



Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Catholic Church



January 20-21, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS

REMEMBERING YOUR GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Today, we remember the faithful priests and bishops who have served the altar of the Lord, especially those who have served this altar of Our Lady of Purgatory Church. They gave their lives to serve Christ's flock and their memory lives on when we gather to celebrate the mystical body of Christ. May their souls rest in peace.

Reflection on Priesthood by Blessed Oscar Romero

By Archbishop Oscar Romero, Saint of the Catholic Church

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

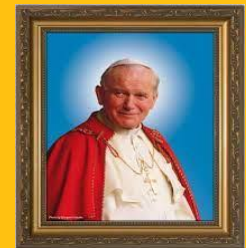
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is known above all to God. At its deepest level, every vocation to the priesthood is a great mystery; it is gift which infinitely transcends the individual. Every priest experiences this clearly throughout the course of his life. Face with the greatness of the gift, we sense our own inadequacy."

Pope Saint John Paul II



ASH MONDAY SERVICES/ADORATION & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lent begins on Monday, February 12, just a few weeks away. Our Ash Monday services will be held on Monday, February 12, at 11:00 AM and at 7:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed during these times.

Beginning Friday, February 16, and every Friday up to Good Friday, we will have Adoration/Stations of the Cross. These services will be offered on Fridays at 12:00 Noon in English and at 7:00 PM in English and Arabic. I hope you will join us.

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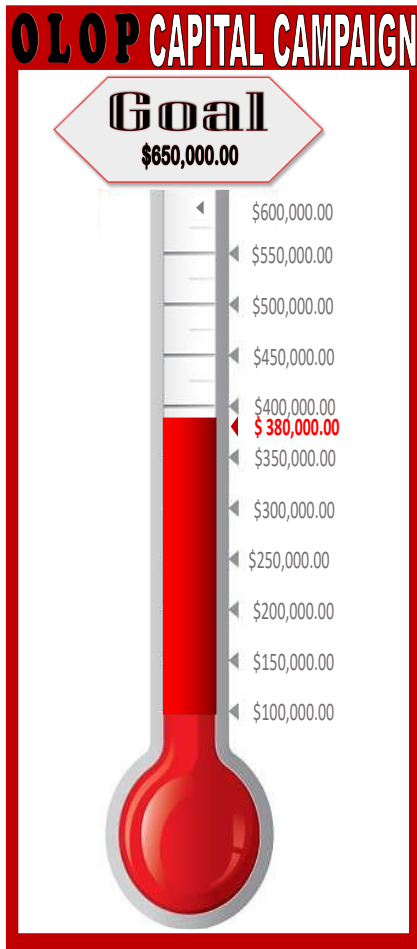
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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

OLOP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Our Capital Campaign is still underway. I am happy to inform you that we are over halfway to our goal. We are continuing the Capital Campaign through June. I thank all of you who have contributed thus far. May God continue to bless Our Lady of Purgatory Church.



2023 TAX LETTERS

As we begin the new year, all of you are preparing for your tax returns for 2023. If you would like a copy of your contributions to the Church, please contact the office via email or calling the office. For those who used envelopes or wrote checks, these reports are in our system and a printout will be available upon request. Thank you all for your support and dedication to the Church.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of January is offered for Mansour Barbour requested by Norma Jean Barbour and family.

SAINT MARON'S DAY HAFLI

Tickets are on sale for our annual Saint Maron's Day Hafli which will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at our Parish Center. Come and enjoy great food, music, dancing, and more. The flyer is attached with all the information. Thank you for your support.

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 20, @ 4:30 PM. (Feast of Saint Euthymius the Great). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Janice O'Mara requested by Rick and Rose Marie Twomey. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Saba requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie, and Keira McLaughlin. May they rest in peace.

Sunday, January 21, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Sebastian). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Walter and Janet Lalor requested by Jim Thomas and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Joseph Nader requested by Joann Longdon. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, January 22, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Timothy, Disciple of Saint Paul). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY.**

Tuesday, January 23, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Pope Saint Sergius, Feast of Saint Marriane Cope).

Wednesday, January 24, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church).

Thursday, January 25, @ 9:00 AM, (Conversation of Saint Paul).

Saturday, January 27, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Paula). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Robert and Margaret Lizotte (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, January 14, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Ephrem, Bishop of the Church). **Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Abouna Boutros Nasr requested by Jean and Joumana Chedid and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroodly requested by Charles Baroodly. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Rose David. 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Anne Ramundo, Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Alice Daher, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, 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, 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 01/22-01/27/24

Monday:

2 Timothy 1: 1-11
Matthew 16: 24-28

Tuesday:

2 Timothy 2: 1-13
Matthew 18: 1-5

Wednesday:

2 Timothy 2: 14-26
Matthew 20: 20-28

Thursday:

2 Timothy 3: 10-17
Luke 17: 7-10

Friday:

2 Timothy 4:1-8
Luke 22: 24-30

Saturday:

Titus 1: 1-9
John 13: 13-17

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.

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.

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 2024

Saturday, January 6,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, January 7,

John Barbour/ Hiba Chdid

Saturday, January 13,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, January 14,

Mae Dickinson/ Gaby Baroodly

Saturday, January 20,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, January 21,

Ann Dupre/ Jano Baroodly

Saturday, January 27,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, January 28,

Rana Choubah/ Joumana Chedid
(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

WEEK OF JANUARY 13-14, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,030.00
Dedication Ad Book	\$ 150.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 17.00
Total	\$ 4,207.00

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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Joseph & Marie Kenyon

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