

# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Genealogy Sunday

**December 19, 2021**

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."* Orientale 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

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## This Day's Gospel<sup>1</sup>

### St. Matthew 1: 1-17

The book of the nativity Jesus the Messiah, the Son of David, Son of Abraham.

Abraham begat Isaac: Isaac begat Jacob: Jacob begat Judah and his brothers:

Judah begat Pharez and Zara of Tamar: Pharez

begat Hezron: Hezron begat Ram:

Ram begat Aminadab: Aminadab begat

Nahshon: Nahshon begat Salmon:

Salmon begat Boaz of Rahab: Boaz begat Obed of Ruth: Obed begat Jesse:

Jesse begat David the king: David begat

Solomon of the wife of Uriah:

Solomon begat Rehoboam: Rehoboam begat

Abia: Abia begat Asa:

Asa begat Jehoshaphat: Jehoshaphat begat

Joram: Joram begat Uzziah:

Uzziah begat Jotham: Jotham begat Ahaz:

Ahaz begat Hezekiah:

Hezekiah begat Manasseh: Manasseh begat

Amon: Amon begat Josiah:

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

Josiah begat Jeconiah and his brothers, in the captivity of *Babel*.  
 And after the captivity of *Babel*, Jeconiah begat Salathiel: Salathiel begat Zerubbabel:  
 Zerubbabel begat Abiud: Abiud begat Eliakim:  
 Eliakim begat Azor:  
 Azor begat Zadok: Zadok begat Achim:  
 Achim begat Eliud:  
 Eliud begat Eleazar: Eleazar begat Matthan:  
 Matthan begat Jacob:  
 Jacob begat Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born *Yeshu'*, Who is called the *Msheeho*.

All the generations, therefore, are, from Abraham to David fourteen generations, and from David to the captivity of Babylon fourteen generations, and from the captivity of Babylon to the Messiah fourteen generations.



*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)<sup>2</sup>**

## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

Grace and faith, and their radiance, are grounds of peace in the Catholic life. Those who are recipients of grace are not agitated, volatile, and possessive, as their lives become more deeply grafted into the immutable Eternal One.

Education is first and foremost about transferring great gifts and stability for the well-being and excellence of another in formation. When we

objectify and understand better this truth – removing “you” and “mine” in a possessive sense from the equation – education becomes clearly more beneficial and fruitful to those who are being instructed and more serene on the part of the educators. The teacher transmits a gift greater than herself, and she cannot force conviction.

As the human person is created and graced in the likeness of the Word Incarnate, all human education and formation must be influenced in some way by grace and the healing light of the Faith.

*Every method of education founded, wholly or in part, on the denial or forgetfulness of original sin and of grace, and relying on the sole powers of human nature, is unsound.....*

Even in education the apostolic effort must be ordered toward healing, restoration, and re-integration of human life, along with its familial, social, and public condition within God, in a word, schooling cannot be “neutral” as it too must be ordered toward “salvation”, noting that its first goal is not “victory”, but conversion of heart.

*For the love of Our Savior Jesus Christ, therefore We implore pastors of souls, by every means in their power, by instructions and catechisms, by word of mouth and written articles widely distributed, to warn Christian parents of their grave obligations.*

For these reasons Carol Robinson is so insistent on the coordination of efforts among Catholic students especially on the campuses of non-Catholic schools.

**Catholic Action** is an organization of the laity within the Church to develop the charism they have each received in Chrismation. It is principally a lay organization, but one that is coordinated with the sacerdotal hierarchy of the Church. It brings strength and encouragement to the individual Catholic in his zeal. Rather than a haphazard and occasional accomplishment of the works of mercy done by individuals, Catholic Action supports, aids, and directs this work in all walks of life as a body of mutual support within the Christ as Body.

<sup>2</sup> Homily 1.7.8 “on Ezechiel”

Catholic Action meets regularly to report on one's work, the progress of the chapter, and to aid one another mutually in the apostolate.

Consecrating itself under the protection of the most holy Mother of God, **The Legion of Mary** makes flourish the grace of Chrismation by placing all zeal within her pure hands, and from her immaculate heart derives support and the perseverance necessary to accomplish the works of God, among which might be visiting the sick, contacting lapsed Catholics, instructing the ignorant, and so on.

*From this it follows that the so-called  
"neutral" or "lay" school,  
from which religion is excluded,  
is contrary to the fundamental principles of  
education.  
Such a school moreover cannot exist  
in practice; it is bound to become irreligious.<sup>3</sup>*

There is strength in numbers, and mutual support makes the Body of Christ even more vigorous in its life. Members of Christ who are divided among themselves come to nothing and they scandalize those outside the Church. Many left in isolation from the stability of the Mystical Body weaken in faith, languish, and then wither and die. This is the condition of the Catholic in a "secular" world.

Unity, collaboration, and cooperative spirit, were chosen by our Lord as indicators of His veracity, and the great sign and proof of His divine mission of redemption. It is easier to be good and pursue virtue when we know that others do the same, and that they are there to help us.

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# The Problem of the Newman Club<sup>4</sup>

*September 1949*

*by Carol Robinson*

## Continuation of last week's *Integrity* article

### Part III

#### The Primacy of Charity

The best attitude to take toward the enemies of the Faith in secular colleges is this: no matter how much they blaspheme, no matter how terrible their errors are, no matter how virulently anti-Catholic they seem, they do all these things chiefly out of ignorance of the Faith.

The main reason for assuming such an attitude is that it is almost always true, and where it isn't true the attitude of charity will still be appropriate.

If this attitude is taken it will prevent zealous students from fighting on the wrong plane. It is a good thing to know all the errors which are going around campus, and to keep Catholic students from being contaminated by them in so far as possible (by keeping, for instance, a list of the more harmful and less harmful teachers and steering Catholic students accordingly), but it is not a good thing to start a vicious sort of warfare on the level of mutual vituperation. It brings out the worst in the Catholics and often hardens non-Catholics in positions which they formerly held only superficially.

One thing which will help clarify a lot is the primary apostolic orientation of the Newman Club. Students who see themselves as the bearers of light are much more apt to be gracious than students who see themselves as a persecuted minority.

#### The Sick at Heart

Everything conspires in our world and on our campuses to hide the tragedy which lies just under the surface of people's lives. Our adolescents are sick at heart, especially the "pagan" ones. Nearly all of them come from broken or unhappy homes. They are confused. They have no one to confide in, no way of getting rid of the guilt of their accumulated sins. They have no vision and no goal (which is the main reason they are frantic for pleasure). Above all, their hearts ache for God because they were made for God. They are all in process of messing up their lives, just at the time when their lives should be full of promise and hope.

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<sup>3</sup> All citations are from Pope Pius XI, On Christian Education, *Divini Illius Magistri*, December 31, 1929

<sup>4</sup> This essay is taken from Thy Faith hath Made Thee Whole, available from **Arouca Press**

Newmanites should concentrate on this tragedy, which they know is just below the surface, rather than on the hard and seemingly happy surface. Their attitude should be one of compassionate kindness and respect. With charity they can break through the surface to the suffering on a thousand little occasions, especially if they are sincere about their own love of God, their own weakness and suffering and need of prayer. Catholics must stop pretending that they too are deliriously happy with the coke-and-drug-store world of Hollywood and college campuses. By admitting to depth they will attract those who long to extend their roots into the world of grace.

### Chaplains Need Lay Assistance

All the above may seem highly theoretical, but actually it flows easily into practice, once the central idea is grasped.

The most important person is the chaplain, but that does not mean that chaplain has to carry everything himself. The strongest criticism which can be made of chaplains who are otherwise admirably suited to Newman Club work, is that they try to do everything themselves, thus limiting their effectiveness to their own intellectual and physical resources, while the students remain unformed for leadership, initiative and responsibility. On any campus the work of the Newman Club lies far beyond the capabilities of one or two, or even a score of chaplains. The situation is parallel to that of the parish. If parish priests work themselves to death and yet leave untouched the bulk of their missionary work, they are not doing an intelligent job because they could reach out much further and much more effectively if they planned their attack with the use of responsible lay people.

For instance, as in the parish so in the Newman Club, it would be very wise to divert a handful of members into a Legion of Mary *praesidium*, which would in an organized way work to uncover and retrieve lapsed Catholics, or would undertake to sell or distribute Catholic literature, or start a Catholic library — certainly essential activities.

Or again, a Catholic Action cell is a very good formation center for leaders, an excellent way of the chaplain's getting first-hand accurate information on campus morals and doctrines, and potentially furnishes a group which could take over certain activities — including social.

The chaplain who would encourage these two groups would be tremendously rewarded, at a great economy of his time for they together would take only two meetings and one session with a Catholic Action leader a week. Of course, both groups would bring lapsed Catholics and

prospective converts to the chaplain, and so keep him busy, but at his proper priestly duties.

Both the Legion and Catholic Action (Y.C.S.) would be autonomous groups, of course, and not comprehended by the Newman Club. But the club could foster and house them and the chaplain would pretty much have to chaplain them too, and could so integrate all the campus activities.

*To be continued.*

### SCHEDULE OF READINGS

#### GENEALOGY SUNDAY

December 19, 2021

**Rom 1: 1-12**

**St. Matthew 1: 1-17**

#### FELICITATIONS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

December 26, 2021

**Eph 1: 3-14**

**St. Luke 1: 46-55**

### VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Dec	<b>19</b>	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	Dec	<b>26</b>	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	Jan	<b>1</b>	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	Jan	<b>9</b>	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Jan	<b>16</b>	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	Jan	<b>23</b>	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	Jan	<b>30</b>	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar

The Giving Tree is up for a short time, so please take note and choose a card to help those in need. This year there are two beneficiaries of your generosity: **The Family Violence Project** and the **Home for Little Wanderers**. Each gift card has a list of options/ suggestions to guide you. Please place your gifts around the tree before December 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, or to schedule a weekday drop-off, contact Ruth Lunn, [rlunn6452@gmail.com](mailto:rlunn6452@gmail.com).





## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

**Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,264.00**

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$32,074.00)<sup>5</sup>

**An additional \$000.00 has come in this week toward the needed construction collection of \$39,000.00.<sup>6</sup>**

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

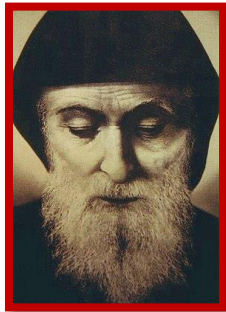
*Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this parish through regular contributions.*

## Think about your *Christmas Giving opportunities!*

Tell your friends and family of the wonders of the Maronite tradition through her saints. We still have available Chorbishop Eid's wonderful introduction to **Saint Sharbel**, now updated and in its fourth edition.

Chorbishop Joseph Eid was Vice-Postulator for the Beatification of Mar Sharbel, and originally he wrote this work to introduce the great hermit to an American audience.

This book is available online at the **parish website** and from the **sacristy** directly after Mass.



**Brand-new beautiful hardcover edition, with dust jacket, only \$25**

## The Life-giving Cross

Please, take notice of our present protocols:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whichever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are one Family of God and one Body of Christ.
- 2.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 3.) Wearing a face-mask is **recommended** for all those indoors.
- 4.) As discussed in pastoral council meetings, in order to bring greater security and peace of mind, the **doors** will be **locked** and secured at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 5.) Hand sanitizers remain available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 6.) The canonical and serious obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays has now been restored for all the Catholics of Maine.
- 7.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish to **remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but out of **respect** for the House of God and **charity** to one's neighbor **all are asked not to linger, socialize, or visit within the church**. If one wishes to visit, please do so outside or in the parish hall.

## Holyday Schedules

*For the Holy Days of Obligation of the Glorious Nativity of our Lord*

## Christmas Eve

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass: 9:00am**

**Ramsho of Christmas: 3:30pm**

**Vigil Mass of Christmas: 4:30pm**

<sup>5</sup> Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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# Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass: 10:00am

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**NB:** There will be no Ramsho, nor Sunday Vigil Christmas afternoon.

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## Felicitations to the Ever-Virgin Mary

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Masses: 9:00am & 11:00am

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*

### INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sun 19 9:00am For the Members of the Parish  
11:00am †Adolf Veilleux Family  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Mon 20 -----
- Tue 21 †All the Faithful Departed  
(Mary Nicholas)
- Wed 22 Special Intentions  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 23 Special Intentions  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 24 Michael Eagan, Jr.  
(Michael Eagan)  
  
Vigil of the Glorious Birth of our Lord  
4:30pm *Private Intention*
- Sat 25 For the Members of the Parish
- Sun 26 9:00am For the Members of the Parish  
11:00am †Joseph & Mary Smus  
(Paula, David, & Patricia)
- Mon 27 -----
- Tue 28 †Darrell Mitchell  
(Donna-Jo Mitchell)
- Wed 29 Special Intentions  
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Thu 30 †Abbot William  
(Abouna)
- Fri 31 William Eagan  
(Michael Eagan)  
  
Vigil of the Circumcision of our Lord  
4:30pm *Private Intention*
- Sat 1 For the Members of the Parish
- Sun 2 9:00am For the Members of the Parish  
11:00am Mike & Gayle Misner-Elias  
(Sarah Grace Misner-Elias)
- Mon 3 -----
- Tue 4 †Abbot William
- Wed 5 †Michael Ralston  
(Daja Gombojav)  
  
Vigil of the Epiphany of our Lord  
4:30pm *For the members of the parish*

Thu 6 Alyssa Evans  
(Daja Gombojav)

Fri 7 †Malcolm Spencer  
(Badiha Spencer)

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:** Fr. William Bartoul,  
Gayle Misner-Elias, Margaret Mae Lambert, Jodie  
LaChance, 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.

## Genealogy Sunday

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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *ehnono noohro shareero* 68A

**Glory:** SB *al majdu*

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB *b'safro sale doneeyel* 69

Creed p 748

**PRE-ANAPHORA:**

**Transfer of Gifts:** LB *The Lord Reigns*

**Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *iqbal*

**ANAPHORA:**

**Saint John, the Apostle:** p 815

**Sign of Peace:** SB *tou ba*

**Communion:** SB *Your Body is Our Food; Arsal Allah*

**Recessional:** SB *O Come, O Come*

## SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

### December 19<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/L. Michaud

### December 26<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/ S. Nappi

### January 2<sup>nd</sup>:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/S. Nappi

### January 9<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: S. Nappi/I. Misner-Elias

### January 16<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/I. Misner-Elias

### January 23<sup>rd</sup>:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi



! مَكْمَا حَفْلَكْه :Priest

*Shlomoh l'koulkhoun!*

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

! هَحْمَرُ وَهَمَا وَحُرَا :People

*W'am rouHoh deelokh!*

(literally: and with spirit your!)

## The Nativity Fast

*December 15-23<sup>rd</sup> inclusively*

As we were reminded by our Patriarch in his recent Lenten Letters, it is our tradition to fast in preparation for the great feasts, and all are encouraged to do so faithfully, *par.* 25:

*This fast is known as "The Fast of the Nativity", during which the faithful abstain from eating meat, dairy products, and eggs, from December 16<sup>th</sup> and ends December 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**NB for the faithful in the USA, who celebrate Christmas Eve much as Christmas, the dates are 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December inclusively.**

We are reminded in *paragraph* 21 of the same letter that "a fast" is **to go without all foods from midnight to noon**, after which we abstain from animal flesh and almost all animal products – this is most similar to a "vegan" diet as one would call it these days.

When a fast day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday (as will be the case this year on December 18-19<sup>th</sup>) one can eat as they wish throughout the day, but should still abstain from all animal flesh and animal products.

These observances are **for all who have attained the age of the use of reason**, *par.* 22.

## Solemn Blessing to close the Liturgies of Mass during Christmas Weekend:

O Compassionate and Merciful God,  
as You accepted the offerings of the Fathers  
of the Old and New Covenants,  
accept this Holy Sacrifice,  
which we have offered and bestow:

forgiveness to sinners,  
(Cong: **Amen** after each petition)

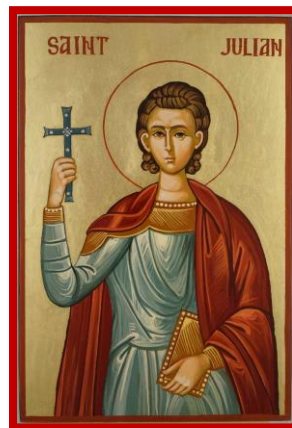
bread to the poor,  
health to the sick,  
hope to the brokenhearted,  
consolation to the depressed,  
rest to the dead,  
freedom to the imprisoned,  
companionship to travelers,  
protection, guidance, and unity  
to Your Holy Church.

Guide the religious and civic leaders of this  
world, and remove from it, all hatred,  
indifference, trials, and afflictions  
so that all nations may live  
in peace and harmony.

Forgive the shortcomings of this community,  
and of all mankind,  
through the intercession  
of Mary, Mother of the Light,  
of our holy Father Saint Maron,  
and of all the saints:

† Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen**



Saint Julian  
Martyr

December 21<sup>st</sup>