



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



May 8-9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

BLESSED AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

I would like to wish all mother's a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. You are the jewels of the family and it is only fitting and right that we honor you. You give of yourselves without expecting anything in return---truly an unconditional love. Today we recognize and honor you with gratitude and thanks to Almighty God for His creation. In His infinite wisdom, He created women because of their special gifts. You give us the gift of unconditional love; the gift of nurturing; the gift of giving; the gift of sacrifice; and the gift of forgiving. We also remember our Mothers who are no longer with us and have found their resting place in eternal paradise.

As we celebrate the women in our lives, we must never take for granted the gifts you have given to us through our mothers. You are the anchor in the family. You are responsible for the success of your husband as a man, father, and provider for the family as you care for their needs. It is said that the husband is only as good as his wife. You are the ones who sacrifice yourself for the sake of the family. For this we thank God---for this we thank you!



Happy Mother's Day

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our sadness and calm our fears. There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about becomes real. There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence, we need each day. For a Mother's heart, a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the Angels, sent from God above.

May Almighty God bless, protect, and guide you all the days of your life. Happy Mother's Day.

Fr. Vince

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Hold My Mother Close
"Heavenly Father, hold my mother close to your Heart as we hold her close to ours. Let her know today and every day how much we love her. Lord, comfort her mind and reassure her that her motherly care was everything we needed and wanted and that we love her dearly.*

Lord, comfort her body as she ages and grant her health and vitality as she goes through her days here on earth. Bring all good things to my precious mother, dear God, and bless her every day, in every way. Amen!"

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother.

St. Therese of Lisieux



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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Our Lady of Purgatory Church celebrated with much joy the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Congratulations to our First Communicants on your special day. May Almighty God bless you with the Bread of Life every day. Eddie Coury, Helen Higgins, Saffron Hitchings, and Leilani Silveira. Special thank you to Deacon Jean for preparing our children for this special day. God bless all of you always.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Please remember that Wednesday evening and Thursday morning is a Holy Day of Obligation for the **Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**. Wednesday evening will be at 6:00PM and Thursday morning will be at 9:00AM. Thank you.

FR. VINCENT OUT OF TOWN

Please note that I will be away from Monday, May 17, to Friday, May 21. For emergencies only, please contact me at 561-371-5316. Thank you and God bless.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of May are in loving memory of Anthony H. and Margaret Thomas 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, 2022, 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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 8, @ 4:30 PM,
(Feast of Saint John the Evangelist) liturgy is being offered for the souls of George J. and Mary C. Saba and George Michael requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher Families requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, May 9, @ 10:30 AM,
(Feast of Isaiah the Prophet) liturgy is offered for all Mother's both living and deceased.

Monday, May 10, @ 6:00 PM,
(Feast of Saint Simon the Zealot)

Tuesday, May 11, @ 9:00 AM,
(Feast of Saint Pontius) liturgy is being offered for the living and deceased members of the Joseph Semaan Dawood Family (FM).

Wednesday, May 12, @ 6:00 PM,
Holy Day of Obligation

Ascension of Our Lord (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima)

Thursday, May 13, @ 9:00 AM,
Ascension of Our Lord (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima)

Saturday, May 15, @ 4:30 PM,
(Feast of Our Lady of the Harvest) liturgy is being offered for the souls of the Bashara and Helena and John John and Annie and Thomas Ferris requested by Helena Tavares. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Bou Eassey by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, May 16, @ 10:30 PM,
(Feast of Saint Gennadius) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Tommy and Josie Thomas requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Mae Dickinson and family. May his soul rest in peace.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, May 11, we will gather for Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus and ask for His help. Mark your calendars and please join us for this beautiful service.

SAINT CANDLES FOR SALE

We are offering Saint candles which will be sold after Divine Liturgies and on the website. The candles we are offering are the picture of Our Lady of Purgatory stained glass that is in the sanctuary, Saint Joseph, Saint Maron, Saint Charbel, Saint Rafka, Saint Rita, and Our Lady of Fatima. These candles come in red or amber. The inserts are removable after they are finished and may be replaced with another insert. As the candle burns down, the pictures are illuminated. These beautiful candles may be viewed in the Church or on the website. The cost of the candles is \$8.00 each. This includes the glass and the candle insert. You may also purchase the insert candles for \$3.00 each or 4 for \$10.00. Please take a look at the different candles we offer by visiting our website at www.ourladyofpurgatory.org or by visiting the table at the back of the Church.

CONFESSION

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Michael Ellis, Kenza Sellami, Tommy Hatem, 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.

LECTORS FOR MAY 2021

Saturday, May 8,

Rose David

Sunday, May 9,

Joan Mello/Gaby Baroody

Wednesday, May 12,

Ascension of Our Lord,

Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroody

Saturday, May 15,

Rachael Higgins/

Intercessions- Anna Higgins

Sunday, May 16,

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, May 22,

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, May 23,

Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

Saturday, May 29,

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, May 30,

Jean Barbour/Hiba Chedid

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR May 1-2, 2021

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 2,133.00 |
| 2 nd Collection OLOL | \$ 381.00 |
| Memorials | \$ 600.00 |
| Candles | \$ 41.00 |
| Total: | \$ 3,155.00 |

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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