



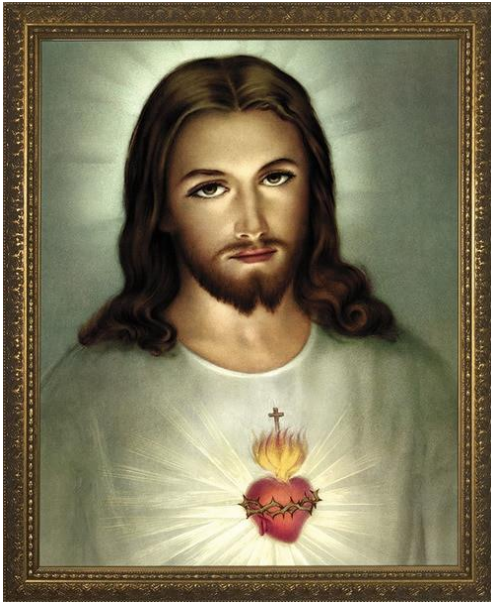
Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



June 5-6, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Thursday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. When we hear the name, “Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,” most of us probably think of a statue that appears in many of our churches: the image where Jesus stands with his heart, burning with joy and love for us, exposed to all. Many of us probably do not think any deeper about this statue, and yet we are called to more. Pope Francis, in his [2013 homily](#) on the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, said, **“It is more difficult to let God love us than to love Him! The best way to love Him in return is to open our hearts and let Him love us.”** Every time we see these statues, we are reminded to open ourselves to the

love of Christ and give ourselves completely to him as he does. He lays his heart open before us as an example of how to live our lives.

John, in his gospel passage 4: 7-16, expounds upon this idea of love and demonstrates for us how the covenant made between God and Abraham has been fulfilled in the Gospel. He explains to us that God is love and it is through our love for each other that we come to know God and serve him. John tells us about the importance of Christ’s sacrifice, “so that we might have life through him,” and while we have not seen God, he calls us to have faith: “No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.” We are not led blindly into a community of faith, but rather we are given a simple rule, to love others as God loves us. By following this commandment, we remain one with God. This is the message of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast day reminds us that Jesus gave us the ultimate example of love, laying down one’s life for another, and thus he set his heart upon us.

It is easy to forget the humanity of Christ, after all he is the Son of God, walked on water, and rose from the dead, and yet he bled for us. When the soldier pierced his side with a

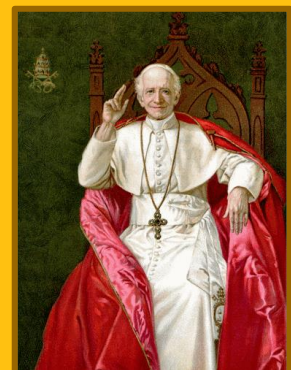
spear, out flowed blood and water. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of Jesus’ humanity and the significance of his sacrifice. He suffered, he felt pain, he literally laid down his life and set his heart upon us. It is our turn to pick up what God has given us and share it with the world. Let us open our hearts and share Christ’s love.

<https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/blog/reflections-on-the-most-sacred-heart-of-jesus>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“There is in the Sacred Heart the symbol and express image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love in return.”

Pope Leo XIII



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

TABLE TALK

John 13: 31 – 35

The Apostle John says: When Judas the Iscariot had gone out, Jesus said to his disciples,

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Love is the greatest commandment ever given to mankind because it is through love that we are bound to God. We hear about the NEW COMMANDMENT that Jesus gives us. Jesus tells us “I give you a New Commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” What does Jesus mean by new commandment? Aren’t we told about loving God, loving thy neighbor, and honoring our mother and father in the Old Testament? These are part of the Ten Commandments. So, what does Jesus mean by this? To understand this new commandment, we must look at the love Jesus had for His disciples. How did He love them? Jesus gave all He had for those He loved. There was nothing selfish about His love. All we need to do is to look at His disciples. There were no limits to His love. He loved them as He loves all of us--- so much so that He died on the cross.

Most of us probably think that love should bring us nothing but happiness---isn’t that what love is all

about---to feel good and to be happy? For those of us who are older and wiser, we know that this is not the case. **We know that with great love comes great pain.** Jesus understood His disciples and with this understanding He still loved them.” It is like a couple when they first start dating and everything is perfect and he or she seems to be the one of my dreams... Then they marry and live together and all of a sudden they begin to see each other’s weaknesses, their moods, their bad habits and irritabilities and they no longer see each other at their best.

Jesus lived with His disciples- He knew who would betray Him, who would deny Him, and who would leave Him alone on His way to Golgotha. And yet with all of this knowledge Jesus continued to love them.

Jesus showed us that we must love not for what we want people to be or what we imagine them to be, but for what they are. Jesus loved with forgiveness. How many of us had arguments with those we love or have been victims of insults, gossip, or unjust remarks? How much energy do we waste by ignoring those who hurt us or fighting with them, letting those events fester inside us only to destroy our spirit and our soul? Jesus taught us that in order for love to endure, it must be built on forgiveness or else love is nothing.

No one ever said being a follower of Jesus would be an easy road. No one ever said that the teachings and lessons Jesus give us would not be difficult. But what we have been told is that if we do take these teachings and these lessons and we make them our own, our reward will be with God. May we all strive for this love that Jesus speaks of today. May we practice this New Commandment of Love to others so that we will be afforded the joy that God will one day give to us.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, June 8, 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 GRADUATES

Prescilla Chedid received MBA in general management from Bryant University with high honors.

Emmanuel Chedid graduated from Dartmouth High School and will continue his education at New England Institute of Technology.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light invite children (ages 5-12) to join us for an in-person 5 day Bible Camp at St. Anthony of the Desert Church, Fall River, MA

Light of Life (LoL) Bible Camp!

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

REGISTER HERE

Contact the Sisters for more information 508-996-1753
sister@maroniteservants.org

Please note: Covid Precautions will be taken

August 2-6 2021

9:30-2:30pm
Save the Date!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 5, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Conan and His Son) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Marylou Viveiros requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Daher family requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 6, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of St. Marcellin) liturgy is offered for the soul of George Madsen requested by OLOP. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ann Tannous Sadde requested by her brothers and sisters. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Alfred Nassr and Afrefy Nassr requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Lisa Duncanson Fata requested by the Farhat Family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, June 7, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Susanna the Israelite)

Tuesday, June 8, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Cyrilla)

Wednesday, June 9, @ 6:00 PM, Welcome Me Into Your Kingdom liturgy is being offered for all the faithful departed in the Book of Life.

Thursday, June 10, @ 9:00 AM,

Saturday, June 12, @ 4:30 PM, liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher families requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Thomas and Anne Moses requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 13, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua)

liturgy is being offered for the soul of Fred Kalisz requested by Matthew and Cathy Thomas and family. May his soul rest in peace.

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

Periodically we will be publishing news and coming events from the St. Joseph Sodality. The Sodality is the oldest organization in the Parish, having been founded in 1918. Through their devotion to St. Joseph, Sodality Members seek to emulate the life and faith of St. Joseph, and by doing so, hope to achieve eternal happiness as he did. The Sodality encourages you to consider becoming a member. On Sunday, June 6, 2021, the Sodality will be sponsoring a Communion Breakfast on the Parish Grounds, after the 10:30 AM Liturgy, and cordially invites you to attend.

Please save the date and join the Sodality on Saturday, October 16, 2021 for the St. JosephFest. If you would like more information about the St. Joseph Sodality, or are interested in becoming a member please contact Fr. Vince, or Matt Thomas.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR May 29-30, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,008.00
Candles	\$ <u>16.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,024.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Octavia David, Kenza Sellami, 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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of June are in loving memory of James Hirst requested by his wife Linda Hirst. May his soul 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.

LECTORS FOR JUNE 2021

Saturday, June 5,
Carol Ann Maslanka
Sunday, June 6,
Ann Dupre/Hiba Chedid

Saturday, June 12,
Rachael Higgins/ Anna Higgins
Intercessions
Sunday, June 13,
Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

Saturday, June 19,
Mae Dickinson
Sunday, June 20,
Jean Barbour/Hiba Chedid

Saturday, June 26,
Smitty Cabral
Sunday, June 27,
Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

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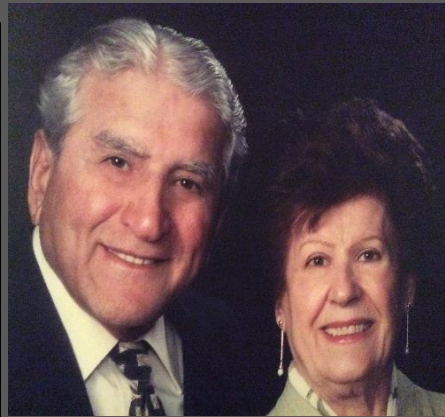
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How empty life is without you. Your Love and Patience has made us into who we are today. Your Guidance has set our path in life. We Miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We Love you and miss you even more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

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