



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



April 29-30, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

FEAST OF SAINT JAMES THE GREATER



Nothing is known of St. James the Greater's early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple.

The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater."

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch

any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again.

When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus.

Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well. He traveled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain.

It is said that one day, as he prayed, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him and asked him to build her a church, which he did.

Later, James returned to Jerusalem but was martyred for his faith by King Herod, who decapitated him. Saint James the Greater is known as the first apostle to die.

As he was not allowed to be buried following his martyrdom, his remains were taken to Compostela, Spain, by some of his followers, who buried him.

In the ninth century his remains were discovered and moved to a tomb in Santiago de Compostela. Today, his

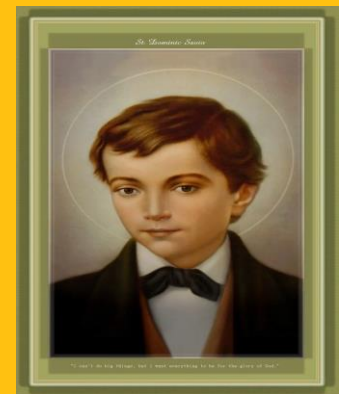
remains can still be found in the Cathedral of Santiago.

Because Santiago de Compostela is the most frequently visited place pilgrims migrate to following Rome and Jerusalem, Pope Leo declared it a shrine.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Mary, I give you my heart. Always keep it yours. Jesus, Mary, always be my friends. I beg you, let me die rather than be so unfortunate as to commit a single sin."

Saint Dominic Savio



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

UPDATE ON NEW CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

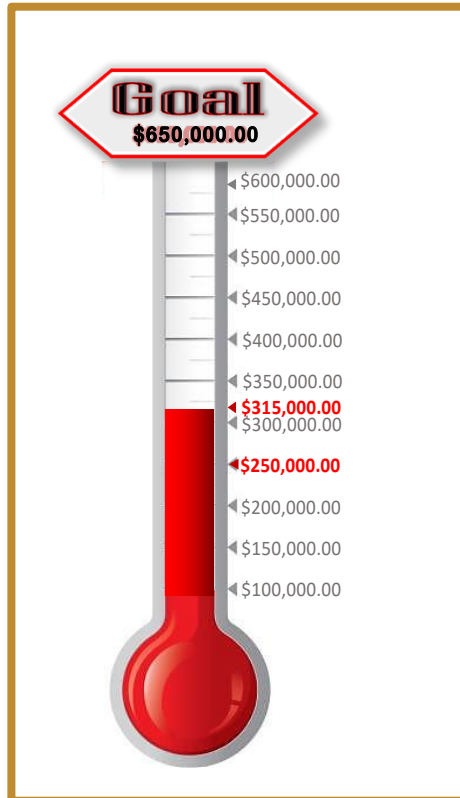
We have received the Building Permit from the City of New Bedford for the construction of the Church. I have resubmitted the plans for the Church to the Chancery for approval so that we may begin the work on the Church and rectory. We should be hearing from them very soon. I would like to thank Bishop Gregory and Chorbishop Michael for all their thorough work bringing us to this point in our new journey of faith. It has been quite a journey thus far, but I firmly believe that God is in the driver's seat leading us to do His will.

We have also selected M & E Construction as our General Contractor through a competitive bid process. As you know architectural services are being provided by Halim Choubah. Jimmy Kalife has agreed to serve as our Clerk of the Works and oversee day-to-day construction activities at the new Church. We have also begun prep work at the new Rectory and Gaby Baroody has agreed to oversee day-to-day renovation work at the new Rectory. We thank Halim, Jimmy, and Gaby for their work on behalf of the Parish.

The Capital Campaign is still under way. We are halfway to our goal, and I thank those of you who have pledged towards this endeavor. Our Parish has always been blessed by Parishioners and Friends who have been very generous. Our Altars, Stained Glass Windows, Icons, and Stations of the Cross, have all been made possible through generous gifts in memory of loved ones in the past. We would like to remind you that once again, there is an opportunity to help our Parish grow. If you are considering making a financial gift, then there is no time like the present to fill out a pledge card. If you would like to make a specific donation in memory of a loved one or in your family's name to assist in the restoration of the Stained Glass Windows, or the relocation of the Altars, Icons, or the Stations of the Cross, please contact Fr. Vincent at the Church office. Thank you and God bless this community of faith.

PROGRESS STATUS OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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



WELCOME NADIM KHALED



Bishop Gregory has assigned Seminarian Nadim Khaled to Our Lady of Purgatory Church for six weeks beginning in May. I am very happy to welcome Nadim to our Church as he continues his journey towards Holy Priesthood. I pray this assignment will help him in his ministry and I am confident that he will be a great help in ours. Nadim will arrive the first week of May. I know you will all welcome him with an open heart. Welcome to our community Nadim.

FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONY



On **Saturday, May 6**, five of our children will receive their First Holy Communion. This special sacrament will be held at the 4:30 PM Vigil Mass. Please keep all of our children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time. God bless all of them.

NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES

There will be no weekday Liturgies Monday through Thursday. I appreciate your understanding. I will announce when they will once again resume.

WELCOME ME IN YOUR KINGDOM



Christ is Truly Risen!

Please join us on the occasion of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Our Lady of the Cedars Church - The Lahoud Center

61 Rockwood Street, Jamaica Plain, MA



Full Lavish Breakfast will be served
Fowl Mdammas, Labneh, Cheese Baladeh
Zaatar & Meat Pies, Boiled Eggs,
Veggies, Croissants, Deli Platter, Fruits,
Desserts, Coffee, Juice and More.

After the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Liturgy

Donation - Adults \$25 - Children under 12 - \$15

All proceeds to benefit the Ministry of

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For Tickets

Karen Tannous Njeim - 857 222 9777

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 29, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Catherine of Sienna, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Dory Gutierrez. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Camil Boutros Roufael Gabriel requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, April 30, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint James, son of Zebedee). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joe and Salma Joseph requested by Marianne Saade. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joann Yozefek requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, May 6, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Dominic Savio). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George J. and Mary C. Saba and for the soul of George Michael requested by Annemarie Espindola. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, May 7, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon, Saint Antonino, Bishop of Florence). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Linda and Asaad Khalife, and for the souls of Laurice and George Abi Abdallah and for the soul of Allison Ripka requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the intentions requested for Easter flowers.

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.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

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

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, 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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/1-5/6 /23

Monday:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Luke 5: 1-11

Tuesday:

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-12

Luke 8: 22-25

Wednesday:

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

John 6: 1-15

Thursday:

1 Thessalonians 3: 1-13

John 6:16-21

Friday:

1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12

John 6: 22-27

Saturday:

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Matthew 14:22-33

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Joann Sarkis Yozfek requested by family. 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.

CONFESSION

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

LECTORS FOR APRIL

Saturday, April 29,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercession: Eric Tavares

Sunday, April 30,

Mae Dickinson / Rana Choubah

LECTORS FOR MAY 2023

Saturday, May 6,

TBA

Sunday, May 7,

Ann Dupre /Jano Baroody

Saturday, May13,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, May 14,

Rana Choubah / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, May 20,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, May 21,

John Barbour /Halim Choubah

Saturday, May 27,

Racheal Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, May28,

Mae Dickinson /Hiba Chdid

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

WEEK OF APRIL

15-16,2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,048.00
Second Collection	\$ 143.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 65.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 26.00
Candles	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 2,332.00

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.

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