

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16th, 2022

Welcome all visitors to the beautiful heritage of Antioch

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"For us, the men and women of the East are a symbol of the Lord Who comes again." *Oriental Lumen*, John Paul II

Qourboneh: Sunday: (Vigil, Sat. 4:30pm) Sunday Morning 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m.; Sat. 10:00a.m.
Sick Calls: To receive the Divine Eucharist and/or the Sacred Anointing, please call the rectory.
Confessions: One half-hour before the Sunday 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.
Mass Intentions: For *specific* dates requested, please submit at least **two months in advance**. Recommended stipend: \$15
Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$35; Altar Bread \$30; Sacramental Wine \$55
Catechism: Steve Crate, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Pastoral Council Chair:** Suzanne Paré
Pastoral Council Members: Suzanne Paré, *Chair*; Gayle Misner-Elias, *Secretary*; Steve Crate, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*; Matthew Stone, *Finance Committee*

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL¹ St. John 1: 35-42

And the next day, John was standing, and two of his disciples. And he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and said:
Behold, the Lamb of God!
And his two disciples heard him when he said (this), and they went after Jesus.

And Jesus turned, and saw them coming after Him, and He said to them:
What seek ye?
They said to Him:
Our Rabbi, where stayest Thou?
He said to them:
Come, and see.
And they came and saw where He lodged; and they were with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

¹ Based on The New Testament, translated from the Syriac Peshitto Version, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2001, translated by James Murdock, STD, 1893

And one of those who heard John and went after Jesus, was Andrew, the brother of Simon. He saw Simon his brother, and said to him: We have found the Messiah. And he brought him to Jesus. And Jesus looked upon him, and said: Thou art Simon the son of Jonah; thou shalt be called *Kepha*.



You will progress in understanding the Holy Scriptures only to the degree that you yourself have made progress through contact with them.
St. Gregory the Great (AD 540-604)²

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

The magnificent accomplishments of the Jesuits throughout history are undeniable. The sixteenth-century Congregation established by Saint Ignatius of Loyola has worked wonders over the centuries and was prodigious in its apostolic work for the salvation of souls. It has been a great glory to the Catholic Church.

These wonders of grace were achieved by the formation the men received, especially in the first centuries of the Company's mission. Saint Ignatius developed the fundamental formation of his associates by modeling it on his own conversion experience and leading them through the process as he lived it at Manresa. This spiritual renovation became the "Spiritual Exercises", and, as developed by Saint Ignatius, it became the cornerstone of the Jesuits.

Properly speaking, the Exercises are done in a ***Thirty-Day format***: one month of silence, prayer, penance, contemplation, conversion, and opening the spirit to the transformative charity of the Sacred Heart. The Exercises have been a monumental achievement both in the men who have followed them and in the recipients of their resulting apostolic endeavors. They worked untold wonders of grace over the centuries.

Having proven their value over five centuries by their incomparable support to those on the path of holiness, the Spiritual Exercises have been lauded by the popes of the twentieth century. Pope Pius XI dedicated an encyclical to the subject in ***Mens Nostra***.³ The same pope also established the preaching of the Exercises for the Papal Household's retreats. On the fiftieth anniversary of this encyclical, Pope John Paul II stated that "the Christian is aided by the strong dynamism of the Exercises to enter into the ambit of the thoughts of God, of His plans in order to trust in Him Who is Truth and Love, and thus to make decisions committed to the following of Christ, considering clearly his gifts and his own responsibilities".⁴

To those who may not have a full month to retreat into silence and prayer, these same Exercises can be done in a five-day format that has been tried and true for over a century. Monday through Friday, the Exercises lay the groundwork and establish the structure that aid a man not only in his ongoing conversion to the Lord, they spur him on in a more serious pursuit of holiness. They also teach him **how to pray** and how to be subtly docile in the recognition and discernment of the spirits at work in their lives and in the world, both good and evil. The Exercises encourage the Catholic to pursue wisdom and to construct his life in a better form for the future. They sustain him afterward as he re-enters the world in the midst of its noise, distractions, confusion, and disorientation.

In short, the Spiritual Exercises give a man the weapons and armor necessary to truly live the Christian life of the Gospel, to seek the glory of God with courage, and to fortify his intent upon the true development, healing, and salvation of his own soul. The Exercises set a man more firmly on

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

³ December 20, 1929

⁴ Angelus Address, December 16, 1979

an honest path to pursue goodness and virtue as goals, and to accomplish good for his neighbor – all this directed to the greater glory of God, **AMDG**.

This Spring we will make a first essay into the realm of conversion, prayer, spiritual discernment, and the pursuit of wisdom under the tutelage of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. The Exercises are open to **all men** who are **at least 18-years-old**. They are scheduled for **May 9-13**, in Biddeford, at the **Marie Joseph Retreat Center**.

Pamphlets with further information and sign-up forms are available at the entrances of the church.

With men properly leading the way along the path of the Gospel (as God has created the sons of Adam to do) traversing the path of grace in triumph and without fear, we can look forward to great things in the future under the providential guidance of the Hidden Father.

Trusting that this experiment will be a success, we will organize the same Exercises for women next year.

Take up the challenge, men, enter Manresa, and become the men of God that you are called to be. You will never regret the decision.

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

II Cor 4: 5-15 St. John 1: 35-42

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

Gal 3: 23-39 St. John 3: 1-16



VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Jan	16	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Jan	23	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Jan	30	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	Feb	6	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Feb	13	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Feb	19	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Feb	26	Chris & Diane Wyder

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$1,709.00

(Budget Deficit 2022: \$1,570.00)⁵

Next Special Collection will be on **January 23rd**:
United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities
*(This combines four collections:
 Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America,
 the Church in Africa, and the Catholic Relief Services.)*

An additional **\$000.00** has come in this week
 toward the needed construction collection of
\$39,000.00.⁶

Second Sunday each month is a second collection
 to cover our **monthly fuel-oil costs**.

*Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this
 parish through regular contributions.*

⁵ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00/Deficit 2021: \$35,178.00

⁶ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently **\$15,310.00**. This lengthy collection

is being made to cover the needed **building maintenance projects**, estimated at \$60,000.00.

A heartfelt “thank you” for your generosity to the pastor this Christmas season, for all the Masses, prayers, novenas offered, gift cards, books, baked goods, citrus, gifts, food, more gifts, and, well, even more food – this kindness is all the more noteworthy, appreciated, and outstanding in these difficult times.



May the Unending Dawn and Fragrance of Creation illumine your days and raise up your spirits into His radiant light all throughout this new year of grace!

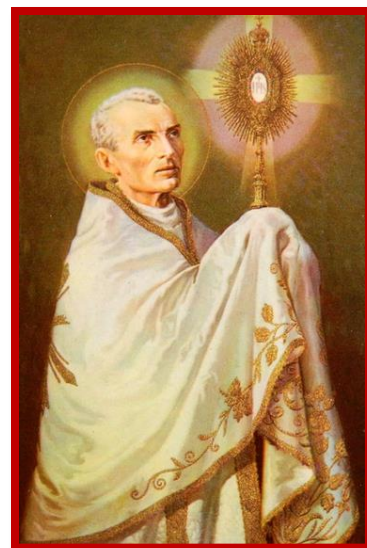
The altar candles for this month have been donated in memory of **Tom Ferris** by **Dame Fefa**



May he receive light, peace, and joy in the fulness of the Kingdom

Discover the intimacy of grace and the workings of the Sacred Heart in Eucharistic Adoration at the **Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 101 Silver Street, Waterville.**

Open seven days a week, **7:00am** until **6:00pm**, with Eucharistic Exposition. Come freely, or call **872-7072** to choose a regular hour for your adoration time.



!مُحَمَّدًا خَلِّجْهُ! :Priest

Shlomoh l'koulkhoun!

(literally: Peace [be] to all you!)

!هَؤُلَاءِ وَكُنْ! :People

W'am rouHoh deelokh!

(literally: and with spirit your!)

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun 16 9:00am For the Members of the Parish

11:00am †Georgette Reny
(Suzanne Paré)

Mon 17 -----

Tue 18 †Joan Gottardi
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)

Wed 19 †James Dixon
(Pam & Dan Casavant)

Thu 20 †Edmond & Lucille Paré
 (Suzanne Paré)
 Fri 21 †Buster Burger
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 Sat 22 †Scott Ryan
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 Sunday Vigil, 4:30 *Private Intention*
 Sun 23 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
 11:00am †Joe & Rachel Salazar
 (Suzanne Paré)
 Mon 24 -----
 Tue 25 †Muriel Vigue
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 Wed 26 †Charles Blake
 Thu 27 †Darrell Mitchell
 (Donna-Jo Mitchell)
 Fri 28 Emily Carlisi
 (Gombojav Family)
 Sat 29 †Mary Bellamah
 (Paul & Stephen Maroon)
 Sunday Vigil, 4:30 *Private Intention*
 Sun 30 9:00am For the Members of the Parish
 11:00am †Joseph & Ruth Bellamah
 (Paul & Stephen Maroon)
 Mon 31 -----
 Tue 1 †Bernard Thomas
 (Nicole & Michelle)
 Wed 2 †Violet Elhilow
 (Paul & Stephen Maroon)
 Thu 3 †Wayne Thomas
 (Pam & Dan Casavant)
 Fri 4 †Albert & Rose Bellamah
 (Paul & Stephen Maroon)

Grant them health, and raise them up
 from their illness, and make them
 to have perfect health of body and soul
 and strengthen them in spirit;
 for Thou art our Savior and Benefactor,
 the Lord of lords and Weaver of crowns,
 Thou art Lord and King of all. Amen

Those for whom we pray: Christian Disuag, Daja
 Gombojav, Maureen Martin, Fr. Bill Bartoul,
 Margaret Mae Lambert, Mary Theresa Huebner,
 Mary Morin, Larry Grard, Sarah Grace Misner-
 Elias, Catherine Mandel, Cindy Elias, David
 Bourque, Barbara Joseph, Madeleine Dombroski,
 Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Richard Karter, Lolo
 Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those
 who may suffer from illness, disease, want, or
 depression.



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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Lighting of the Church: LB* p 5
Jesus Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeHo natareh* 81B

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *bo'outho d'mor ya'qoub*
(Epiphany) 82

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns (Epiphany)*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *iqbal*

ANAPHORA:

Saint Peter, Chief of the Apostles: p 774

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Bread of Life; Salatokee*

Recessional: SB *We three Kings*

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

January 16th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/I. Misner-Elias

January 23rd:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

January 30th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/L. Michaud

February 6th:

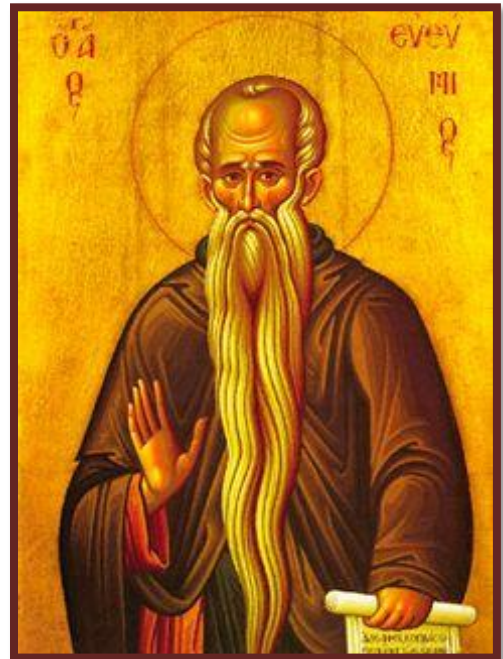
9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/ S. Nappi

February 13th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/S. Nappi

February 20th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: S. Nappi/I. Misner-Elias



Saint Euthymius the Great

January 20th