



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

November 28-29, 2020

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH



offering You honor and glory throughout my day. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://divinemeracy.life/2020/03/01/reflection-62-the-small-sacrifices-of-life-2/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His LOVE than in your weakness.”

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Reflection 62: The Small Sacrifices of Life

Do small sacrifices matter? Sometimes we can think that we should try to do great things. Some may have ideas of grandeur and dream of accomplishing some great feats. But what about the small, monotonous, daily sacrifices we make? Sacrifices such as cleaning, working, helping another, forgiving, etc.? Do the small things matter? Most certainly. They are a treasure we give to God like none other. Small daily sacrifices are like a field in the open valley, filled as far as the eye can see with beautiful

wildflowers. One flower is lovely, but when we commit ourselves to these small acts of love all day, every day, we present to God a flowing field of endless beauty and magnificence (See Diary #208).

Reflect upon the small things today. What is it that you do each day that tires you and seems boring or unimportant? Know that these acts, perhaps more than any other, present you with a glorious opportunity to honor and glorify God in a magnificent way.

Lord, I offer You my day. I offer You all that I do and all that I am. I especially offer You the small things I do every day. May each action become a gift to You,

Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon | Joseph Abraham, Sub-deacon

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

ONE EVENING I WAS GOING BACK FROM A SUPERMARKET

One evening I was going back from a supermarket. As I approached my car, I noticed that some person came and stood beside me. He was the one that could be considered as a bum. It seemed that he had no car, no home, and no job. I expected that he will ask me for money, but he did not do that, he only said: "Your car is very nice".

After several moments of silence, I replied: "Thanks", and then the inner voice told me: "Ask him if he needs help". After a short hesitation I asked him if he needs any help. His response was astonishing, I will never forget those simple three words that I heard from him: "Don't we all?"

It was a true discovery to me. I needed help. Although I had money and a place to sleep, but I recognized that I needed help too. Then I opened my wallet and gave him enough money to get a meal and some shelter for a day.

Suddenly I understood that no matter how much money, achievements, luxury things we have, we all need help. And on the other hand, no matter how poor you are, how many material problems you have, you still might offer your help to others, you still might be giving. Even if it's just a nice word, you can give that, and it can be priceless to the other person.

Maybe that man was just a homeless stranger, but to me he was more than that. Maybe he was sent by God personally to me, to open my eyes, to show me that there is one thing, among all other

values and achievements, which is very important and irreplaceable for each and every person. Actually, it is a true gift, and it is called Giving.

<https://www.inspirationalstories.eu/spiritual-stories/motivational-stories-about-giving/>

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

Monday, November 30, we will have adult bible study in the rectory basement. This will begin at 6:30 PM. If we have many 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>

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of November, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of John, Malvina, and Joseph David requested by their 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 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.

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection per the directive of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn for Catholic University of America. CUA assists us in the education of our seminarians. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



SAINT BARBARA PRAYER

Saint Barbara, you are stronger than the towers of the fortresses and the violence of the hurricanes, make sure that the lightning does not strike me, that the thunder does not frighten me and that the thunder of the cannons does not shake my courage and bravery.

Remain always by my side so that I can face, with my head held high, all the storms and battles of my life: so that, winner of all the struggles, with the conscience of duty, fulfilled, I may thank my protector and give thanks to God, creator of Heaven, Earth, and Nature. God has the power to dominate the fury of the storms and soften the cruelty of wars.

Remain with me always to give me strength. Keep my heart in peace. May I know how to win in all the struggles of life, without humiliating anyone.

Saint Barbara, pray for us!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 28, @ 4:30 PM, liturgy is being offered for the soul of John J. David requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 29, @ 10:30 PM, (Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Thomas requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Mike and Diane LeBlanc and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, November 30, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Andrew)

Tuesday, December 1, at 9:00 AM, NO DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday, December 2, at 6:00 PM, NO DIVINE LITURGIES

Thursday, December 3, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Francis Xavier/St. Barbara) NO DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, December 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of St. Saba the Hermit) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Victoria Lahood requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ghaleb Saade requested by Helena Tavares and Family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 6, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of St. Nicholas) Liturgy is being offered for the souls of **Fred Thomas, Joao and Fernanda Baptista, Mora Carvalho, and Edigio Baptista**

requested by Fernanda Thomas. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of **Joseph and Louise Dupre** requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of **George MouJabber** requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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.

DECEMBER LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 5,
Rose David

Sunday, December 6,
Joan Mello/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, December 12,
Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, December 13,
Ann Dupre/Jano Baroody

Saturday, December 19,
Rose David

Sunday, December 20,
Jean Barbour/Gaby Baroody

Thursday, December 24,
Joan Mello/Hiba Chedid

Friday, December 25,
Mae Dickinson/ Gaby Baroody

Sunday, December 26,
Smitty Cabral

Sunday December 27,
Mae Dickinson/Hiba Chedid

IN OUR PRAYERS

Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Officer Vincent Peters, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo and Ida 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR November 21-22, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,328.00
Bazaar Profit	\$ 9,839.63
Candles	\$ 21.00
Total:	\$12,188.63

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.

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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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