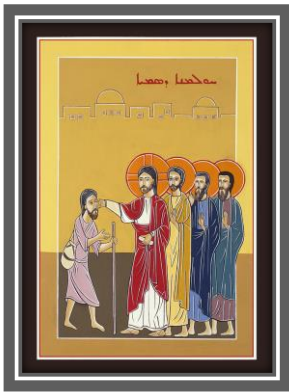
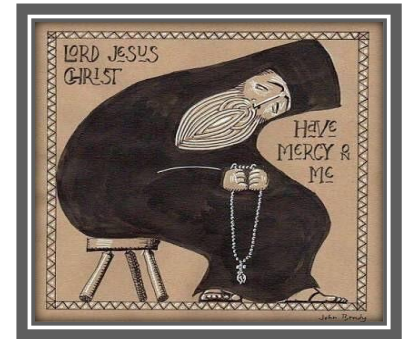


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



The Healing of the Blind Man

Hosanna Week



April 7, 2019

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." *Oriente Lumen*, John Paul II

- Qoorboneh (Masses):** 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.
- Mass Intentions:** For *specific* dates requested, please submit at least **two months in advance**. Recommended stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15
- Monthly Memorials:** Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

Catechists: Lenore Boles, *Director & K-1st*; Shana Page, 3-5th **Choir Director:** Dame Fefa Marie Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Lisa Grand **Ex-officio Council Members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Shana Page, *Rosary Sodality*

TODAY'S EPISTLE II Corinthians 10: 1-7

Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ – I who am lowly when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent – I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to the flesh. For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, for the weapons of our battle are not flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses.

We destroy arguments and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete. Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we.



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

The *rule* of all virtue will be the imitation
of the charity of God,
such as it is reflected in the life of His beloved Son.¹

Mind and spirit: these are the bases upon which grace flourishes. Teachings and the Gospel are only intelligent guideposts; the true work of redemption lies in the collaboration with grace. As Saint Paul reminds us, we may live in this world but the instruments of our struggle are not worldly but transcendent, we are penetrated by the power of the Omnipotent One. For the same reasons our Christian lives are both difficult² and guaranteed to succeed if only we embrace the Light.

The closer we enter into life-giving union with our Lord, the better we introduce the understanding of His ways (mind) and His redemptive grace (spirit and body) into our lives. Prayer is of course one of these contact points - and the one most available every day to each of us - while the Divine Mysteries are the irreplaceable, fundamental and necessary path to divine knowledge. Baptism, Chrismation, Penance, and Eucharist are all required for one to imitate the love of God as it has been shown to us in the life of His Beloved Son.

Great IQ is not required, but docility is, and effort even more so. Moments of quiet and reflection are vitally essential to hearing the divine Voice. Hopefully, we have acquired a greater discipline for silence over these last weeks, a deeper spirit of prayer, and with even greater hope we desire this disposition to remain with us well beyond the celebration of Peschoh.

God will not transform us without us. We note that illuminative grace crushes our illusions and destroys the worldly pretension thrown up by those around us, those facile arguments with which the world

thinks itself so clever. Both inwardly and outwardly the Christian life is lived, or it is not lived at all. When we do not live fully the life of grace we die spiritually. No longer living, mortally wounded by sin, negligent of grace and the Gospel, that person enters death already dead.

Let us be among the living: grace-filled, beloved, ascetic and reciprocating in the love of divine charity.

Catechesis

The *Adult Religion Course* will run through to the end of May. **Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	Apr 7	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Apr 14	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Apr 21	Larry & Lisa Gard
Sat	Apr 27	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	May 5	Chris & Diane Wyder

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

April 7, 2019

II Cor 10: 1-7 St. Mark 10: 46-52

HOSANNA SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

Phil 1: 1-13 St. John 12: 12-22

UNPLANNED the Movie

Bishop Gregory has asked all the parishes to put notice in our bulletins of a new film that has come out. It covers the experience of one of the principal

¹ From Charity and Liberty by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

² II Timothy 1: 8

directors in Planned Parenthood who came to understand that the “fetus” is as much a baby as the one you have carried in your arms.

Although the drama that surrounds an unexpected pregnancy can be horrendous, and the circumstances warrant individual considerations and serious application to correct socially and financially – and all these corrections must be inspired by supernatural faith and charity – we also know from the writings of Saint Paul that God’s revelation clarifies the great philosophical question about goals: the “end does not justify the means”.³ Situations are not more important than an innocent human life.

This movie, **UNPLANNED**, is the inspiring true story of one woman’s journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved thousands of abortions. Her passion surrounding a woman’s “right to choose” even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading her to join her former enemies at 40 Days-For-Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

The movie can change hearts and minds. Please view the movie. For more information, tickets, theater reservation, you can check <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>

In consideration of the grave difficulties surrounding “‘unwanted’ pregnancy” – such as the modern collapse of family structure and loss of communal support that once assisted the healthy entrance of babies into the world – we must ever repeat: the baby in question is not the central “problem” and its destruction is not an acceptable “solution”. The “termination” of a baby *in utero* is intrinsically evil, completely unacceptable, and a perverse means toward what would then necessarily become a questionable end.

As some seem confused about this, **it is essential to repeat that abortion, the deliberate killing of an unborn child, is gravely sinful** and remains even

today **a sin that is cause for *excommunication ipso facto* from the Church.**

Excommunication means that the guilty person is **severed from the life** of the Catholic Church and **can no longer receive the Sacraments or its intercessions** until such time as the sin is **confessed**, properly **absolved**, and **penance** is received.

Grave turmoil weighing on the parents -- whether of familial collapse, poverty, health, or the inability to rear this specific child – are all *settings* surrounding the life of the child in question. They are *circumstances*, and as such they do not outweigh the intrinsic value of a human life. The considerations may be serious, and they should be dealt with in charitable and fitting ways, but the death of an innocent can *never* be chosen as means to an end.

All of us should be clear on the gravity of this sin, and the severe penalty imposed on it by the Church. One *cannot in good conscience* be both a good Christian and *support the killing* of the unborn. A Catholic cannot be what is called “pro-choice”.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

Regular Collection: \$1415.00

Please remember that our *Lenten Assessment* is **\$4000.00**. (\$1730 has been contributed thus far)

Blessed be the Merciful One Who gives us the ability to sustain this apostolate.

Sharin’ of the Green Winners!

Ida, Letourneau, \$25; Paula Mitchell, \$150

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all who contributed to this springtime fundraiser.

³ Romans 3: 8, 6: 1 and Catechism of the Catholic Church 1761

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	6	†Charles Owen (the Parish)
Sun	7	For the members of the Parish
Mon	8	-----
Tue	9	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	10	Private intention (Badiha Spencer) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	11	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	12	†Gerald Fortin -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	13	†Charles Owen -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	14	†Paul and Charlene LaVerdiere (Audrey Yotides)
Mon	15	-----
Tue	16	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	17	†Don Poirier (Jeanne Thomas) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	18	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	19	Private intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	20	†Charles Owen -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	21	For the members of the Parish
Mon	22	-----
Tue	23	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	24	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	25	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	26	Private intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

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 the Savior and Benefactor,
the Lord of lords and Weaver of crowns,
Thou art Lord and King of all. Amen

Those for whom we pray: Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, and Beverly Rideout.

APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FOOD BANK

Family sized items: stews, ravioli, jiffy mixes, condiments, toilet paper and personal care items. Please place these items in the box near the church's Appleton Street entrance.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *shareero* 123

Glory: SB *al rahmna*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *bo'outho* 124 (*learn*)

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint Peter, Chief of the Apostles: LB p 774

Sign of Peace: SB *Open your eyes*

Communion: SB *O Lord, I am not worthy; O Father of Truth*

Recessional: SB *The Lamb*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Choir Rehearsal for this Sacred Season

Thursday 6:00 pm.
April 11th

BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS

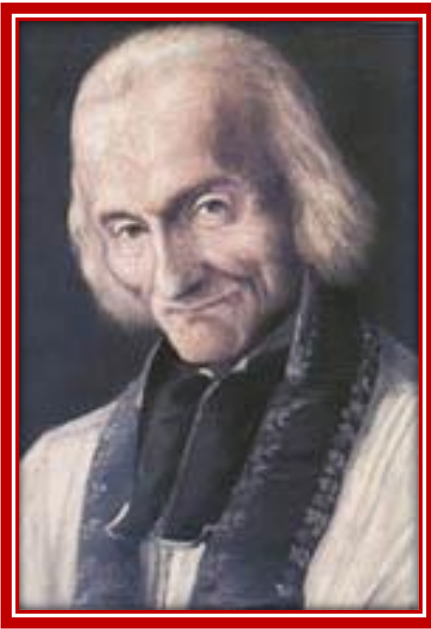
preceded by Stations,
will take place on **Fridays** of Lent at **6:30 pm.**

Specifics for the Great fast as directed by the Patriarch

- A.) Ash Monday and the First Week of Great Lent and Great Week of the Passion and especially Great and Holy Friday of the Crucifixion through to noon on Saturday are Days of Fast and Abstinence for all 18-60.
- B.) *All from the age of reason onward are obliged to follow the abstinence from all meat products on these fast days even if they are strictly not obliged to fast. On all other weekdays, Monday-Friday, one is encouraged to observe the ancient traditions and fasts.*
- C.) All Fridays throughout the year are required days of fast and abstinence from all meat and animal products.

QUANTITY: *In our tradition, the fast means no food whatsoever between midnight and noon, only water and medication are permitted. Following noon, only one meal proper is eaten within the next twelve hours, although a second "collation", a "snack", during the remaining time is permitted to sustain strength (this is the equivalent of about two/three ounces of food).*

QUALITY: *Also, in our eastern tradition, the days of fast are in practice vegan, that is, no animal products, no meat, no seafood, no meat products, no dairy, no eggs, nor dairy products are to be eaten.*



Saint John-Marie Vianney (1786-1859) *Patron of Parish Priests*

The Shrine of Ars, France, has entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the relic of Saint John-Marie Vianney's *incorrupt heart* for a national pilgrimage in the United States.

On Tuesday, **April 23rd**, from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**, this relic will be exposed for public veneration, recollection and prayer in the *Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*, located at **307 Congress Street** in **Portland**.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, visit, www.kofc.org/en/events/vianney.html.

Coffee Schedule

Apr 7	Dale Sturtevant, Elizabeth Wilson
Apr 14	<i>Hosanna Sunday</i> , Breads & Pastries
Apr 21	<i>Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection</i>
Apr 28	Lauraine Mansur, Ruth Lunn

Great and Holy Week of the Passion

Hosanna Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

4:00 Vigil Alohoyo Qourbonoh

10:00 Liturgy of Blessing of Palms and Procession, Alohoyo Qourbonoh

6:30 Liturgy of Coming into the Harbor

Great and Holy Monday and Tuesday

9:00 Alohoyo Qourbonoh

Great and Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday)

9:00 Alohoyo Qourbonoh

6:30 Healing Liturgy of the Rite of the Lamp

Holy Thursday of the Great Mysteries (Maundy Thursday)

6:30 Alohoyo Qourbonoh and Adoration of the Divine and Sacred Mysteries

Great and Holy Friday of the Crucifixion (Good Friday)

12:00 noon Liturgy of the Signing of the Chalice
-- Please bring your **flowers** for the Tomb of Our Lord

6:30 Crucifixion and Burial of Our Lord God and Savior

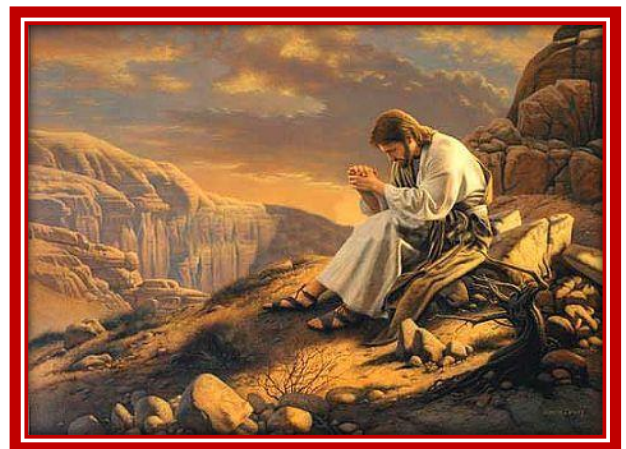
Great and Holy Saturday of the Light

12:00 noon Service of Forgiveness

Pesach, the Most Holy and Glorious Resurrection

4:00 Vigil Alohoyo Qourbonoh

10:00 Alohoyo Qourbonoh and Blessing with the Icon



*Friday, April 12th
the Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness*