



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



June 1-2, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

The Grace of God

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes “by the Grace of God, I am what I am”. We’ve most likely heard this phrase “the Grace of God” many times throughout our lives. Just like St. Paul, we may have even referred to the effect of the Grace of God on something that happened or did not happen in our lives. God’s Grace makes us all what we are and so it’s appropriate to pause and consider that we mean by the phrase “the Grace of God”. As we may remember from the catechism of our past, there are actually two types of grace we receive from God. There is “sanctifying grace” and there is “actual grace”.

Sanctifying grace is a gift given freely and permanently to us by God through our Baptism. When Our Lord sends the Holy Spirit to us during our Baptism we are filled with this sanctifying grace. This is the grace that saves our souls and allows us to be children of God. During our Confirmation, and every time we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this grace is strengthened. When we receive the Holy Eucharist, this grace is nourished. When we say someone is in a state of grace we are referring to sanctifying grace.

Actual grace is a temporary intervention by God in our lives that allows us to do good or avoid evil. The effect of actual grace in our lives has been described as being similar to the effect of a tugboat nudging an ocean liner in a certain direction. Sometime the nudge can be quite pronounced such as when Saul

was struck on the road to Damascus, other times the nudge can be as subtle as walking along the beach and feeling the presence of God.

During this Season of Pentecost, when we commemorate the Gift of God’s Grace – the Holy Spirit, it’s important for us to thank Our Lord for the gift of sanctifying grace – the gift that allows us to be children of God, and for the gifts of actual grace – the strength to live our lives in Christ.

This Sunday in the Maronite Church we celebrate the Four Evangelists – Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. When we read the Gospels, our sanctifying grace is nourished by the Word of God, and we receive actual grace to become “not only hearers but also doers” of the Word. And so, take some time during the coming week, read a passage from the Gospels, then close your eyes, meditate on what you just read, and receive the Grace of God.

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.

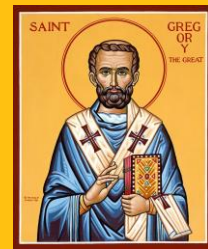
WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of June is offered for Abraham and Amelia Sarkis and Joann Yozefek requested by Family.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.”

Saint Gregory the Great



EASTER FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Easter flowers was donated in memory of: The deceased members of the Saba and Espindola families, Charbel Baroody, Helen Higgins, Joseph Thomas, The deceased members of the David and Daher families, Annie Farris, Mary Tavares, The deceased members of the Baroody and Cheaib families, John and Theresa Saba, Janet and Ray Charron, Helen Kewan, The deceased members of the Macedo and David families, Andrew Correa, Samir and Georgette Sawaya, and Milad Chedid. May all the souls rest in peace. And, in honor of Baby Therese. May God bless her.

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.

**NO WEEKDAY
LITURGIES
AND NO EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

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

**ANNUAL LEBANESE
FESTIVAL
- SAVE THE DATES-**

September may sound like a long time away but as we prepare for our Annual Lebanese Festival, it is never too early to begin preparations. The festival will be held on Friday, September 13, and Saturday, September 14.

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out information and asking you to volunteer. For this major fundraiser to be a success, your help is needed. I ask you in advance to think about how you can help make this festival a great success. Younger and older alike, your participation will make a great difference.

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.

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS FOR....**

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Abraham and Amelia Sarkis 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.



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The poster features a central illustration of Jesus with a red sash, surrounded by four children. The background is light blue with white rays emanating from behind Jesus. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large, stylized 'Vocation Bible Camp' title. There are decorative elements like leaves and a speech bubble.



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The poster features a night view of the Detroit skyline with the Spirit of St. Joseph Church illuminated. The text is in white and yellow on a dark blue background. There is a QR code in the bottom left corner.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

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.

Monday, June 3, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Awtel). Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY**

Tuesday, June 4, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Erasmus). **NO LITURGY**

Wednesday, June 5, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Conan and His Son). **NO LITURGY**

Thursday, June 6, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre, Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat). **NO LITURGY.**

Saturday, June 8, @ 4:30 PM, (Discovery of the Nails of Christ, Feast of Saint Cyrilla). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Susan, Amy and Butch Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Beshara and Josephine Daher requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the Daher family requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 9, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Pelagia of Antioch). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Rachael and Michael Hardin Thomas and Annie Jacob requested by Michael and Joann Mello and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Semaan Semaan requested by the Hardin Family Society. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls of the Easter flowers donations. May their souls rest in peace.

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.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 06/03-06/08/24

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 5: 34-42

John 16: 5-11

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-12

John 16: 12-15

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 7: 1-8

John 16: 16-19

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 7: 9-16

John 16:20-24

Friday:

Galatians 1: 11-17

Matthew 11: 25-30

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 7: 30-38

John 16: 29- 33

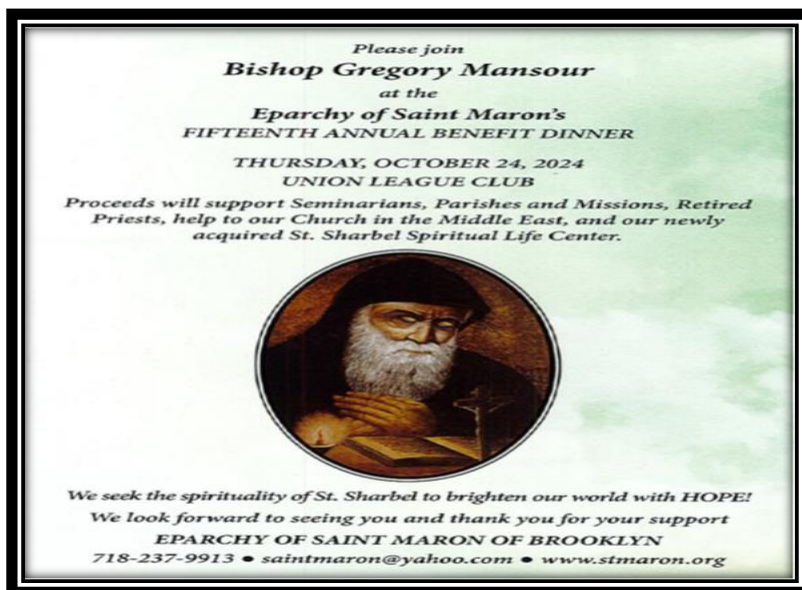
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

WEEK OF May 25-26, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$	737.00
Second Collection	\$	85.00
Total	\$	818.00

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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