



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

August 28-29, 2021

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

#### LAST WEEK'S HOMILY

You have heard me talk about the differences of Martha and Mary and about the active life and contemplative life. This year I want to discuss a verse that Martha posed to Jesus. Lord, do you not care?

I am sure that there are times when that question comes to our heads. Perhaps when we are facing a health issue, lose a loved one, having difficulties with our jobs or our families.

I know I don't have to tell any of you that Jesus cares! Jesus cares about those who are sick; Those who have lost a loved one; Those who are homeless and marginalized; Those who are suffering in Lebanon, Syria and around the world; He cares about the helpless children affected by abuse, neglect and abortion; About His church and her people; He cares about those who have left this Church; And He cares about the priests and religious who minister to His people. Jesus Cares!!!

But the real question Jesus should be asking each of us is "Do we care?" And if so, just how much?

Make no mistake, Martha cared! She cared about welcoming Jesus, showing hospitality to Jesus.

But we, like Martha, get caught up in the activity of our lives too much; whereas, Mary showed Jesus hospitality in a manner we all need to notice. Although Jesus may have sounded a little insensitive to Martha,

He too was very grateful to her for her hard work.

Mary, by sitting next to Jesus, was in essence praying with Jesus. She was listening. As you have heard me say before when we pray, we need to listen to what God is saying to us.

Many times, when we are so busy, we put off praying! Many times, when we are working, or donating our time to the Church with our hectic and busy lives, sometimes we can feel unappreciated or the work we do goes unnoticed. Pretty much the way Martha was feeling.

When we are suffering in our lives, we may ask ourselves "Does Jesus care? But all we have to do is remember our journey every year during Passion Week when we walk with Jesus as He graciously gave His life for us.

When we make time for Jesus---we care;

When we thank Jesus—we care;

When we push ourselves to give Him one hour a week in this Church—we care;

When we help those in need, feed those who are hungry, and see the face of God in others—we care;

When we not allow our pride, our faults, or other people's faults deflect us, and come to Church---we care!

And when we extend an olive branch to our adversaries or fallen away friends or parishioners—we care.

So, the question not to ask is "Jesus, don't you care---but rather ask ourselves "How much do we really care?"

#### عظة الأسبوع الماضي

لقد سمعتموني أتحدث عن الاختلاف بين مارثا ومريم وعن الحياة العملية والحياة التأملية. هذه السنة، أريد أن أتحدث عن الآية حيث قالت مارثا "يا رب، أما تُبالي؟"

أنا متأكد أن، في بعض الأحيان، هذا السؤال يراود أفكارنا. عندما نواجه مشكلة صحية، عندما نفقد أحدًا عزيزًا، أو عندما نواجه صعوبات في وظائفنا أو مع عائلاتنا.

أنا أعلم أنه لا يجب أن أذكركم "أن يسوع يبالي!"

يسوع يهتم لأمر المرضى؛ وأولئك الذين فقدوا أحبائهم؛ والمشردين والمهمشين؛ ولأمر كل الذين يعانون في لبنان وسوريا والعالم. وببالي بالأطفال العجز والمتضررين من سوء المعاملة والإهمال والإجهاض؛ وبكنيستهم وشعبها؛ يهتم لأولئك الذين فارقوا هذه الكنيسة. وهو يهتم بالكهنة والرهبان والراهبات الذين يخدمون شعبه.

يسوع يهتم!!!

لكن السؤال الحقيقي الذي يجب أن يطرحه يسوع على كل واحد منا هو "هل نحن نبالي؟" وما مقدار ذلك؟

لا يجب أن نحكم على مارثا، فهي اهتمت! لقد اهتمت بالترحيب بيسوع، وبإظهار حسن الضيافة. ونحن، مثل مارثا، ننشغل كثيرًا بالأمور الحياتية؛ بينما، أظهرت مريم ضيافتها ليسوع بطريقة علينا ملاحظتها. رغم أن يسوع قد بدا قاسيًا تجاه مارثا، إلا أنه كان أيضًا ممتنًا جدًا لها.

بجلوسها مع يسوع، كانت مريم تصلي معه في جوهرها؛ كانت تنصت له. لقد قلت سابقًا أنه عندما نصلي يجب أن نصغي إلى ما يقوله الله لنا.

في كثير من الأحيان، عندما ننشغل كثيرًا نؤجل الصلاة! وفي كثير من الأحيان، عندما نعمل أو نقدم وقتنا للكنيسة رغم اشتغالاتنا الحياتية،

Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon | Joseph Abraham, Sub-deacon

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نشعر بعدم التقدير أو أن العمل الذي نقوم به لا يلاحظه أحد. فنشعر تمامًا مثل مارثا.

عندما نعاني في حياتنا، قد نسأل أنفسنا "هل يبالي يسوع؟ علينا دائمًا أن نتذكر رحلتنا، كل عام، خلال أسبوع الآلام عندما نسير مع يسوع الذي ضحى بحياته من أجلنا.

عندما نخضع وقتاً ليسوع - فنحن نهتم؛

عندما نشكر يسوع - فنحن نهتم؛

عندما نمنحه ساعة واحدة في الأسبوع في هذه الكنيسة، فنحن نهتم.

عندما نساعد المحتاجين، نطعم الجياع، ونرى وجه الله في الآخرين - فنحن نهتم؛

عندما لا نسمح لكبرياتنا أو أخطائنا أو أخطاء الآخرين بتشتيتنا عن المجيء إلى الكنيسة - فنحن نهتم!

وعندما نمد غصن زيتون لخصومنا أو أصدقاءنا البعيدين أو أبناء الرعيّتنا - فنحن نهتم.

إذا، لا يجب أن نسأل "يَا رَبِّ، أَمَا تُبَالِي؟" بل علينا أن نسأل أنفسنا "ما مدى اهتمامنا حقاً؟"

## SAVE THE DATE SUMMER FESTIVAL

I am very happy to announce that we will be having our summer festival this year. As you know, last year we were planning to have a three-day celebration but Covid had other plans for us. Because we did not know what to expect this year, we will begin our festival journey with a one-day festival to be held on Saturday, **September 18**. We will have live entertainment, great food, dancing, and games for the children, all under the BIG TENT.

If you are interested in helping us with this fundraising effort for the Church, I welcome and encourage you to let me know. I look forward to extending the days in 2022 but this will be a great start for our Church. More details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, I hope you will mark your calendars and tell your friends to join us on Saturday, **September 18**, here on the Church grounds. Thank you and God bless you and the parish of OLOP.

## FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare for our festival, you will be receiving in the mail sponsorship forms as well as raffle tickets. Sponsors for the festival help the Church to pay for the many items needed such as food, liquor, publicity, tents, live band, and many other incidentals that will help make this event a successful and enjoyable fundraiser.

We will also be having a cash raffle that will be drawn on Saturday evening. Prizes will be \$1000.00, \$500.00, and \$200.00. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. You will receive a book of five tickets in your mailing. If you have any leftover tickets, perhaps you can help sell them to your friends. If you need additional tickets to sell, please contact Smitty Cabral or Lorraine David and they will make sure you get additional tickets.

We are also looking for volunteers before and during the festival. I am appealing to all of you to offer whatever time and talents you can give. Everyone is vital and important to this community and I invite each of you to help. I pray that this, my first major fundraiser since my arrival, will not only strengthen our financial needs, but also strengthen the unity of our community. Please let us know if you can help by sending an email to Fr. Vincent at

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## 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.

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.

## BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Education Scholarship Foundation Committee will be sponsoring a "BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL" on Saturday, September 11, following 4:30 PM Divine Liturgy. Please bring your children for Liturgy and Ice Cream to celebrate our children going to back to school. Raffles for two back packs filled with all the essentials will be sold, with proceeds going to the Education Scholarship Foundation. Of course, the adults are welcome to indulge as well.





## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 28, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Augustine, Doctor of the Church)**

**Sunday, August 29, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Blessed Brother Estephan Ne'mee)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jamile Haddad. May her soul rest in peace.

**Monday, August 30, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Blessed Brother Estephan Ne'mee) NO LITURGY**

**Tuesday, August 31, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Zakhia and Abda) NO LITURGY**

**Wednesday, September 1, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Simeon the Stylite) NO LITURGY**

**Thursday, September 2, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Mammas the Great) NO LITURGY**

**Saturday, September 4, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Babylas)** liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Saba requested by their family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, September 5, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast Saint Theresa of Calcutta)** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Isaac and Kaffe Abraham by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jose De Silva requested by his wife Fatima Di Silva and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph T. Daher and deceased members of the Daher family requested by his wife Alice Daher (FM). May their souls rest in peace.



## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the soul of Charbel Baroudi requested by Gaby and Amal Baroody and family. May his soul rest in peace.

Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

## LOCAL PARISH FESTIVALS 2021

### SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT LEBANESE FESTIVAL

Our brothers and sisters of Saint Anthony of the Desert will be having their summer festival on Friday, August 27-August 29, at their Church grounds located at 300 N. Eastern Ave, Fall River, MA. Festivities begin on Friday from 5 PM-11 PM, Saturday Noon – 11 PM, and Sunday 11 AM-7 PM. Please support Msgr. Jim and our friends in Fall River.

### SAINT ANTHONY LAWRENCE MA MAHRAJAN



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## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of August are offered for a special intention.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## LECTORS FOR AUGUST 2021

**Saturday, August 28,**

Smitty Cabral

**Sunday, August 29,**

Ann Dupre/Gaby Baroody

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Octavia David, Kenza Sellami, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, 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.



**WEEK OF AUGUST 21-22,  
2021**

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,684.00
Festival Raffles	\$ 160.00
Special 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 252.00
Altar Wine and Bread	\$ 150.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 1,100.00
Candles	\$ 39.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,385.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

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