



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



May 25-26, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



WHY WE CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY

A Lesson in Service and Sacrifice by Tom McGrath

What we remember—and honor—on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.

Sacrifice is more than suffering

One definition of *sacrifice* is “the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.” Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is *not* sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to

visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.

Jesus: the perfect example of sacrifice

What counts in this definition is the phrase “for the sake of something else.” Is that “something else” worthy of the sacrifice we make? True sacrifice is always at the service of life. We learn this from Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice and remained faithful through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus’ greater purpose for this sacrifice was our well-being—that we might have life and have it abundantly.

This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to give up for us—and the lessons we can learn from that perfect example of sacrifice.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw me into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by me each day through the gift of transforming mystical prayer. Jesus, I trust in You.”

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, the Sodality will be sponsoring a gourmet breakfast at the Church Hall as a fundraiser for the St. Joseph Sodality. This is open to everyone in the parish. The Tickets are \$20 each for adults and \$10 for children under 10. You can see any members of the board for tickets or contact the church office.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Stephen Dacosta, Abouna Tanios Abi Ramia, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, 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, Ed Da Rocha, and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

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



MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Persons. And as Persons, they want to be known. And they want to be known primarily through a life of deep and intimate prayer. Praying to One Person, of course, is praying to all, since they are One God. But we are, nonetheless, called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him.

Prayer often begins by saying prayers, by meditating upon Scripture, and by listening. But true prayer is something much deeper. True prayer is contemplative prayer that ultimately leads to divine union. Only God can initiate this form of prayer in our lives, and only God, through this deep form of prayer, can communicate Himself to us as He is. Some of the greatest mystics of our Church, such as Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Ávila, explain in their mystical theology that the deepest knowledge of God does not come through concepts or images. In fact, if we wish to obtain a knowledge of God in His essence, we must allow Him to purge every concept of Who He is so that the pure light of His essence can be poured forth upon our minds. This knowledge, they say, is beyond knowing "about" God. It's the beginning of a knowledge "of" God.

Reflect, today, upon the Most Holy Trinity. As you do, say a prayer to God asking for a deeper and more intimate knowledge of Him. Ask Him to communicate to you His divine love and to open your mind and heart to a deeper understanding of Who He is. Try to humble yourself before the great Mystery of the inner life of God. Humility before the Mystery of God means that we know how little we know about Him and how little we know of Him. But that humble truth will help you move closer to the deeper relationship of love to which you are called.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 GRADUATES

2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

John Thomas, the son of Bruce and Sandy Thomas, graduated from Bishop Stang High School and will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Nicholas Sarkis, son of Faouzi and Manal Sarkis, graduated from Vocational Technical High School and will attend Bristol Community College to major in Finance and Accounting.

Amalia Molly Dupre, daughter of Joseph and Elisa Dupre, III, graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School and will be attending college in the Fall for a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Drama.

Keira McLaughlin, the daughter of Sean and Marie McLaughlin, graduated from Plymouth South High School and will be attending Boston University, College of Communication.

2024 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Camden Lawton, son of Kyra Chomak and Mark Lawton, graduated from Boston University with a BA in Biology.

Anna Donnelly, daughter of Nina Chomak and Ryan Donnelly, graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Gabrielle Chedid, the daughter of Zakhia and Hiba Chdid, graduated from UMass, Amhurst, with a BS in Architecture.

Natayla Chedid, the daughter of Wissam and Elizabeth Chedid, graduated from UMass Dartmouth, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

Jeremy Chdid, the son of Charbel and Antionette Chdid, graduated from UMass Dartmouth, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

2024 GRADUATE DEGREE

Maria Chdid, daughter of Jean and Rola Chdid, graduated from UMass Dartmouth and received her Master's Degree in Biomedical Engineering.

2024 JURIS DOCTERATE DEGREE

Samantha Hakeem, J.D., Daughter of William and Jessica Hakeem, graduated from Suffolk University of Law School, Cum Laude.

On behalf of the entire community of Our Lady of Purgatory Church, congratulations to all our 2024 graduates and their families. We are very proud of you. May God continue to bless you and guide you throughout your lives.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 25, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Eleutherius and His Mother Saint Basilla). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Dorothy McCuen requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of August and Marion Barber requested by Norma Barbour and family. 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, May 26, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Carpus, Disciple of Saint Paul). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy. May all the souls in the book of Life rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Abouna Boutros Nasr requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of David Dickinson requested by Mae Dickinson and family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Margueritte Chedid requested by Tony and Elaine Barbour. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday, May 27, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Theodora and Didymus). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **No Liturgy.**

Tuesday, May 28, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Heliconis).

Wednesday, May 29, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Theodosia of Tyre).

Thursday, May 30, @ 9:00 AM, Thursday of the Body of Christ (Feast of Pope Saint Felix I).

Saturday, June 1, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Justin Martyr). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mary Lou Viveiros requested by Joann David. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Bill Rolli requested by Mike and Diane LeBlanc. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for Mariam David and the living and deceased members of her family requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 2, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of the Four Evangelists). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Rose Mattar requested by Deacon Jean and Martha Mattar (40-Day Mass). May her soul rest in peace.

CONFESSION

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Mariam David and for the living and deceased members of her family by Mariam David and 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.

LECTORS FOR MAY 2024

Saturday, May 25,
Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola
Sunday, May 26,

Ann Dupre / Elie AbouKheir

LECTORS FOR JUNE 2024

Saturday, June 1,
Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, June 2,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, June 8,
Racheal Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, June 9,

Rana Choubah / Jano Baroody

Saturday, June 15,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, June 16,

Anne Dupre / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, June 22,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions : Eric Tavares

Sunday, June 23,

Halim Choubah / Rana Choubah

Saturday, June 29,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions : Smitty Cabral

Sunday, June 30,

Mae Dickinson / Gaby Baroody

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

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 OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of May is offered for Anthony and Margaret Thomas requested by Family.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 05/27-06/01/24

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 4: 5-12

John 15: 1-8

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 4: 13-22

John 15: 9-14

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 4: 23-31

John 15: 15-17

Thursday:

1 Corinthians 10: 14-21

John 6:47-63

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 5: 12-21a

John 15: 22-27

Saturday:

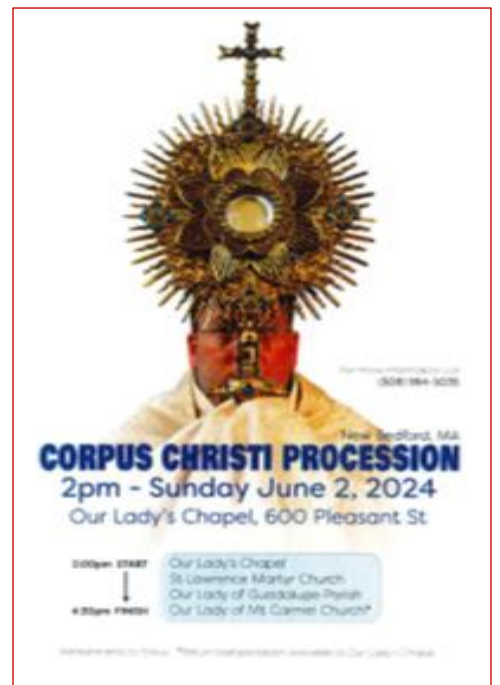
Acts of the Apostles 5: 21b-33

John 16: 1-4

WEEK OF May 18-19, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,139.00
Second Collection	\$ 123.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 1000.00
Candles	\$ 24.00
Total	\$ 2,268.00

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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Eternally in our hearts and in our thoughts. We miss seeing your face, hearing your voice, seeing your smile and hearing your laugh. We cherish the day we will join you in GOD's Heavenly Kingdom. We Love you and miss you even more with each passing day.

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