



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

January 23-24, 2021

### SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS



#### REMEMBERING THE SILENT VOICES OF THE UNBORN

Every year we speak up as Catholics for the voices of the unborn children who are killed every year. This act of choosing to abort an unborn child goes against the fabric of our faith and moral choices of human beings. It is my intention that we are aware of the intrinsic facts about what it means to be Pro Life. At the same time, to make you aware of the evils of those who facilitate the act of abortion. I am well aware that Catholics face a challenge when this subject is brought to light. People are caught in the middle of what the government has the right to say and what individuals have the right to do. I urge each of you to familiarize yourselves with the teachings of the Church and to read Saint Pope John Paul II "Evangelium Vitae" (1995).

We unite in prayer for those women who have had abortions, those who regret their decisions, and for the silent victims of this terrible act of violence. May we all stand for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death and to begin to build a culture that protects the most vulnerable.

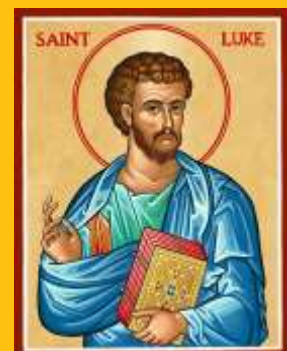
*Eternal Father,  
Source of all mercy and love,  
out of love for us you sent your  
Son,  
and willed that blood and water  
flow from his side to cleanse us of  
sin  
and restore lost innocence.  
Hear the cry of each woman who  
mourns  
the loss of her child to abortion.  
Forgive her sin, restore her to your  
grace,  
and still the terror of her heart  
with a peace beyond all*

*understanding.  
Through the intercession  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of all tenderness and our  
Mother,  
strengthen her faith in you.  
Give her the consolation to believe  
that her child is now living in the  
Lord.  
We ask this through Christ our  
Lord,  
who conquered sin and death,  
and who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."*

*St. Luke 12:48*



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## REMEMBERING THE PRIESTS

As we celebrate the Sunday of the Priests, I would like to take this moment to remember all the priests who have served Our Lady of Purgatory over the past 103 years. They have dedicated their lives to bring the love of Christ into your hearts and community.

We pray for the souls of the deceased priests with the assurance of the promise of Christ. May they enjoy the reward in the kingdom of heaven and may they be welcomed with the words “Job well done my good and faithful servants.

### What is a plenary indulgence?

**By:** Carol Glatz

**Date:** March 26, 2020

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis said he will grant a plenary indulgence to the faithful who watch or listen to his extraordinary blessing “urbi et orbi” (to the city and the world) at 6 p.m. Rome time March 27.

Special indulgences have also been granted to those suffering from COVID-19, their caregivers, friends and family and those who help them with their prayers.

But what is this ancient practice of offering indulgences through prayer and penance and what is needed to receive them?

An indulgence is not a quick ticket to heaven, as St. John Paul II once said; rather, it is an aid for the real conversion that leads to eternal happiness.

Sins are forgiven through the sacrament of penance, but then there is a kind of punishment still due the sinner, the late pope explained during a general audience in 1999.

God’s fatherly love “does not exclude chastisement, even though this always should be understood in the context of a merciful justice which reestablishes the order

violated,” he said. The pope had said the “temporal” punishment that remains after forgiveness is a grace aimed at wiping away the “residues of sin,” offering the reformed sinner the chance of complete healing through “a journey of purification” that can take place in this life or in purgatory.

By God’s grace, participation in a prayer or action that has an indulgence attached to it brings about the necessary restoration and reparation without the suffering that would normally accompany it. It frees a person from the punishment their sinfulness warrants as it is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven.

The granting of an indulgence by the church is “the expression of the church’s full confidence of being heard by the Father when, in view of Christ’s merits and, by his gift, those of Our Lady and the saints, she asks him to mitigate or cancel the painful aspect of punishment by fostering its medicinal aspect through other channels of grace,” the late pope said.

An indulgence, then, is the result of the abundance of God’s mercy, which he offers to humanity through Jesus Christ and through the church, he said.

But this gift cannot be received automatically or simply by fulfilling a few exterior requirements nor can it be approached with a superficial attitude, St. John Paul said.

The reception of an indulgence depends on “our turning away from sin and our conversion to God,” he said.

That is why there are several conditions for receiving an indulgence:

- A spirit detached from sin.
- Sacramental confession as soon as possible.
- Eucharistic communion as soon as possible.

— Prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions.

— Being united spiritually through the media to the pope’s special prayer and blessing on March 27.

Those who are sick and their caregivers can also unite themselves spiritually whenever possible through the media to the celebration of Mass or the recitation of the rosary or the Stations of the Cross or other forms of devotion, according to Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court that deals with matters of conscience and with indulgences.

If this is not possible, “they are asked to recite the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and an invocation to Mary,” he told Vatican News March 21.

“All others — those who offer prayers for the souls of the dead, those who suffer and plead for an end to the pandemic — are asked, where possible, to visit the Blessed Sacrament or to participate in eucharistic adoration. Alternatively, (they can) read the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour or recite the rosary or the Way of the Cross,” he said.

The faithful can claim the indulgence for themselves or offer it on behalf of someone who has died.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLOP

Bible Study will be held on **Monday, January 25, at 6:45**, in the rectory basement. Please remember to sign up or call the office. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### 2021 CALENDARS COMING SOON

Due to a delay with the calendar company, our 2021 calendars will be here within the next week or so. I will have them available in the Church as soon as they arrive. Thank you for your patience

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 23, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Sts. Pope St. Sergius and St. Marianne Cope)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph, Marie, and Peter Kenyon requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George J. and Mary C. Saba requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, January 24, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Francis de Sales)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nancy David requested by her family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

**Monday, January 25, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY**

**Tuesday, January 26, @ 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY**

**Wednesday, January 27, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY**

**Thursday, January 28, @ 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY**

**Saturday, January 30, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Maximus the Confessor)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Abraham Covello requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is in memory of Robert and Margaret Lizotte requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, January 31, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint John Bosco)** Liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Estephane Diab requested by Jacques and Amal Barbour and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Chomak (Stephen and Anna Chomak and Stephen and Gerry) family requested by Walter and Mary Ann Chomak. May their souls rest in peace.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DAILY LITURGIES WILL RESUME ON FEBRUARY 1, 2021.**

## January Lector Schedule:

**Saturday, January 23,**  
Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, January 24,**  
Ann Dupre/Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, January 30,**  
Rose David

**Sunday, January 31,**  
Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroody

## CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE IN

Church envelopes are in the Church for those of you who have used them in the past. If you would like envelopes, please contact the office and I will have a set ready for you. These are available to anyone, especially to those who would like a record at the end of the year for your taxes. Thank you for your generosity.

## TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

For anyone who may need a letter from OLOP for your tax returns with your contributions, please contact the office and I will send you those records. Please email the office or call the office at 508-996-8934.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Leigh Smith, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, 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.

## 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.*

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

*This month of January, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of Georgette and Samir Sawaya requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chedid 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 August 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 January 16-17, 2021

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,520.00</b>
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 39.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,649.00</b>



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.  
We Miss seeing your face, hearing  
your voice, seeing your smile and  
hearing your laugh. We Love you  
and miss you even more with each  
passing day*

*Your Loving Children*

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