



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



June 19-20, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



For all the men in our lives, for our fathers, we say thank you!!! Thank you for worrying about us and helping us understand the importance of a father's role. Thank you for providing a stable home filled with love, understanding,

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“To the one who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you unblemished and exultant, in the presence of His Glory, to the only God, Our Savior, through Jesus Christ Our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen.”

Saint Jude Thaddeus the Apostle from The Epistle of Jude 1:24-25



A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED FATHER'S DAY

Today we celebrate and honor our father's, both living and deceased, and give thanks to God for the love and sacrifice they have given to us. A father's vocation, though difficult and challenging, is core to helping children lead a productive, spiritual, and self-giving life. And when pursued in the example of Saint Joseph they serve as a role model on what it means to give of themselves, to be able to balance discipline and compassion, to show unconditional love in times of difficulties, to be an example of a marriage bond that is based on the covenant that Jesus has outlined for His Christian faithful, and to be present to lend an ear to listen to their children's concerns or problems.

A father's role is complex filled with worries about his children, their wellbeing, their safety, and being able to provide the most important necessities for their family. It is the greatest joy and profound accomplishment when the hard work of the father is embraced with gratitude by his family. Gratitude that sometimes doesn't come until our later years when we look back and say "thank God our father was strict" or "now I know why our father's worried so much about us." When we become adults and begin our own family that is when we truly appreciate the role our fathers played in our lives. When we have to sacrifice and provide for our families that is when we can look back and understand our father's decisions that we might now have appreciated when we were younger.

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discipline, and compassion. Thank you for bringing us up in this beautiful jewel that Jesus gave to us--the Church! And thank you for bringing us into this world and helping us to be productive young men and women so that one day we can make a difference on other people's lives. Your sacrifice, hard work, wisdom, and discipline will be a legacy that will last for generations to come. This is why we celebrate and give thanks for what you have done. God bless you this special day and always! Happy Father's Day!

“GOD OUR FATHER, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE FOR FATHERS YOUNG AND OLD. WE PRAY FOR YOUNG FATHERS, NEWLY EMBRACING THEIR VOCATION; MAY THEY FIND COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE TO BALANCE WORK, FAMILY AND FAITH IN JOY AND SACRIFICE. WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN FATHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHOSE CHILDREN ARE LOST OR SUFFERING; MAY THEY KNOW THAT THE GOD OF COMPASSION WALKS WITH THEM IN THEIR SORROW. WE PRAY FOR MEN WHO ARE NOT FATHERS BUT STILL MENTOR AND GUIDE US WITH FATHERLY LOVE AND ADVICE. WE REMEMBER FATHERS, GRANDFATHER, AND GREAT GRANDFATHERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US BUT WHO LIVE FOREVER IN OUR MEMORY AND NOURISH US WITH THEIR LOVE. AMEN”

FEAST OF SAINT JUDE THADDEUS

St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Savior. He was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus and his attribute is a club. Images of St. Jude often include a flame around his head, which represent his presence at Pentecost, when he accepted the Holy Spirit alongside the other apostles. Another attribute is St. Jude holding an image of Christ, in the Image of Edessa.

Sometimes he can also be seen holding a carpenter's ruler or is depicted with a scroll or book, the Epistle of Jude.

Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Lybia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem. Saint Jude is *not* the same person as Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Our Lord and despaired because of his great sin and lack of trust in God's mercy.

Jude was the one who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. Little else is known of his life. Legend claims that he visited Beirut and Edessa and could have been martyred with St. Simon in Persia.

He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, particularly the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics. Though Saint Gregory the Illuminator has been credited as the "Apostle to the Armenians," the Apostles Jude and Bartholomew are believed to have brought

Christianity to Armenia, where Jude was rumored to have later been martyred.

There is some debate about where Jude died, though most Biblical scholars agree he was martyred. He is believed to have been martyred either in Armenia or Beirut.

Following his death, St. Jude's body was brought to Rome and left in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica. Today his bones can be found in the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica under the main altar of St. Joseph in a tomb he shares with the remains of the apostle Simon the Zealot.

Pilgrims came to St. Jude's grave to pray and many reported a powerful intercession, leading to the title, "The Saint for the Hopeless and the Despaired." Two Saints, St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Bernard, had visions from God asking them to accept St. Jude as "The Patron Saint of the Impossible."

Roman Catholics invoke St. Jude when in desperate situations because his New Testament letter stresses that the faithful should persevere in the environment of harsh, difficult circumstances -just as their forefathers had done before them; therefore, he is the patron saint of desperate cases.

The Novena - a prayer said nine days in a row - to Saint Jude is:

"Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor for all who invoke thee, special patron in time of need; to thee I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg thee, to whom God hath given such great power, to come to my assistance; help me now in my urgent need and grant my earnest petition. I will never forget thy graces and the favors thou dost obtain for me and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to thee. Amen."

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=127

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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 our Father's both living and deceased on this special day of Father's Day. God bless them always. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elie Baroody requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, June 21, @ 6:00 PM, NO LITURGY

Tuesday, June 22, @ 9:00 AM, NO LITURGY

Wednesday, June 23, @ 6:00 PM, Feast of Saint Agrippina liturgy is being offered for the souls of Charles and Anna Lizotte by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Tufeek P. David requested by his wife Mary and family (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Thursday, June 24, @ 9:00 AM, (Birth of Saint John the Baptist) Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ruth David requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, June 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Blessed Yaccub Haddad the Capuchin and Saint Josemaria Escriva) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Susan Cabral and Amy Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Radha J. David and her father Peter David (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 27, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Samson the Hospitable) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Nan Farhat requested

by Hyatt Thomas and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the souls of Helen and Anthony Buaiz and grandson Joseph Ribeiro requested by their family (FM). May their souls 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 20, 2021, the Sodality will be sponsoring coffee and pastries for Father's Day after the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

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.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 2021 OLOP Education Foundation Scholarship recipients: Christophe Chedid, Natalya Chedid, Christina Chedid, and Christine Chedid. We keep you in our prayers as you continue your endeavors. May you always remain strong in your faith and continue to be a pillar in your Church community. Thank you to the OLOP Foundation Committee who has worked tirelessly to continue this beautiful tradition of assisting our young men and women in their education.

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.

CONFESSION

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

LECTORS FOR JUNE 2021

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

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

June 12-13, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,092.00
Candles	\$ <u>67.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,159.00

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

*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.
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your voice, seeing your smile and
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