



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

October 17-18, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS



A LETTER TO GOD

A man worked in a post office. His job was to process all mail that had illegible addresses. One day a letter came to his desk, addressed in shaky handwriting to God. He thought, "I better open this one and see what it's all about." So, he opened it and it read: "Dear God, I am a 83 year old widow living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had a hundred dollars in it which was all the money I had until my next pension check." "Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and I had invited my last two friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with." "I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?" The postal worker was touched, and went around showing the letter to

all the others. Each of them dug into his wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected 96 dollars, which they put into an envelope and sent over to her.

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of the nice thing they had done. Mother's Day came and went, and a few days later came another letter from the old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read, "Dear God, how can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me?" "Because of your generosity, I was able to fix a lovely dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day, and I told my friends of your wonderful gift." "By the way, there was 4 dollars missing. It was no doubt those thieves at the post office!!!!!!

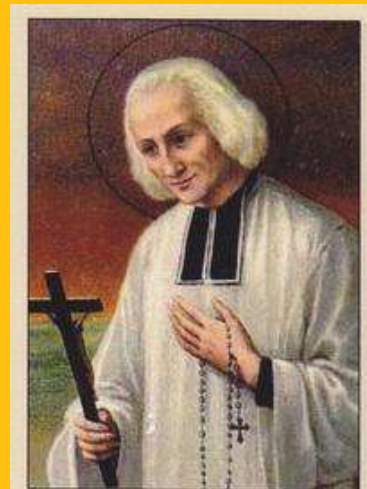
Judge not and you shall not be judged (Mt 7: 1)

<https://stories4homilies.wordpress.com/2013/02/09/a-letter-to-god/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"O my dear parishioners, let us endeavor to get to heaven! There we shall see God. How happy we shall feel! If the parish is converted, we shall go there in procession with the parish priest at the head. . . We must get to heaven! What a pity it would be if some of you were to find yourselves on the other side!"

St. Jean Marie Baptiste Vianney, the Cure of Ars



St. Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Sts. Cosmas and Damian) liturgy is being offered in memory of the Kenyon and Daher Families by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Mary David and Family requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, October 18, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of St. Luke the Evaangelist) liturgy is being offered in memory of Joseph Chedid requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, October 19, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Aaron of Antioch)

Tuesday, October 20, @ 9:00AM, (Feast of St. Shallita)

Wednesday, October 21, @ 6:00PM,

Thursday, October 22, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope St. John Paul II) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Filomena Pinto requested by Fatima DiSilva. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, October 24, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of St. Hareth and Companions) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Julia MacAllister requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul Steven Espindola requested by Annmarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 25, @ 10:30 AM, Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jose DiSilva requested by Fatima DiSilva and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joe and Tillie Thomas by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

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.

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

This is a friendly reminder that orders for the Christmas Bazaar are due on October 19. I ask all of you to please spread the word and to support our efforts in this fundraiser. I know during these unusual times that the Christmas Bazaar is different than years before but we are doing our best to offer the wonderful food, money raffles, and theme baskets that OLOP is accustomed to. The raffle will be held later on in November to give people time to see the beautiful baskets and to buy money raffle tickets. I thank you in advance for your support to this Church.

SECOND COLLECTION OCTOBER THIS WEEKEND

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection the weekend of October 17-18, for World Mission Sunday. This money is used for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS AND SPONSORS FOR TAKE OUT BAZAAR

I would like to thank Ibrahim Hanna and Cedars Mediterranean Foods for their generous donation to our Christmas Bazaar. Your kindness is felt throughout our parishes and I, along with all the parishioners of OLOP are very grateful.

I would also like to thank others who donated to the food expense and would like to remain anonymous. You have helped make this Bazaar a success already. God bless all of you.

CCD CLASSES SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

This is a friendly reminder that CCD classes will be held on Saturday, October 24, at 1:30 PM. Please mark your calendars. It is wonderful to see our children once again and I am so proud of each one. If any child has not been registered for CCD, please contact Deacon Jean or Fr. Vincent as there is still time to do so.

THEME BASKETS RAFFLE DONATIONS

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar Theme Baskets will be available, and the drawing will be held on November 22. These baskets will be seen via livestream as well as on our website. If anyone is interested in donating towards these theme baskets, please see or call Smitty Cabral at 508-961-8599, or Lorraine David at 508-965-8824.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

Monday, October 19, we will have adult bible study in the rectory basement. This will begin immediately following Divine Liturgy which begins at 6:00 PM. If we have a large number of people attending, we will move to the Church in order to practice social distancing. There will be a sign-up link to follow this week. We ask you to please sign-up as you would for Divine Liturgy. I will send the link to you this week. I hope many of you will be able to join us.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/BibleStudy>

IN OUR PRAYERS

Amal Assaf, Officer Vincent Peters, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, 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.

OCTOBER LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 17

Rose David

Sunday, October 18

Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

Saturday, October 24

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, October 25

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, October 31

Carol Ann Maslanka

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>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of October, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of the deceased members of the George J. Abraham family requested by Beatrice Long. May their souls rest in peace.

The sanctuary candle burns for the deceased members of the George J. Abraham family.

Anyone who would like to give an offering in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for the month of June 2021, 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR October 10-11, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,284.00
Candles	\$ 16.00
Total:	\$ 2,300.00

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

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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

*How empty life is without you.
Your Love and Patience has made
us into who we are today. Your
Guidance has set our path in life.
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your voice, seeing your smile and
hearing your laugh. We Love you
and miss you even more with each
passing day*

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