pope Benedict recommends such indulgences, but emphasizes that the sacraments of confession and the Eucharist are the most important aspects of them. Finally, Pope Benedict used Divine Mercy to sum up our Christian lives.

"To understand and accept God's merciful love: May this be your commitment, first of all in your families and then in every neighborhood milieu."

This Mercy Sunday on April 15 is a good day to start.

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