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# **Our Lady of Purgatory**

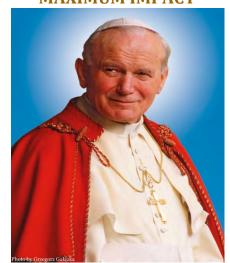
## **Maronite Catholic Church**

October 22-23, 2022

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

Joseph Wojtyła. Father Zacher had

**FULLY PREPARED. POSSESSING EVERY SKILL, A** POPE FOR THE AGES MAKES **MAXIMUM IMPACT** 



Thirty-three years after the dark cloud of communism had settled over Eastern Europe, on a crisp autumn night, heavy bells across Poland began to sway and toll in their high towers. Their clangs peeled down the valleys, thundered through the town squares, and reverberated off every city street. Men and women spilled like water into the streets. Songs. Candles. Prayers. Flowers. Tears. Flags. Embraces. Champagne. Could it be true? A son of Poland had been elected Pope! The impossible had become possible! In the town of Wadowice, Fr. Edward Zacher was paralyzed by emotion. He could not summon a single word for the faithful who crammed the church in thanksgiving. Late that night, he slowly opened the sacramental register of the parish. He leafed through the yellowed pages back to May 1920. Carolus

taught him catechism as a boy. The register duly noted, in Latin, Karol's dates of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Priestly and Episcopal Ordination, and consecration as Cardinal. In a margin at the bottom of the page, the old priest's hand trembled as he made a new entry: "Die 16 X 1978 in Summum Pontificem electus et sibi nomen Ioannem Paulum II imposuit." Pope Saint John Paul II was a titan. He was as prepared as any man before him to be pope. He was all things—a highly educated European intellectual, a philosophy professor with two Doctorates, a mystic of intense spirituality, a working bishop of a large and dynamic Archdiocese behind the iron curtain, a Cardinal whose counsel was valued by the Pope, an active contributor at the Second Vatican Council, a polyglot, and a world traveler. Adding to this embarrassment of riches, he was an athlete and outdoorsman, had palpable charisma, an open personality, a manly presence, vast circles of lay friends, a resonant voice, and he was just 58 years old when elected. Never had a conclave of Cardinals made a bolder, wiser choice. That John Paul II was the first Slavic pope, and the first non-Italian in centuries, was also interesting and became more significant as his papacy unfolded. The times and the man were a match. He was simply the perfect man for the hour and his long papacy disappointed in almost nothing.

The catalogue of accomplishments of John Paul II, both before and after his papal election, is long. He was a tornado of activity and displayed a physical

stamina which might have buried a man half his age. He wrote profoundly on every subject: Saint Mary, the Trinity, the Church' social teachings, suffering, Christ, work, moral theology, philosophy, and on and on. Every subject found ample space to grow in his capacious mind. His personal narrative was also compelling. He had personally experienced the effects of the twentieth century's twin horrors, Nazism and Communism, both efforts to create a perfect society without regard for God or man's dignity. He knew what it was to be personally degraded, to come close to death, to go into hiding. He had seen his entire nation brought to its knees in humiliation. He understood, at the deepest level, what the Church meant to the world.

### **QUOTE OF** THE WEEK

We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus." Pope Saint John Paul II



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The papacy of our Saint built on the international Petrine ministry first initiated, in small steps, by Pope Saint Paul VI. John Paul II made this universal ministry an enduring part of every pope's profile. He said Mass on the altar of the world, where humanity itself was his congregation. He had the piety of a humble Mexican peasant and the sophistication of an erudite German professor. No one, and no type, was a stranger to him. An assassin's bullet almost killed him on May 13, 1981, but he survived, barely. The physical effects of his injuries, and other illnesses, laid bare his sufferings for all to see. On the night of April 2, 2005, this giant, this father to the world, this Moses to the Slavs, died as tens of thousands gathered in prayerful vigil outside his window in Saint Peter's Square. His funeral Mass was timeless and supernatural in a manner felt by all, but difficult to capture in words. He was canonized in 2014 and is buried in a side nave of Saint Peter's Basilica.

Saint Pope John Paul II, you laid your superabundant gifts on God's altar as a teen, and God used them to the fullest extent until your death. Help all Christians to put their talents at God's service to help lead others to Christ and to His Church.

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#### WELCOME BABY CAMILLE

Congratulations to Jonathan, Allie and Adina Barbour on the arrival of Camille Bernadette Barbour. Congratulations to the grandparents John and Claire Barbour and Great Grandparents and all the Barbour family. May Almighty God cradle Camille in His loving arms and may she always know of God's great love for her. Mabrook!!!

# OUR CONDLENCES TO THE SABA FAMILY

I received the sad news that Joseph J. Saba passed away in Florida. He is the cousin of Annemarie Saba Espindola. We extend our condolences to Joseph's family and to the family here in New Bedford. May Almighty God welcome Joseph into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

### 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY WELCOME ME IN YOUR KINGDOM



A day of reflection and celebration will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Remember Me in Your Kingdom" in the USA. The day will be held at Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral in West Roxbury, beginning at 9:00 AM, and will end with lunch at 2:30 PM. There will be talks presented by the Orthodox, Maronite and Melkite priests, and a Divine Liturgy. Our special guest will be the Bishop Francois Beyrouti, the new bishop for the Melkite Catholics in the USA.

There is no cost to attend, however, so that they can prepare for lunch, please call:

Mrs. Zeina Freiha at 781-789-0432 or Mrs. Caren Njeim at 857-222-9777 to reserve a space.

### **KIBBIE DAY**

Tuesday November 1st 10:00 AM CONFESSION

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

### **2022 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

We are preparing for our annual Christmas Pageant, gathering our young children to tell us the story of the Birth of Jesus. We will be sending out information to all of you. I hope that most of our children will be a part of this great tradition at OLOP. This will be held on Saturday, December 10, at the Church and a Christmas Party immediately following. Please mark your calendars now.

This year, the proceeds for the Angel Project will go to the Eparchy of Jbeil to assist those people in need. This money will be sent to Sayedna Michel Aoun to assist those in most need.

## NEEDS LIST AND WISH LIST FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

While we prepare for our Christmas Bazaar, below is a list of items needed for the weekend. If anyone is interested in donating towards these items, please contact Smitty Cabral (508-961-5899), Lorraine David (508-965-8824), or the Church office at (508-996-8934). As always, thank you for your generosity and help in making the Christmas Bazaar a success!

Donations for the:
Food Expense
Gifts for the Caravan
Theme Baskets
Pastries



Saturday, October 22, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II). Liturgy is being offered for all the soul of Steven Espindola requested by Annmarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Julia MacAllister requested by Subdeacon Joe Abraham and Carol Ann Maslanka. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 23, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Atty. George M. Thomas requested by Reggie Thomas and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Boutros Bou Ramia requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, October 24, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Arethas (Hares) and His Companions). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent.

Tuesday, October 25, @ 9:00 AM, (Saint Chrysanthus and His Wife Daria).

Wednesday, October 26, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Demetrius).

Thursday, October 27, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Capitolina and Eroteis of Cappadocia).

Saturday, October 29, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Anastasia of Rome). Liturgy is being offered for all the soul of Shirley Azar requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph J. Saba requested by Annmarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 30, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem). Remember me in your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joe and Tillie Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls George and Sultana Sadeck, Peter, Julia and Rose Thomas requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of October is offered in memory of Joseph Daher requested by Alice Daher. May his soul rest in peace.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention requested by Hiba and Zakhia Chdid. 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.

### 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 10/24-10/29/22

#### Monday:

1 Corinthians 6: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9

#### Tuesday:

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Matthew 13: 10-17

#### Wednesday:

1 Corinthians 7: 1-3,8-14,17,24 Matthew 13: 18-23

#### Thursday:

1 Corinthians 7: 25-35 Matthew 13: 24-30

#### Friday:

1 Corinthians 9:13-18 Matthew 13: 31-35

#### **Saturday:**

1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Matthew 13:36-43

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Helena Tavares, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Renee Helmer, Terry Amsden, Natalya Sarkis, 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 AliceDaher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

#### LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday, October 22,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins Sunday, October 23,

Ann Dupre / Rana Choubah Saturday, October 29.

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, October 30,

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

## WEEK OF OCTOBER 15- 16, 2022

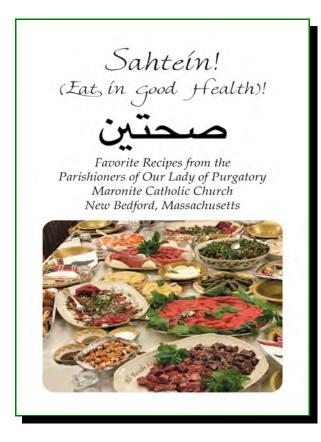
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**Sunday Collection** 

FAMILY.

**OLOF Building Fund** 2,250,00 **Bazaar Raffle Tickets** 250.00 \$ **Bazaar Donations** 250.00 50.00 **Coffee Hour Candles** 35.00 3,606.00 Total 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





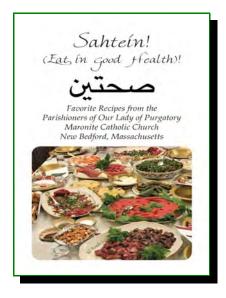
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