



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

September 18-19, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Pope's Morning Homily: Remembering Story of God's Love for Us

**Holy Father's Words from
Tuesday's Mass at Casa Santa
Marta**

Vatican City, October 08,
2014 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)) Staff

If we want to give glory to God, we must remember all He has done for us. But that also means remembering our sins. It means being honest with ourselves, said Pope Francis as he reflected on the Readings of the Day during morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta.

The Lord "chose his people and accompanied them during their journey in the wilderness, throughout their lives", said Pope Francis commenting on the first reading in which St. Paul recalls his past life, without hiding his sins.

What "God did with His people - the Pope said - he has done and continues to do which each of us". The Pope then asked "where we were chosen because Christian, and not that person over there, far away who has never even heard of Jesus Christ?". "It 'a grace," was the Pope's answer: "A grace of love".

St. Paul's "concrete memory of this reality, is what makes Paul", who confesses to having ferociously persecuted the church. Paul does not say "I am good, I am the son of this

[family], I have a certain nobility ... ". No, Paul says, "I was a persecutor, I've been bad". Pope Francis said that Paul remembers his journey, and he remembers it from the very beginning".

"This habit of remembering our life is not very common practice. We forget things, we live in the moment and then forget the past. And each of us has a story: a story of grace, a story of sin, a story of journey, so many things ... It is a good thing to pray with our history. [A prayer like] the one Paul does, where he tells a piece of his story, but in general says: 'He has chosen me! He called me! He saved me! He was my companion on the journey ... '.

Pope Francis continued: "[The act of] remembering our own lives is to give glory to God. Remembering on our sins, by which the Lord has saved us, is to give glory to God". "Paul says that he has only two things: his sins, and the grace of the Crucified Lord, His grace". Paul "remembered his sins, and boasted about them: 'I was a sinner, but Christ Crucified saved me' and he boasted about Christ. This was Paul's memory. This is act of remembering that Jesus himself invites us to do ":

"When Jesus says to Martha: 'You are worried and troubled about many things, but you only need one thing. Mary has chosen the better part. 'What does he mean? [He means]

Listening to the Lord and remembering. You cannot pray every day as if we did not have a story. Each of us has his or her own. And with this story in our heart we approach prayer, like Mary. Often, we are distracted, like Martha, by work, by the day's events, by those things that we have to do, and we forget this story".

Pope Francis said that our relationship with God, "does not begin on the day of Baptism: it is sealed there". [Our relationship] begins "when God, from eternity, looked upon us and chose us. It all begins in God's heart:

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Our Lord needs from us
neither great deeds nor
profound thoughts. Neither
intelligence nor talents. He
cherishes simplicity."*

Saint Therese of Lisieux



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"Remembering that we were chosen, chosen by God; remembering our journey of covenant. Have we respected this covenant, or not? No, we are sinners and we remember this, and we remember God's promise to us which never disappoints, which is our hope. This is the true prayer".

Pope Francis concluded his homily with an invitation to pray with Psalm 138: " LORD, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar". "This is to pray, to pray is to remember in God's presence because our story is the story of His love for us".



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, September 28, 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.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

Members will have their meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 6:30 PM, in the rectory basement. Please do your best to attend in person.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of September are offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc El-Khoury by Jacques and Amal Barbour and Family. May her soul rest in peace.

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 7, 2021

Please join Bishop Gregory Mansour and friends

for the

Twelfth Annual Benefit Event
of the

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A virtual event via Zoom



This benefit will help strengthen our Eparchy in its service to its people here and for the vulnerable in Lebanon.

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Details to follow.

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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.

October 3, 2021: 10:00 AM Monthly Prayer Service followed by the Communion Breakfast at 11:30 AM after Divine Liturgy.

November 5, 2021: 10:00 Monthly Prayer Service followed by Sodality Business Meeting.

December 6, 2021: 10:00 AM Monthly Prayer Service followed by the Communion Breakfast at 11:30 AM after Divine Liturgy.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18, @ 4:30 PM, (The Flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Ann Ganim by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 19, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast Saint Januarius) liturgy is offered for the deceased members of the Hardin Family Society by their family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jean D'Arc El Khoury requested by her family. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, September 20, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Eustace and His Wife and Children) Mass said at Maronite Servants of Christ the Light Convent

Tuesday, September 21, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Quadratus, Bishop of Athens)

Wednesday, September 22, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of St. Phocas and his Companions)
WELCOME ME INTO YOUR KINGDOM

Thursday, September 23, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Jonah the Prophet)

Saturday, September 25, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Thecla, First Woman Marytr) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested by Mike and Diane Le Blanc. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, September 26, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint John the Evangelist) liturgy is being offered as a 40 Day Memorial for the soul of Charbel Baroody. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Saba Bou Eassay (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Thomas family requested by Mrs. George Thomas (FM).

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the soul of Sophie Daher requested by Alice Daher. May her 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.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Saturday, September 18,

Carol Ann Maslanka

Sunday, September 19,

Jean Barbour/Gaby Baroody

Saturday, September 25,

Smitty Cabral

Sunday, September 26,

Mae Dickinson/Jano Baroudi

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

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 SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 994.00
Festival Donations	\$ 1,100.00
Festival Raffles	\$ 760.00
Festival Sponsorships	\$ 3,200.00
Memorials	\$ 105.00
Second Collection	\$ 183.00
Candles	\$ 45.00
Total	\$ 6,387.00

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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
hearing your laugh. We Love you
and miss you even more with each
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