



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

February 19-20, 2022

SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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A very common question I am asked is "Is there really a place as hell?" If there was any doubt about the answer to this question, it should be cleared up in today's gospel reading.

The past three weeks we have heard in the gospel readings so much about social justice and the way we should treat one another. These readings are preparing us for the Season of Lent- a time of fasting, prayer, and repentance. Today's gospel reading is so vivid and so clear. The rich man is being punished for one reason--- because he did nothing to help to someone in need. He had the means to ease the pain of a suffering man but he ignored him. It is that simple.

The interesting thing about this gospel reading is that the rich man, once he descended into hell, asked Abraham to go and tell his brothers what had happened so that they don't end up in hell. This request was of course denied.

What does it take for us to understand that our actions, or

lack of, will be determined on our day of judgment? We have been warned; we have been instructed; and we have been given the truth that God will judge us accordingly.

So, what will it take for us to change our ways and to live the life that Jesus asks us? Brothers and sisters, the message is very clear: how we treat others is how we will be treated when our judgment day comes. It should make us pause for some time and reflect on how we treat one another.

St. Paul tells us that we are children of the light. We have been given the truth about Jesus Christ and about his message of our judgment day. And if we don't understand this by everything that has been given to us, we will never understand it, not even if Abraham or Isaiah appeared to us and warned us.

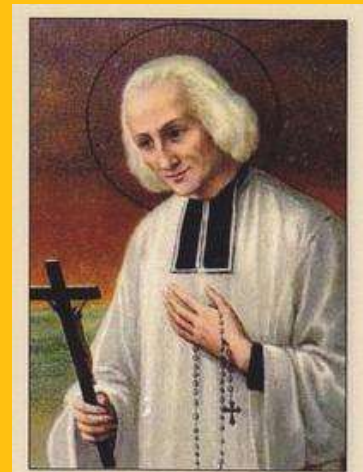
My message to all of us is to prepare ourselves. This is our time to act accordingly. This is our time to see the face of God in every person we see. This is our time to help those who are in need, those who are less fortunate, those who need our love and help.

Just as you did it to the least of these my brothers you did it to me. Jesus is quite serious about this and so should we be serious. My prayer for all of us is to see the face of God in everyone and to treat one another according to the Golden Rule---do unto to others and you would have them do unto you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven."

St. John Marie Vianney



St. Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney

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

ASH MONDAY SERVICES

As we prepare for the Season of Lent, Ash Monday services will **Monday, February 28, 2022**. We will have two Ash Monday Services: one at 11:00 AM, and one at 7:00 PM. Immediately following the 11:00 AM Liturgy, we will offer a Lenten Luncheon in the rectory basement.

OUR CONDOLENCES

We send our condolences to Mrs. Laurette BouRamia and her family on the passing of her brother Zackia El Hajj who passed away in Lebanon February 14th. May Almighty God welcome Zackia into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

Our condolences are also extended to the family of Robert M. Thomas, who passed away this week in Georgia. Robert is the husband of Cindy, the father of Robert, Ryan, and Jennifer, and the brother of Joseph, Jr. of Beverly, MA, Clarie DaSilva of New Bedford, and Micahel P. Thomas of Wilburn, MA. May Almighty God welcome Robert into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

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.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CHURCH

We will be moving our email address to a Gmail account. At the present time, all emails sent to the current email address will be forwarded to the new Gmail address. Our new Email address will be ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR MAHRAJAN

Dear Parishioners of OLOP: The date is set for our Annual Mahrajan. We will begin the summer festivities in the New England area on **Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25, 2022** pm, on the grounds of OLOP. By having the festival at the beginning of the summer, we are hoping that more people will be ready to get out and enjoy our food, entertainment, and culture. Schools are getting out this week which will also add to the celebration of the beginning of Summer break. Please mark your calendars. May this festival continue to grow bigger and better every year. Blessings.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of February is offered in memory of George and Mary Saba requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Freyja McNaughton requested by Alice Daher. 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.

"CALLING ALL RECIPES!!!"

Please help us display our beautiful parishes "Legacy Through Food" cookbook. If you have a recipe (or ten) you would like to share, OLOP Education Foundation would love to hear from you!

IT IS VERY IMPROTANT THAT WE RECEIVE THESE RECIPES BY APRIL 15, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THEM READY FOR THE MAHRAJAN!

We are hoping to include your favorite Lebanese, American, and children's cherished dishes as well. We would appreciate if you attach any stories and pictures about your family's recipes or traditions to be included with your recipe.

Any format will do. You may email Leilah Moses Silveira at leelee8878@comcast.net or Annemarie Espindola at saba.ase@comcast.net or Sarah Thomas Hitchings at sa.thomas@me.com with any recipes, stories, pictures, or questions. All proceeds benefit the OLOP Education Foundation. Cookbooks are planning to be sold at the 2022 Mahrajan, Christmas Bazaar, and throughout the 2022 holiday season. Sahtain and thank you.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19, @ 4:30 PM, (The 500 Martyrs of Tyre)

Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph M. Thomas requested by his children and grandchildren. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie (Peter) Barckett and Diane Barckett Moses requested by Joseph Barckett. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, February 20, @ 10:30 PM, (Feast of Saint James the Hermit) Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Regis and Marthe Valois requested by Reggie Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Monday, February 21, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch) Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light Convent

Tuesday, February 22, @ 9:00 AM, (Establishment of the Chair of Peter in Antioch) NO DIVINE LITURGY

Wednesday, February 23, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Polycarp of Smyrna)

Thursday, February 24, @ 7:00 PM, Arabic Liturgy (Feast of Saint Margaret the Prnitent)

Saturday, February 26, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Alexander, Patriarch of Antioch) liturgy is being offered for the soul of Donald Moran requested by Subdeacon Joseph Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of John Samia requested by friends. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, February 27, @ 10:30 AM, Miracle at Cana in Galilee (Feast of Saint Thalaleus, Disciple of Saint Maron) Liturgy is being offered for the deceased members of the Pinto Family requested by Fatima Da Silva and Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is

being offered for the soul of Zackia El Hajj requested by his sister Laurette Bou Ramia and family. May his soul rest in peace.

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Saturday, February 19,
Smitty Cabral

Sunday, February 20,
Ann Dupre/Rana Choubah

Saturday, February 26,
Rachael Higgins/Intercession: Anna Higgins

Sunday, February 27,
Jean Barbour/Jano Baroodly
(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

IN OUR PRAYERS

Terry Amsden, Lisa Mello-Frost, Ziad Al-Ghoubry, Lesleigh Farhat, Nicholas Awad, Natalya Sarkis, Joe Reid, Octavia David, 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/21-2/26/19

Monday:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Luke 12:1-7

Tuesday:

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Luke 12:8-12

Wednesday:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Luke 12:13-21

Thursday:

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Luke 12:22-32

Friday:

1 Corinthians 15:35-44
Luke 12:33-40

Saturday:

1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 12:49-59

WEEK OF January 22-23, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,375.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 56.00
Candles	\$ 115.00
Total	\$ 2,556.00

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.



SAVE the DATE **73rd**
Annual
St. Joseph Haftli
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