



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

December 12-13, 2020

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD REVELATION TO JOSEPH



Have Confidence in Accepting God's Will

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

While taking a walk by yourself, or when you are alone at some other time, turn your eye to God's will and see how he wills all the works of his mercy and justice, in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Then with profound humility, accept, praise, and then bless this sovereign will, which is entirely holy, just, and beautiful. Turn your eye next to God's particular will, by which he loves his own and accomplishes in them different works of consolation and tribulation. Ponder this a while, as you consider not only the variety of his consolations, but above all the trials suffered by the good. Then, with great humility,

accept, praise, and bless the whole of this will. Finally, consider this will in your own person, in all that befalls you for good or ill, and in all that can happen to you, except sin. Then, accept, praise, and bless all this, and declare your intention always to honor, cherish, and adore this sovereign will, confiding to his mercy and giving him your own life and those of your loved ones.

Conclude with an act of great confidence in his will, believing that he will do everything for us and for our happiness. After having made this exercise two or three times, you can shorten or vary it as you find best, but you should frequently recall it by short aspirations.

Bearing Jesus

We live in this world for one reason alone — to receive and to bear the sweet Jesus: on our tongues, by speaking of him; in our arms, by doing his good works; on our shoulders, by bearing his burden and his sufferings, both interior and exterior. O how happy are they who carry him gently and faithfully! I have truly carried him on my tongue every day. And I have carried him to Egypt, it seems to me, inasmuch as in the sacrament of confession I have heard a great number of penitents who with great confidence have addressed themselves to me in order to receive him into their sinful souls. Oh, may it please God to wish to remain there! There is but one great word of our salvation: Jesus!

May we be able, at least once, to say this sacred name with all our heart. What a balm it pours out upon all of the powers of our soul. How happy we shall be to have nothing in our understanding but Jesus, nothing in our memory but Jesus, nothing in our will but Jesus, nothing in our imagination but Jesus. Jesus will be everywhere in us, and we will be all in him. Let us attempt it by saying his name as often as we can. Although we

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.”

Blessed Mother Teresa



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can but stutter now, in the end we shall say it well.

Bearing Our Crosses

Nothing can bring us a more profound peace in this world than to look upon our Lord in all the afflictions that befell him from his birth to his death. In his life we see so much calumny, poverty, dependence, pain, torment, injury, and every sort of bitterness that, in reflecting on them, we see that we are wrong to call our little trials afflictions and pains and to think that we need more patience in order to endure them, inasmuch as a little drop of modesty is all we really need to enable us to bear with what happens to us. Your soul has all these movements of sadness, astonishment, and anxiety because it is not yet sufficiently grounded in the love of the Cross and in resignation to God's will. A heart that greatly respects and loves Jesus Christ crucified loves his death, pain, torment, insults, hunger, thirst, and shame, and, when some small participation in them comes, such a heart rejoices and embraces it lovingly. Every day you should bring to mind the sufferings our Lord endured for our redemption — not while at prayer, but at another time, such as when taking a walk — and consider how good it is for you to participate in them. Find out how to do so, that is, how to frustrate your desires, and especially your most just and legitimate desires; and then, with a great love for the Passion and Cross of our Lord, cry out with St. Andrew, "O blessed Cross, so beloved to my Savior, when will you receive me in your arms?"

<https://catholicexchange.com/have-confidence-in-accepting-gods-will>

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

With the Season of the Birth Our Lord and preparing for the Christmas Novena, bible study will be postponed until January 2021. I thank Deacon Jean and all those who took part of bible study as I hope more people will join us when we begin again in 2021.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is my sad duty to inform you that Estephane Diab, the father of Mrs. Amal Diab Barbour, passed away in Lebanon on December 7, 2020. Estephane was born on Jan 1, 1935 and resided most of his life in Lebanon and was self-employed as a Men's Tailor. When he would visit the United States, he would attend Our Lady of Purgatory Church. He is survived by his wife Marie Abou Chalha, his daughters, Amal Diab Barbour and her husband Jacques Barbour, Nowal Diab Hamouch and her husband Ghassan Hamouch and their son, Elias Diab and his wife Hannan Haddad. Estephane has six grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

We extend our condolences to Amal and Jacques Barbour and his family and to all of Estephane's family in Lebanon

May Almighty God welcome Estephane into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of December, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of the deceased members of the Baroody and Cheiab families requested by Gaby and Amal Baroody 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 July 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.

GIVING TREE AT OLOP

As we approach Christmas, even during these challenging times, we all are trying to observe and enjoy our family and parish traditions. One of our most rewarding Christmas Traditions here at OLOP is the annual Giving Tree, which is sponsored by the St. Joseph Sodality. This year's Giving Tree program begins this weekend (December 12 & 13) and runs through Sunday, December 20, 2020. This year there are two options for those who would like to help those less fortunate during this Christmas season:

The two options are as follows:

Beginning this coming weekend (December 12 & 13) the Giving Tree, adorned with paper ornaments will be on the Altar. Each ornament contains a gift request. All you need to do is take a tag, purchase, wrap the gift, and tape the tag to the front of the gift box. All gifts must be delivered to OLOP no later than the 10:30 AM Liturgy on Sunday, December 20th. After Mass they will be gathered and then delivered to "New Day", a program that provides services in the City of Brockton;

We are also gathering Gift Cards for Target or Walmart to be donated to Catholic Social Services in New Bedford. The gift cards can be in any denomination from \$10.00 to \$50.00. All gift cards should be delivered to OLOP no later than the 10:30 AM Liturgy on Sunday, December 20th. After Mass they will be gathered and they will be delivered to Catholic Social Services. You may donate one gift card or multiple gift cards, but we ask that they be from either Target or Walmart at the request of Catholic Social Services.

As the Prayer of St. Francis reminds us, "it is in giving that we receive." For further information about the 2020 OLOP Giving Tree Program, please contact Matt Thomas, Mae Dickinson, Jacques Barbour, or Annemarie Espindola. Thank you for your generosity.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 12, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ernest Hassey requested by Mike and Diane LeBlanc and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, December 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Welcome Me Into Your Kingdom) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ann Farhat requested by her brothers and sisters. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, December 14, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY

Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 PM, Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 16, at 7:00 PM, Christmas Novena

Thursday, December 17, @ 7:00 PM, Christmas Novena

Friday, December 18, @ 7:00 PM, Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 19, @ 4:30 PM, (Liturgy is being offered for the parishioners of OLOP.

Christmas Novena to follow Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, December 20, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch) Liturgy is being offered for the souls of souls of Marguerite Armani and George Dunia requested by Lena Dunia. May their souls rest in peace.

Christmas Novena to follow Divine Liturgy.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection taken this weekend for the Catholic Home Missions. This collection is used for Missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received large grants from the USCCB from this collection for years. Thank you for your support.

SIGN UP FOR NOVENA'S AND CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGIES

This past weekend, OLOP was visited by the New Bedford Police Department as part of the City of New Bedford's Covid-19 compliance pertaining to the guidelines set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. They were incredibly pleased that we are following all of the guidelines required of us by the Commonwealth. I would like to, once again, thank the Covid Task force and everyone who has helped facilitate these requirements. These guidelines include wearing of masks in the Church, entering and exiting signs, marked pews, and contact tracings sign-up sheets.

As we approach the Christmas Novena and Christmas Liturgies, **it is imperative that we use the sign-up sheets that are posted on our website.** Please visit

www.ourladyofpurgatory.org to find the links for sign-up sheets for the Novena's and Divine Liturgies.

For those who are not able to navigate the website, I ask you to call Joe Barckett at 617-803-4087. Thank you for following the Commonwealth's directives. This is for the safety of everyone here at OLOP.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 21

Novena at 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, December 22

Novena at 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, December 23

Novena at 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Vigil Liturgy 4:00 pm

Vigil Liturgy 5:30 pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Liturgy 10:30 am



EDUCATION FOUNDATION SNOW GLOBE AUCTION

OLOP Education Foundation is holding a fundraiser for scholarships to be awarded in the spring for our youth. We have 4 beautiful Thomas Kinkadee snow globes for auction. You may visit our website to visually see and bid on these snow globes. In addition, after each weekend Liturgy, you may see them and also place a bid for any or all four of these snow globes. Please visit our website for more details.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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 December 5-6, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,295.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 16.00
Total:	\$ 1,316.00

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

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us into who we are today. Your
Guidance has set our path in life.
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your voice, seeing your smile and
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