

# Renewal of the Church

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## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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*"The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church"*

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

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

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### **THIS DAY'S GOSPEL: John 10:22-42**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense?

If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not

belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one." The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?"

The Jews answered, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy,

because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.” Jesus answered, “*Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’ — and the scripture cannot be annulled — can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.*”

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there.

Many came to him, and they were saying, “John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.



## **ABOUNA’S REFLECTIONS**

### **Death, a supported departure: the preparation Part IV**

*Shlomô l’baitô hono!*<sup>1</sup> with this greeting a priest enters a house. From the days when Our Lord sent His disciples out to prepare His arrival, these words have echoed down through the ages. *Shlomô*: peace, wellbeing, wholeness, health. What

more could one wish upon another? Thus it is to this day when a priest brings the Holy Mysteries to the flock of Christ. As an apostle of the Savior, the presbyter brings the peace of Christ that is intrinsic to the sacred priesthood, and when he comes bearing the divine and substantial reality of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist to distribute in Holy Communion to the sick or housebound this *shlomô* penetrates the household and establishes it even more firmly.

How are we to receive this divine peace and sacred presence?

As often can happen, without periodic reminders, we can easily forget what details there are that surround our Christian lives. Please bear with me as we consider what we are to do when receiving Christ, our Lord, into our homes.

Catholics have always enriched their lives with what the Church calls *sacramentals*: objects blessed as channels of grace such as rosaries, holy water, blessed palms, etc. As the eternal One of all Holiness chose to appear among men as Man, and as He made it a point to manifest Himself in visible flesh, so it is that the Church blesses and enriches its life by the blessing of objects and foods to act as tangible manifestations of grace. These things demonstrate our fundamental belief that the Hidden One chose to manifest Himself historically in a visible manner. From that moment, time and all visible reality began to participate in a renewed creation. Anything not used for sin can be blessed and sanctified so that its usage becomes a channel of grace, blessing and thanksgiving. Candles, rosaries, holy water and palms we know, but clothing, flowers and even the bed linens of the sick can be blessed and sanctified.

There has always been the custom to keep blessed candles in our homes for use in prayer, especially when there is a member of the family who is sick or dying. The candle’s light and warmth are natural reminders to us of the divine light and fire of divine charity with which we are touched by God’s compassion. We should remember that this, and along with rosaries and holy water, we should keep at least a small supply of blessed candles in our homes.

<sup>1</sup> Saint Luke 10; 5. “Peace be to this house.”

Preparation is needed when we receive the Most Blessed Sacrament into our homes. It is, after all, Christ Himself Who comes among us. TVs, stereos



and all noise, music and commotion should be silenced. At least in the vicinity of the one being visited, silence should reign, prayerful and churchlike. The priest arriving with the Blessed

Sacrament is met at the door with a lighted candle. When he enters he will bring the peace of Christ, "*Shlomô l'baitô hono.*" The one greeting the priest then escorts him and shows him to the room of the sick person.

In this room there should be setup a small "altar", that is, a clean table where the Blessed Sacrament can be placed and, for Anointing, the holy oils when necessary. This table to receive Our Lord should be covered by a clean white cloth. On it there should be a crucifix and two candles – much like an altar – along with a small cup of water (for the purification of the priests' fingers after Holy Communion is distributed) and holy water. The water used in the ablutions will be poured out on the ground after the ceremony.

If the sick person is to be anointed in the Mystery of Anointing, then there should also be four/six cotton balls, a small slice of bread and, when possible, a slice of lemon or a small amount of lemon juice. This may seem unusual, but the lemon juice is used to cut the sacred oils left on the priest's fingers and the bread absorbs it all afterward. Both these items, the cotton and the bread, the priest will take with him when he leaves and they will be burned and properly disposed of at a later time. Ideally, a small empty dish can act to receive these items during the ceremony once they are used.

This photo shows how all this should look. Of course, if Holy Communion is the only thing for the visit that is to be done, then the white covered

table, holy water, crucifix, small cup of water and two candles are the only things necessary.

Perhaps to some, this may all seem burdensome, but the observance of these types of details shows (and develops and forms) a properly religious spirit devoted to Our Lord and His sacred Mysteries. Every Catholic home should have these items reserved and prepared for the eventual visits of the priest and the Holy Mysteries.

There are crucifixes available in religious goods stores and suppliers that can be bought that hold within themselves the minimal necessary to properly setup for what is called a "sick-call" – when the Blessed Sacrament is brought to the invalid for Holy Communion. The face of the



crucifix slides off and the back acts as a box that holds two candles, holy water and cotton. The crucifix itself is set into the

slotted box to stand upright and the arms of the cross contain holders for the two candles.

May the Compassionate and Merciful One fill us all with a spirit of piety and devotion that allows us to stand in reverent awe before the divine realities within which we are allowed to act, receive and touch. To receive the Incarnate God within our homes is a divine gift not given to all on earth.

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

**Regular Collection: \$2,364.00**

#### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY IS THE FUEL COLLECTION

*Blessed be the Hidden One Who gives us the ability  
to sustain the apostolate of our Savior*

#### ROSARY SODALITY MEETING

THE ROSARY SODALITY WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY AT  
11:30 IN THE CHURCH HALL.

### FOOD BANK NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER

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

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### VOCATION ICON

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

Sat	November 11	Audrey Yotides
Sun	November 19	Greg Gillespie
Sun	November 26	Larry & Paula Mitchell
Sun	December 3	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	December 10	Jodi Veilleux
Sun	December 17	Mary Joe Hodgkin
Sat	December 23	Lenore Boles



### THIRD PRAYER FROM WEDNESDAY SAFRO

O Lord, grant peace to the world.  
May wars and battles cease throughout the earth,  
protect the churches and monasteries;  
unite them in the unity of the true Faith.  
Support and care for the people You have  
acquired through Your precious blood.  
Thus, strengthened by Your calm and peace,  
we shall render glory and thanksgiving to You, now  
and forever. Amen

### Letter From Bishop Gregory Mansour

A letter has been received concerning Lebanese citizenship. There are copies at the exits of the church and on the web site.

### READERS' SCHEDULE

#### RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

Heb 9; 11-15	St. John 10; 22-42
November 11	Lila Hallowell

#### ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

Romans 4:13-25	Luke 1:1-25
November 18	Ruth Lunn

### INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat 11 For the Parish Members  
--- Catholic Extension & Donors

Sun 12 †Alfred Joseph  
(Sandra Stevens)

Mon 13 -----

Tue 14 †Souls in Purgatory  
(M/M Mark Camarano)

Wed 15 †Alfred Joseph  
(Larry & Paula Mitchell)  
-- Catholic Extension & Donors

Thu 16 †Mark Jameson  
(Antoinette Jameson)

Fri 17 †Lester Giguere  
(Ann Giguere)

Sat 18 For the Parish Members

Sun 19 †Ann Giguere Fortieth Day  
(Larry & Paula Mitchell)

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

### World Day of the Poor

November 19 is the World Day of the Poor. Here is a message from Pope Francis: "It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on 19 November, Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance. They can invite the poor and volunteers to take part together in the Eucharist on this Sunday... This Sunday, if there are



poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favorable moment to encounter the God we seek” Pope Francis

(<http://www.pcpne.va/content/pcpne/en/attivita/poveri/messaggio.html>)

*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: Jerry Fortin, Albert Joseph, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Melissa Karter, Maxine Morrisette, Rebecca Bernard and Paul Mitchell

#### COFFEE SCHEDULE 2017-2018

Nov 12	Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
Nov 19	April Mitchell & Mary Nader
Nov 26	Shana Page & Dale Sturtevant
Dec 3	J. Veilleux & Elizabeth Wilson

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**Lighting of the Church:** SB\* p 21 #135/LB p 5

Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

**Entrance Hymn:** LB p 7 Come and Shine in Purity

**Glory:** SB p 1 #2 Glory (English)

**Qolo/Hymn:** LB p 12 Blessed Are You, Holy and Most Faithful Church

Creed p 748

**Pre-Anaphora:**

**Transfer of Gifts:** LB p 750 The Lord Reigns

**Incense Hymn:** SB p 3 #8 *Ikbal*

**Anaphora:**

**Twelve Apostles:** LB p 754

**Sign of Peace:** SB p 31 #156 Peace is Flowing

**Communion:** SB p # This We Pray

**Recessional:** SB p 14 #120 God Bless America

\*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

