



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



June 12-13, 2021

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



#### FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Saint Anthony was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family and by the age of fifteen asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, the then capital of Portugal. During his time in the Abbey, he learned theology and Latin.

Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was named guest master and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt, Fernando felt a longing to join them.

Fernando eventually received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join the new Franciscan Order. When he was admitted, he changed his name to Anthony.

Anthony then traveled to Morocco to spread God's truth, but became extremely sick and was returned to Portugal to recover. The return voyage was blown off-course and the party arrived in Sicily, from which they traveled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo after local friars considered his health.

As he recovered, Anthony spent his time praying and studying.

An undetermined amount of time later, Dominican friars came to visit the Franciscans and there was confusion over who would present the homily. The Dominicans were known for their preaching, thus the Franciscans assumed it was they who would provide a homilist, but the Dominicans assumed the Franciscans would provide one. It was then the head of the Franciscan hermitage asked Anthony to speak on whatever the Holy Spirit told him to speak of.

Though he tried to object, Anthony delivered an eloquent and moving homily that impressed both groups. Soon, news of his eloquence reached Francis of Assisi, who held a strong distrust of the brotherhood's commitment to a life of poverty.

However, in Anthony, he found a friend.

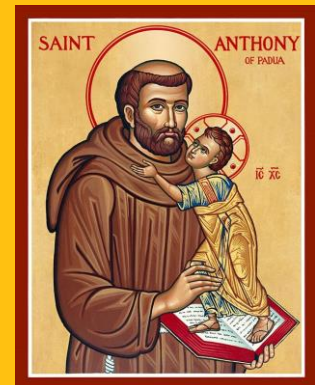
In 1224, Francis entrusted his friars' pursuits of studies to Anthony. Anthony had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching students and, in a time when a printing press was not yet invented, he greatly valued it.

When a novice decided to leave the hermitage, he stole Anthony's valuable book. When Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned to him. The thief *did* return the book and in

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.”*

*Saint Anthony of Padua*



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an extra step returned to the Order as well.

The book is said to be preserved in the Franciscan friary in Bologna today.

Anthony occasionally taught at the universities of Montpellier and Toulouse in southern France, but he performed best in the role of a preacher.

So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, most unlettered and the innocent could understand his messages. It is for this reason he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946.

Once, when St. Anthony of Padua attempted to preach the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he went out and preached his message to the fish. This was not, as liberals and naturalists have tried to say, for the instruction of the fish, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. When critics saw the fish begin to gather, they realized they should also listen to what Anthony had to say.

He was only 35-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. Upon exhumation some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.

He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles."

St Anthony is venerated all over the world as the Patron Saint for lost articles, and is credited with many miracles involving lost people, lost things and even lost spiritual goods.

[https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=24](https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=24)

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Burnt Toast and Harsh Words

When I was a kid, my Mom liked to cook food & then I remember she used to cook for us.

One night in particular when she had made dinner after a long hard day's work, Mom placed a plate of bread, jam and extremely burnt toast in front of my dad.

I was waiting to see if anyone noticed the burnt toast.

But Dad just ate his toast and asked me how was my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember I heard Mom apologizing to dad for the burnt toast.

And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burnt toast."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his toast burnt.

He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a long hard day at work today and she was really tired.

And besides...

A burnt toast never hurts anyone but harsh words do!"

"You know son, life is full of imperfect things... & imperfect people.... I'm not the best and am hardly good at anything. I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else.

What I've learnt over the years is:

To accept each other's faults and choose to celebrate relationship."

Life is too short to wake up with regrets...

Love the people who treat you right and have compassion for the ones who don't...

ENJOY LIFE NOW.

<https://stories4homilies.wordpress.com/2013/06/07/burnt-toast-and-harsh-words/>

## 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.

## MANY THANKS TO SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY

I would like to thank the officers and members of the Saint Joseph Sodality who held our first post covid breakfast. Your hard work showed as a gift of love through the delicious food and warm welcome. Thank you also to Zakhia Chedid for lending us the tent and putting it up for our comfort. It was a beautiful welcome back gathering at OLOP and I look forward to many more in the near future. Saint Joseph, pray for us!

## 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. Joseph Fest.

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.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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.

**Monday, June 14, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Elisha the Prophet)**

**Tuesday, June 15, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Basil the Great)**

**Wednesday, June 16, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY**

**Thursday, June 17, @ 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY**

**Saturday, June 19, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Jude Thaddeus)** liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Coury and Peters family requested by the Theresa and Eddie Coury. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Eileen Daher requested by Nicole Uwanogho and her children Joseph, Mariam, and Petra. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, June 20, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Silverius)** liturgy is offered for all the father's both living and deceased. May the intercession of Saint Joseph continue to be our example to the real meaning of fatherhood.

## 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.

## 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.

## LECTORS FOR JUNE 2021

**Saturday, June 12,**

Rachael Higgins/ Anna Higgins  
Intercessions

**Sunday, June 13,**

Joan Mello/Jano Baroody

**Saturday, June 19,**

Mae Dickinson/ Mariam Uwanogho  
Intercessions

**Sunday, June 20,**

Jean Barbour/Hiba Chedid

**Saturday, June 26,**

Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, June 27,**

Mae Dickinson/Gaby Baroody

## CONFESSION

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR June 5-6, 2021

**Sunday Collection** \$ 1,284.00

**Candles** \$ 45.00

**Total:** \$ 1,329.00

**Light of Life (LoL) Bible Camp!**

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.

**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!**



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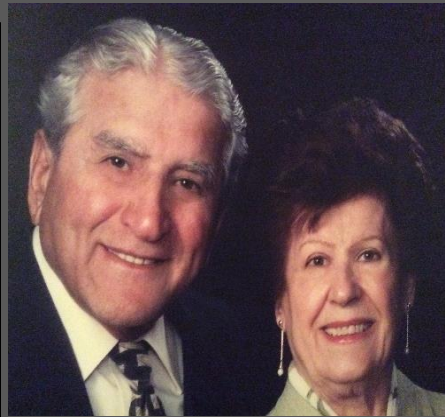
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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

*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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