



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



March 4-5, 2023

### HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

#### GROCERY LIST AND A PRAYER

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food.

John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once.

Visualizing the family needs, she said: 'Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can.'

John told her he could not give her credit, since she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, 'Do you have a grocery list?'

Louise replied, 'Yes sir.' 'O.K.' he said, 'put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries.'

Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down.

The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said

begrudgingly, 'I can't believe it.'

The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales. The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more.

The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement.

It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said:

'Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands.'

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence. Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said, 'It was worth every penny of it. Only God Knows how much a prayer weighs.'

<https://stories4homilies.wordpress.com/2014/08/23/grocery-list-and-a-prayer/>

#### SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY COMMUNION BRUNCH

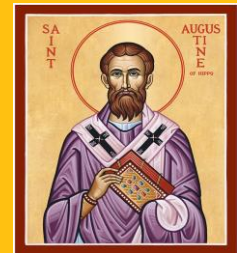
Please join the members of the St. Joseph Sodality for a Communion Brunch on March 5, 2023 at White's of Westport at Noon as they thank the outgoing Sodality Officers for their service during the past three years and congratulate the incoming Sodality Officers who will give of their time and talents to lead the Sodality during the upcoming three years. As you know White's is well known for their brunches, the price per person is \$35.00. If you plan on attending, please contact **Jacques Barbour** at:

(508)-725-6705 or by e-mail at: [jpbtherapy@hotmail.com](mailto:jpbtherapy@hotmail.com).

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."*

*St. Augustine*



#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Natalya Sarkis, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Edmond Salameh, Ed Da Rocha, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

#### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for David Dickinson and Reno Ouellet requested by Mae Dickinson. 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.

Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

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

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

I would like to thank those who have contributed to the Capital Campaign which will assist in moving our treasures and remodel the Church to suit our needs. The following pledges have been received.



## UPDATE ON THE MOVE TO OLOF

I am happy to inform our community that a closing date has been set for the purchase of Our Lady of Fatima. Our closing date will be on the Feast of Saint John Maron, March 2, 2023. We will continue to celebrate Liturgies at our present location until all the work has been completed at the new facility. It is anticipated that the work will take between 2-3 months to complete which would take us to June of 2023. We are waiting for the final construction estimates to send to the Eparchy. Once a construction company is agreed upon, we will begin the necessary renovations to the church and rectory. Our Capital Campaign is still in progress.

There will be more details coming in the near future which will be relayed to you. When any new developments are received, they will be directed to you immediately. We continue to pray for a seamless and smooth transition and we ask the intercession of Our Lady of Purgatory and Our Lady of Fatima to continue to lift our prayers to Almighty God that we may always give Him glory. God bless this community during this transition and always.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of March is offered in memory of Samir and Georgette Sawaya requested by Zakhia and Hiba Chdid. May Their souls rest in peace.

## CHANGE THE CLOCKS



This is a friendly reminder to move your clocks forward at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 12. We do not want you to miss Divine Liturgy. Blessings.

## MYO SAVE THE DATE

Calling all MYO, grades 7-12, for a day of reflection, fun, food and meeting other MYO from the area. We are inviting the MYO group from Lawrence, Boston, Brockton, Fall River, and Cranston, for this special MYO Kick Off. All will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 11:30 AM- 5:00 PM. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.



### Part 1: Registration

12:00 pm - Arrival & Registration  
12:15 pm - Welcome (Icebreaker)  
12:30 pm - Lunch

### Part 2: Mercy & Healing

2:00 pm - Talk 1: Mercy & Healing  
2:20 pm - Discussion groups (Guys with Father Vince & Girls with Mother Maria Marie)  
3:00 pm - Reconvene (Short Break)

### Part 3: Forgiveness

3:30 pm - Talk 2: Forgiveness  
3:50 pm - Discussion groups (Guys with Father Vince & Girls with Mother Maria Marie)  
4:30 pm - Reconvene (Short Break)

### Part 4: Mass & Dinner

5:00 pm - Mass  
5:45 pm - Adoration (Benediction & Confession)  
6:30 pm - Dinner & Social



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 4, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Paul and His Sister, Saint Juliana).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Susan and Amy Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May all the souls in Purgatory rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 5, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Albert the Great).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Bobby Thomas requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Florence Dyer requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Father Paul Mouawad and Father Len Basinow requested by OLOP. May their souls rest in peace.

**Monday, March 6, @ 9:00 AM. (Feast of Saint Conan of Isauria).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy.**

**Tuesday, March 7, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of The 7 Young Men of Ephesus).** **No Liturgy.**

**Wednesday, March 8, @ 6:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Frances of Rome).** **No Liturgy.**

**Thursday, March 9, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of The Forty Maryrs).** **No Liturgy.**

**Friday, March 10, @ 7:00 PM, Benediction/ Station of the Cross. (Feast of Saint Auxentius).**

**Saturday, March 11, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Malvina and Joseph David requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph, Peter and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, March 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of all the deceased members of Imad and Moujahed families requested by Jean, Nouhad and Tonia Imad. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of John and Theresa Saba requested by Georges Saba. May their souls rest in peace.

## CONFESSION

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

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/6-3/11/23

### Monday:

1 Timothy 4: 9-16  
John 8: 21-27

### Tuesday:

2 Corinthians 8: 1-9  
Matthew 23: 1-12

### Wednesday:

Galatians 2: 1-7  
Matthew 17: 10-13

### Thursday:

2 Corinthians 4: 11-18  
Luke 6: 20-23

### Friday:

Romans 3: 1-7  
Luke 12: 16-21

### Saturday:

2 Timothy 3: 1-9  
Matthew 12: 1-14

## FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

## LECTORS FOR MARCH

**Saturday, March 4,**

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, March 5,**

Ann Dupre/Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, March 11,**

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, March 12,**

John Barbour/ Halim Choubah

**Saturday, March 18,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Helen & Anna Higgins

**Sunday, March 19,**

Rana Choubah/ Jano Baroody

**Saturday, March 25,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, March 26,**

Mae Dickinson/ Hiba Chdid

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

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25-26,2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,311.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 37.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 119.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,477.00</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.**

## Join us for a Day Retreat Saturday, March 11, 2023



**"Jesus wept" - John 11:35-45** concerns the death and resurrection of Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha and a friend of our Lord. Jesus wept (John 11:35) when He gathered with the sisters and others mourning Lazarus's death. Jesus did not weep over the death itself since He knew Lazarus would soon be raised and ultimately spend eternity with Him in heaven. Yet He could not help but weep when confronted with the wailing and sobbing of Mary, Martha, and the other mourners (John 11:33). The original language indicates that our Lord wept "silent tears" or tears of compassion for His friends (Romans 12:15).

**Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Cathedral**  
7 VFW Parkway  
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9:30\*am to 10:30 am - Liturgy

10:30 Break - Coffee Break

11:00 Session 1 Fr. Ghassan with small group discussion

12:00 - Group Activity

1:00 Lunch

1:30 Session 2 - "Greater Love" - with small group discussion

2:30 Closing Prayer with Fr. Philip

\*9:00 am - confession will be offered in the church with Fr. Philip

**There is no cost to attend, but kindly RSVP so that we may plan accordingly**

**Zeina Freiha 781 789-0432**



My command is this:  
**Love each other as I have loved you.**  
-John 15:12





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