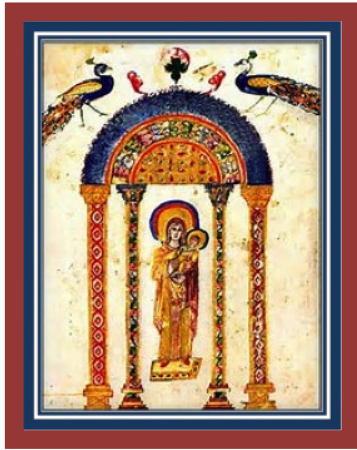


Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

August 13, 2017



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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

St. John XXIII, Pope

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.
- Confessions:** One half-hour before weekend Liturgies and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** *Parents* should refer to the website and then contact the parish through the parish e-mail address.
- Marriage:** Please refer to the parish website and contact the parish a **minimum 6 months before** finalizing the date of your wedding.

***SUGGESTED DONATIONS: SANCTUARY CANDLES \$20; ALTAR BREAD \$25; WINE \$25**

Mass Stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb **Sacristan:** Laurie Nale **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell
Catechists: Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th
Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson
Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL: St. Luke 19; 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through.
And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature.
So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was to pass that way.
And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, **“Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for I must stay at your house today.”** So he

made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.
And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”
And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”
And Jesus said to him, **“Today salvation has come to this house, since he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”**

ABOONA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

On August 4th we commemorate the holy nineteenth-century pastor of Ars, St. John-Marie Vianney. He was famously known for his prayer before the Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, preaching the truths of the Faith, and for his lifelong practice and example of fasting. He became for the modern world a new example of our ancient practices. From his direct personal experience he was able to say that "the works of penance abound in such delights and joys that once they have been tasted, nothing will ever again root them out of the soul Only the first steps are difficult for those who eagerly choose this path".

Continuing our considerations on fasting, it can be noted that the fast in antiquity would have abstained from all food until sundown, but in recent centuries this has been modified simply to noon, and water may be drunk. (This older practice we can still see today as practiced among Muslims during Ramadan, as they have adopted the regional classic fasting as it was in the seventh century.)

On stricter fastdays, there is no food even taken at noon and only one meal is consumed later in the day. (No food or drink, other than water, is known as a "black fast". This is practiced by some on the last days of the Great Week of the Passion.)

In lesser fasts, a *collation*, the equivalent of a sandwich or a bowl of soup can break the fast at noon, with the principal meal taken later in the evening.

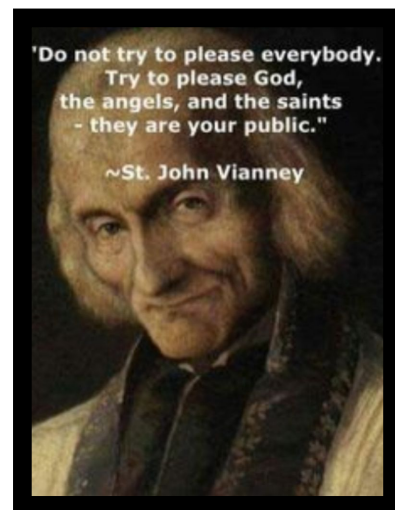
In the eastern observance, there is no fasting on Saturdays or Sundays, but even these days during a fasting season keep to the abstinence from all meat and animal products.

Classically, a fast limits our intake abstaining from animals and animal products. This means that all animal meat (and a fish is a meat in this sense) and all animal products, including milk, cheese, eggs, etc., are also forgone. Yes, the "menu" of the traditional eastern fast is essentially what we call today "vegan".

These are the general norms set as to the *quantity* of foodstuffs as well as the *quality* of foods that we allow ourselves during a fast

We must train for this form of Christian discipline; no one will take on the whole form without preparation – especially not starting out from our modern indulgent lifestyle. Nevertheless, fasting has existed from well before the time of Our Lord, was practiced by Him and His Apostles, and has been treasured by the saints throughout the centuries as one of the finest forms of discipline, victory against the devil and source of self-knowledge as we train ourselves under grace in the path of the Gospel.

Fasting clarifies the mind and strengthens the will, allowing us to correspond better to the movements of the Hidden One's grace.



PARKING LOT PAVING AND OTHER PROJECTS

Funds are always necessary to accomplish these works and ***we rely on everyone's generosity to participate in the repairs necessary to keep St. Joseph's parish plant in good shape.*** Buildings do not heal themselves, and maintenance must be constant. Even as we continue the work to finish the parking lot, among the other major works that need to be done – and have needed to be done for awhile – are repairs to both the roof of the church and that of the rectory, and painting of all the wood of the church and rectory that are exposed to elements.

We hope to get these repairs done before fall sets and another winter of damage.

Your generosity today will help us to avoid withdrawing from our working investment fund.

It is in this way, mundane and as concrete as it may be, that we all continue to contribute to the apostolic work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God in His Sacred Mysteries.

Be sure your cell phone is turned-off and silenced

Remember that the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation.

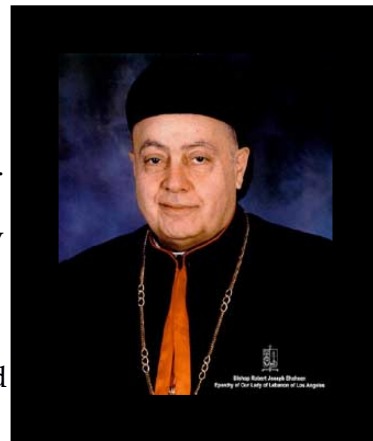
As a serious obligation, and thus under pain of mortal sin, we are to attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation and to observe them as we would a Sunday.

The Divine Qoorbono (Mass) will be offered on Tuesday, August 15th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Jude's Chapel and at 6:00 p.m. in the main church.

WE MOURN THE PASSING HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT SHAHEEN, THE FIRST AMERICAN-BORN MARONITE PRIEST AND BISHOP

We send our condolences to his family and the clergy of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, with the assurance of our prayers for him. May the Compassionate One shine His eternal light on His faithful servant.

Bishop Robert Joseph Shaheen died in St. Louis, MO on August 9. He was 80 years old, born June 3, 1937. He was the second Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and former pastor of St. Raymond Maronite Church in St. Louis, MO.



Bishop Shaheen will be buried from St. Anthony Maronite Church in Danbury, Connecticut (17 Granville Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810) on Monday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be at the St. Anthony Church from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20.

Bishop Shaheen was a native of Danbury, CT. He was ordained in the United States in 1964 and was assigned as pastor of St. Raymond's in 1967. On December 5, 2000 Pope Saint John Paul II named Bishop Shaheen the second Bishop of the Eparchy. He retired in 2013.

"We pray for the repose of his soul, and give thanks to God for all of the lives that Bishop Shaheen has touched in his extraordinary life" said Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, current bishop and successor to Bishop Shaheen.

Robert was born to Albert and Aileen Shaheen. He attended St. Peter Grammar School and Danbury High School before entering St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield in 1955, in order to study for the Latin Church. In 1958, he transferred to the Eastern Rite and St. Basil Seminary in Methuen, Massachusetts, attending classes at St. Anselm College in Goffstown, New Hampshire.

After being ordained a Subdeacon (October 2, 1962) and Deacon (June 7, 1963), Bishop Shaheen was ordained a priest by Bishop Francis Mansour Zayek on May 2, 1964, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Shortly after his ordination, he became pastor of St. Raymond's Church in St. Louis, Missouri, which had then been without a resident priest for over 20 years.

Under his leadership, St. Raymond's went from just a few faithful parishioners using a four-family apartment to a cathedral with hundreds of active families. From 1965 to 1970, he organized and celebrated Maronite Liturgies on a regular basis. He also developed newsletters, bulletins, and fliers; conducted a census to identify Maronites in the greater metropolitan area; and introduced spiritual and cultural programs, including Maronite religious education classes.

He hosted National Apostolate of Maronites Convention in 1970. Kicking-off a fund drive for new church in 1971, he later dedicated a new church in November 1975 and a new rectory in February 1977. He was ordained an archpriest in September 1978, and dedicated a new parish center "The Cedars" in November 1979.

On March 31, 1986, he was ordained a Chorbishop by Archbishop Zayek. He purchased additional property and buildings for future development as a Maronite retirement center and cultural center in 1991, and again hosted the National Apostolate of Maronites Convention in 1995.

On December 5, 2000, he was appointed Eparch of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon by Pope John Paul II, following the retirement of Our Lady of Lebanon's first bishop, John George Chedid. He was consecrated a bishop in the Saint Louis Cathedral on February 15, 2001 by Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir, the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East.

Bishop Shaheen's retirement became effective on July 10, 2013. Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, M.L.M. succeeded him as the third eparchial bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. He died in St. Louis, MO on August 9, 2017. May he rest in peace and enter the eternal Light of Paradise.

FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR AUGUST

Family sized items soups, ravioli, etc.
Juice in plastic containers
Condiments
Toilet paper

Hafl!

St. Joseph's 90th Anniversary

September 23: 6pm-12am

Table for ten: **\$300**

Single Tickets **\$40**

--- tickets will be \$25 up until August 30 ---

E-mail the parish website for ticket reservations then tickets can be purchased by placing an envelope, properly identified, in the collection. Tickets will also be sold after Masses on the weekends.

VOCATION ICON

"Request therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest." St. Matthew 9:38

Sun August 13 Mr & Mrs Hawes

Please indicate your desire (preferably by e-mail) to take the vocation icon so that we can revise the schedule.

AUGUST DEVOTIONS

Altar Bread: Available

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$2740.66

May God richly reward your generosity!

*Heal Thy servants, who are sick,
O Lord, and send them help
and comfort from Thy Holy Place*

Those for whom we pray: Jerry Fortin, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Melissa Karter, Maxine Morrisette, Paula Mitchell, Rebecca Bernard and Paul Mitchell

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Sat 12 † Eddie Atkins, Sr.
(John Sleiman)
- Sun 13 † John Sleiman
(Family in Paris)
- Mon 14 -----
- Tues 15 † Fred & Marie Zito
(Schnepf Family)
- 15 † Bishop Shaheen
(Parish of St. Joseph's)
- Wed 16 † Bishop Shaheen
(Parish of St. Joseph's)
- Thur 17 † Bishop Shaheen
(Parish of St. Joseph's)
- Fri 18 † Lester Giguere
(Ann Giguere)
- Sat 19 † Ferdinand & Antoinette Mathieu
(Dan & Pam Casavant)
- Sun 20 † George Richard
(John Sleiman)

Liturgical notes: † = Deceased, SI = Special Intention, AV = Anniversary, H = Health

READERS' SCHEDULE

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 2:17-22 St. Luke 19:1-10
August 12 Lenore Boles

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 3:1-13 St. Matthew 15:21-28
August 19 Lila Hallowel

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مباروك!

We welcome into the Maronite Catholic Church
the children baptized this week:

Alexandra Grace Harb

Simon Fraser Roy

Teak Patrick Griffin

Rose Freyja Kingsley Griffin

May God grant their parents and sponsors
both fidelity and perseverance in their tasks
of communicating and teaching these little ones
the Catholic Faith and its regular practice
into the next generation.



nyoHo' wa shounoyo' d'yoldat aloho
The Repose and Departure of the
Bearer-of-God

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Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost “B”

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Lighting of the Church: SB* p 21 #135/LB p 5
Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: SB p 32 #158
Praise to the Lord

Glory: SB p 1 #2
Glory (English)

Qolo/Hymn: 201A
Shareero

Creed p 748

Pre-Anaphora:
Transfer of Gifts: SB p 8 #108
Blessed Are You Lord

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8
Ikbal – This Pure Incense

Anaphora:
Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB p 12 #117
Gift of Peace

Communion:
This we Pray

Recessional: SB p 35 #166
Sing Out Earth and Sky

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

“You do not need many words when you pray. We believe on faith that the good and gracious God is there in the Tabernacle; we open our souls to Him, and feel happy that He allows us to come before Him. This is the best way to pray.”

St. John-Marie Vianney, Pastor & Confessor