



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 9-10, 2022

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



#### FEAST OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI (July 6)

Born on October 16, 1890, in Corinaldo, in the Ancona Province in Italy, her farmworker father moved his family to Ferrier di Conca, near Anzio. When he died of malaria, Maria's mother had to struggle to feed her children.

Maria's mother, brothers, and sisters worked in the fields while she cooked, sewed, kept the house clean, and watched her youngest sister, Teresa. Though the family's circumstances were extremely difficult, they were very close and loved God.

On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home sewing

her 18-year-old brother or neighbor - it is unclear which - Alessandro's shirt while he threshed beans in the barnyard. As she concentrated on her sewing, Alessandro surprised her and grabbed her from her steps. When he tried to rape her, Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell.

When Alessandro persisted, she fought him and screamed, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" At her words, Alessandro began to choke her, and she said she would rather die than submit. Upon hearing her words, Alexander pulled out a knife and stabbed her eleven times. When she attempted to reach the door, he stabbed her three more times then fled.

Teresa woke to the sounds of her sister's cries and began to cry. Maria's family returned home and found her bleeding on the floor. They quickly took her to the nearest hospital in Nettuno, where she underwent surgery without anesthesia.

Unfortunately, her wounds were beyond the surgeon's ability to help. Halfway through the surgery, the man asked her, "Maria, think of me in Paradise."

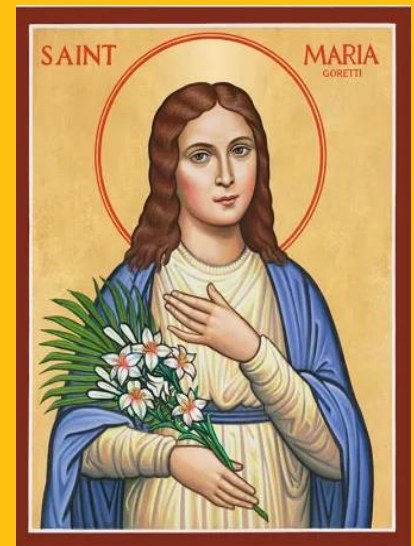
As she lay on the table, she looked up at him and said, "Well, who knows which of us is going to be there first?"

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*He loves, He hopes, He waits.*

*Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant.*

*Saint Maria Goretti.*



She did not realize how terrible her situation was, and the surgeon replied, "You, Maria."

She said, "Then I will think gladly of you." She also mentioned concerns

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

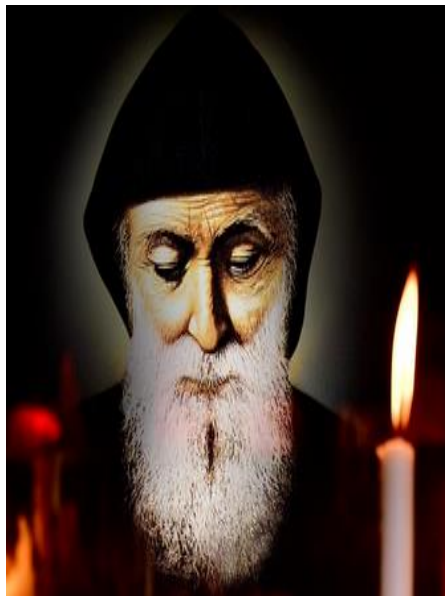
for her mother. The next day, Maria forgave Alessandro and said she wanted to see him in Heaven with her. She died that day while looking upon an image of the Virgin Mary and holding a cross to her chest.

Shortly after Maria's family discovered her, Alexander was captured and questioned. He admitted Maria was a physical virgin as he was unable to assault her, and he was sentenced to thirty years. He also admitted he had attempted to persuade her to accompany him to bed on several occasions in the past and had attempted to rape her before. Alessandro remained unrepentant for his actions until he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him lilies, which immediately burned in his hands. When he woke, he was a changed man. He repented his crime and living a reformed life. When he was released 27-years-later, he went directly to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness, which she gave, saying, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947.

Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. He later became a lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he lived in a monastery and worked as its receptionist and gardener until his death.

Saint Maria is called a martyr because she fought against Alessandro's attempts at sexual sin; however, the most important aspects of her story are how she forgave her attacker - her concern for her enemy extending even beyond death - and the miracle her forgiveness produced in his life.



### FEAST OF SAINT SHARBEL

There will be a special Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Sharbel on Friday, July 22, at 7:00 PM. I would like to have a "Potluck" dinner after the service. If you would like to participate and bring a dish to pass, please contact the Church office via email at [ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com). I am hoping that many of you will join me on that special day.

### FR. VINCENT OUT OF TOWN

Fr. Vincent will be out of town from Monday, July 10, until Wednesday, July 20, to attend the National Maronite Convention and then for a family visit. The office will be open Monday through Friday should you need any assistance. For any emergencies, please contact me on my cell or call Deacon Jean or the office. Thank you.

### FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER'S APPRECIATION DINNER

We will have an appreciation BBQ for the volunteers who worked so hard for the festival on Saturday, August 13, immediately following the 4:30 PM Divine Liturgy. I ask all those who helped prep food, set up, assisted during the two-day festival and breaking down on Sunday, to please email me at the office to RSVP for the BBQ.

Please email me at [ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofpurgatory@gmail.com). Once again, thank you to all who helped make the festival a great event for OLOP. Blessings to all of you.

*All are invited to come and join us  
Festivities will go on come rain or shine!  
Under the tents or in our climate controlled hall!*

**FREE ADMISSION**

## SAVE THE DATE

St. Anthony of the Desert Church  
300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA 02723

# Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 5pm to 11pm  
Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Noon to 11pm  
Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 11am to 7pm

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## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 9, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Pancras).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael J. David requested by Robert Macedo (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Norman Pontes requested by Diane and Michael LeBlanc. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 10, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The Three Blessed Massabki Maronite Martyrs).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Louise Shaheen requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Ann Zeadey (40-day mass) requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Monday, July 11, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Benedict, Abbot).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy.**

**Tuesday, July 12, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Rufina and Secunda, feast of Saint Susanna of Rome).** **No Liturgy.**

**Wednesday, July 13, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Joel the Prophet).** **No Liturgy.**

**Thursday, July 14, @ 7:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Bonaventure, feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha).** **Arabic Liturgy. No Liturgy.**

**Saturday, July 16, @ 4:30 PM (The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Ann Zeadey requested by Mariam David and Family.

**Sunday, July 17, @10:30 AM (Celebration of Saint Sharbel).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George F. Thomas requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

## CONFESSION

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

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Angela Scorza-Anderson, Renee Helmer, Terry Amsden, Lisa Mello-Frost, Ziad Al-Ghoubry, Natalya Sarkis, Joe Reid, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Peter Helmer, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Leo Rodrick, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, 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.

## 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.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/11-7/16/22

### Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11  
Matthew 15:1-9

### Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 12:12-24  
Matthew 15: 10-20

### Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 12:25-13:12  
Matthew 15:21-28

### Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25  
Matthew 16:1-4

### Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 13:26-39  
Matthew 16:5-12

### Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 13:44-52  
John 3:31-36

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention. 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.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of July is offered in memory of the living and deceased members of the Daher and David families requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

## LECTORS FOR JULY 2022

**Saturday, July 9,**

Joan Mello

**Sunday, July 10,**

Ann Dupre/Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, July 15,**

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna Higgins

**Sunday, July 16,**

John Barbour /Halim Choubah

**Saturday, July 23,**

Mae Dickinson

**Sunday, July 24,**

Joan Mello/Gaby baroody

**Saturday, July 30,**

Carol Ann Maslanka

**Sunday, July 24,**

Ann Dupre/Rana Choubah

(If you are not able to read on your

given day, please contact Mae

Dickinson)

## WEEK OF JUNE 25-26, 2022

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 798.00</b>
<b>Festival Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Festival Donation</b>	<b>\$ 777.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 41.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,876.00</b>

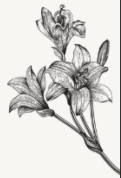
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

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