



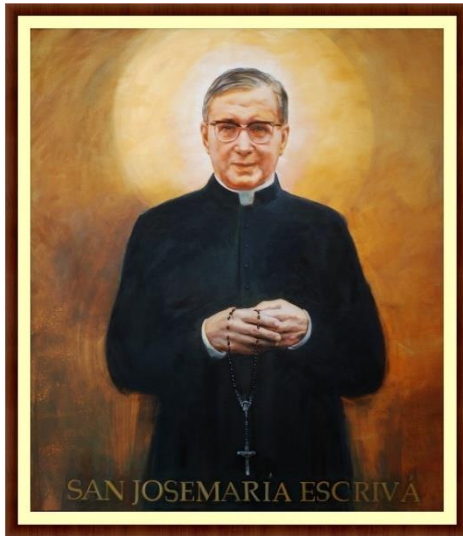
Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

June 27-28, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



FEAST OF SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

On June 26, the Catholic Church commemorates the life of Saint Josemaría Escrivá, priest and founder of The Prelature of the Holy Cross and Opus Dei. He was born in Barbastro, Spain on January 9, 1902 into a pious family. When he was young, he one day saw bare footprints left in the snow by a monk. The small sign left a great impression of holiness on the young man that would begin to guide his life and foster a vocation to the priesthood. He developed a prayer life intensely centered on the Eucharist during his priestly studies in Logroño, and also cultivated deep devotion to Mary. “The Blessed

Virgin has always helped me to discover her Son’s desires,” he said, and would often pray for her to ask God to reveal his will to him. On March 28, 1925, Josemaría was ordained to the priesthood. During his early ministry, he worked among a variety of people, including children, students, artists, and workers, while also teaching law to help support his mother and sister. Three years later, while on retreat, Josemaría saw the mission God intended for him, that of opening up a new spirituality and vocational path for the laity in the form of Opus Dei (“the work of God”). This prelature would become the central focus of his life, serving many of the unmet spiritual needs of lay people at the time. The young movement began to grow quickly, attracting in particular university students. In the late 1930’s, the Spanish Civil War brought great hardships for the Church while Josemaría continued his work. His reputation for holiness, and thus his movement, began to grow in this time. In 1946, Josemaría moved to Rome to obtain papal recognition of his movement from Pope Pius XII, which was granted the following year. Even as successive popes sent their blessings and affection, the work involved in expanding Opus

Dei took a toll on Josemaría. Nonetheless, he is said to have never stopped smiling. Josemaría welcomed Pope John XXIII’s calling of the Second Vatican Council. His work in expanding the way to holiness for lay persons was seen by the Council Fathers as a precursor to Vatican II’s renewed focus on the life of the laity. He worked swiftly to implement the Council’s decisions into the life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words.”

St. Francis of Assisi



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and worship of Opus Dei. In the latter years of his life, Josemaría traveled throughout the world to catechize his organization, often drawing crowds of thousands. On June 26, 1975, Josemaría died in his workroom of a heart attack. The last thing he ever looked upon was a hanging icon of Our Lady. At his death, Opus Dei was present on all inhabited continents, numbering over 60,000 people from more than 80 nationalities.

BUILDING BRIDGE

Once upon a time two brothers shared adjoining farms. For over 40 years they worked side by side, sharing equipment and helping each other out whenever needed. Then one day a rift developed. It began with a small misunderstanding and it grew into a major difference, and finally it exploded into an exchange of bitter words followed by months of angry silence.

One day the eldest brother, Pete, was out in his fields when a truck pulled up. Out jumped a man who approached Pete carrying a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work" he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs I could do for you?" "Well, yes I do," said Peter. "See that creek down there, it's the border between my brother's farm and mine. My brother keeps it nice and deep to stop me from setting one foot on his beloved farm. Well I'll oblige him. I want you to take that timber over there by the barn and build me a new fence, a real tall one, so I don't have to look over at my stinkin' brother and his farm no more."

The carpenter was glad to have the work, "No worries mate. I understand. Just point me to your

post-hole digger and I'll get the job done."

So the carpenter set about working. Meanwhile farmer Pete drove into town to the cattle auction. When he returned at sunset he was shocked to see what the carpenter had done. There was no fence. Instead the carpenter had built a bridge and walking across it was Pete's younger brother. He held out his hand and spoke to his brother, "Pete after all I've done to you these past few weeks, I can't believe you'd still reach out to me. You're right. It's time to bury the hatchet."

The two brothers met at the middle of the bridge and embraced. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox on his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said farmer Pete. "I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have more bridges to build."

Source: unknown.

RESERVATIONS FOR DIVINE LITURGIES

As foreign as this may be to all of us, it is imperative, in order to keep within the guidelines of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to go to the following links to reserve your seat for Divine Liturgy. We are allowed to have 75 people for each liturgy. You have all received the guidelines and procedures that need to be taken during the Phase One opening <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SaturdayMass> <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SundayMass>

MANY THANKS

I'd would like to thank all of you for the beautiful thoughts and good wishes as I celebrate my 10 years of priestly ministry. Although I have been here for just a short time, you have made me feel at home and among family. Thank you for your support and kindness as I look forward serving this community for many more years. God bless you and your families.

NO DAILY LITURGIES

Fr. Vincent will be away for a week during the July 4th holiday. Therefore, week day liturgies will resume on Monday, July 13. I am always available for any emergencies via cell phone or you may contact Deacon Jean. Thank you and have a blessed 4th of July.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time, I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 27, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the souls of Radha David and her father Peter David by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ruth David by Anne Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, June 28, @ 10:30 PM, liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Anthony "Tommy" Thomas requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Richard Smith. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, June 29, 6:00 PM, Liturgy if being offered for the souls of Helen and Anthony Buaiz and Grandson Josphe Ribeiro by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, July 4, @ 5:00 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony "Tommy" Thomas requested by Rose David and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 5, @ 10:30 AM, Liturgy is offered for our fathers in honor of Father's Day. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Saba Mike Barckett, Joseph and May requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence Dyer by her family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

40 CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the 40 Club raffle winners. We will look forward to having our banquet in 2021.

Steve Correa \$500.00, George Saba \$250.00, Beverly Rousseau and Carol Roy \$100.00, Elie, Thomas, Robert Macedo, Lou Cabral \$50.00, Charbel Farah, Steven Saba, Evamarie Fernandes, Peter Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Cathy Thomas, Jacqueline Feener, Joseph Garcia, Adman Sabeh, Bob Fernanades, Msgr. Michael, Sousou Maalouf, Maria Baptista, Sarah Hitchings, Joe Abraham, Nigel Hitchings, Halim Choubah, Helena Tavares, Vicky Thomas, Lorraine David, Jody Almerda, Daniella Khalife, Kenneth Oliver, and Richard Medeiros \$25.00.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo Roderick, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list please contact the Church office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LITURGIES WILL BE AVIALABLE THROUGH ZOOM AND FACEBOOK. PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE BELOW. I WILL SEND AN INVITATION FOR EACH SERVICE. I WILL ALSO SEND THE TEXT FOR EACH LITURGY SO THAT YOU MAY PARTICIPATE AT HOME.

ALSO PLEASE BE SURE YOU PLACE YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER ON MUTE ONCE YOU LOG INTO THE SERVICE.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of June, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of John Thomas and Peter and Frozia Thomas requested by Hyatt Thomas and Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Anyone who would like to give an offering in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for the month of October, please see Fr. Vincent. The cost for the month is \$75.00, which covers the cost of the communion bread and wine. Thank you and God bless.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEELY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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Sunday Collection \$ 1,769.00
 Donations \$ 150.00
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