

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

June 28, 2020

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

- Liturgies:** Ramsho, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.; Masses: Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m.; Sat. 10:00a.m.
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, 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 \$30; Altar Bread \$25; Sacramental Wine \$45
- Catechism:** Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Lisa Grand
- Ex-officio Council Members:** Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*



THIS DAY'S EPISTLE II Corinthians 11: 21-30

I now talk as if I were in shame; I am talking as if I were debilitated by my lack of sense, since I am being as reckless as anyone could be.

They are Hebrews, so am I.

They are Israelites, so am I.

If Abraham is their ancestor, he is mine, also.
If they are servants of the Messiah (I now speak without any sense) well, I am greater than they are. I have worked harder, been subject to more violence, been imprisoned more often, and have been killed more times that they have.
I have been beaten by the Jews five times, each time one short of forty lashes.

¹ *The Syriac Peshitta Bible with English Translation*, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2012, ed. George A. Kiraz and Andreas Juckel

I have been thrashed with rods three times, stoned once, and shipwrecked three times. I was in the sea without a boat for a whole day and a night.

I have been on many journeys, crossed dangerous rivers; in danger from thugs, in danger from my own people, and in danger from foreigners.

I have been in danger in cities and in danger in deserts, in danger at sea, and in danger from false brothers – through hard work and tiredness, through plenty of sleeplessness through hunger and thirst, often going without food, cold, and unclothed.

Then there are all the other problems: The crowd of people that is constantly around me, and all my worries on behalf of all the churches.

Who has been made weak, if not I?
Who has been offended, and am I not enflamed?
If one must boast, then I will boast of my weakness.

God, the Father of our Lord *Yeshua Msheeho* – blessed be He forever and ever – knows that I am not lying.



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

ABOINA'S REFLECTIONS

As a parish, we try to move forward, adapting always to the path laid out by Providence. Individually, we pray for light and wisdom to see the path ahead for our personal lives, but all things are to be put at the service of the Most Holy.

We would like to restore the **Sunday Vigil Mass** on Saturday evening, but this will take a bit of effort on the part of all.

The Vigil Mass was cancelled at the beginning of the pandemic as it was not possible to assure the disinfecting and cleaning of the church that would be needed in a twenty-four-hour period. Most of our faithful are in the demographic most affected by this virus, so they have been encouraged to remain at home and take precautions. We are a tiny community, also, and the manpower simply has not been there.

So, now we look for about a dozen people of good will and generous heart who may be able to commit themselves to the expansion of the liturgical schedule. Ideally, we would like to establish **three or four teams** of *three individuals* who can commit themselves to disinfect the pews *after each Saturday evening Vigil Mass* and then clean the bathrooms in the parish hall.

If this can be realized, then each person will only need to work once a month.

It would seem that if able, those who wish to assist at the Saturday Vigil Mass, could volunteer to form these teams as they will be there already in the evening.

Of course the disinfecting of the pews and missals will last as long as the pandemic endures, but the cleaning of the bathrooms will also need to be done from now on.

Those who wish to volunteer to form these teams can do so either by putting a note in the **collection** basket, or by notifying us through the **email** on the website, or, finally, by simply phoning and leaving a **message** that you would like to generously assist your fellow parishioners.

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

Please remember, as written up these several weeks in the protocols, that those who may be retired or freer in their week-day schedules to consider assisting at Mass during the week, freeing up space for those who are not as free, but who must work during the weekdays and thus only have Sunday as an option to come to Mass.

And may God bless every one of you for the generous, charitable, and kind efforts with which you are helping one another weather this pandemic storm. May the celestial watchers enlighten your paths and lift you into the light of the Sacred Heart!

The Life-giving Cross

Please, kindly take notice of our present practices:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whatever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are all one Body of Christ.
- 2.) During this pandemic, there is no obligation to assist at the Divine Sacrifice.
- 3.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 4.) All are recommended to give contact information (a list is provided at the door) in order to inform you if need arise from a case of the virus. All information remains *confidential* to the *parish* and is not transferred to any state agency.
- 5.) All vulnerable, elderly, and at-risk individuals should remain at home and follow the Liturgies as posted on the parish's website.
- 6.) The **Saturday Vigil** Masses are cancelled until further notice.
- 7.) The **weekday Masses** have been moved into the main church to easily allow for "physical distancing" among the pews.
- 8.) All who are retired, or who may have a freer weekday schedule, are asked to consider assisting at Mass during the weekdays, **Tues-Fri, 9:00am;** and on **Saturday at 10:00am.** This would free up more room on Sunday for those who must work during the normal workweek.
- 9.) Please remember in all this that the apostolic work of Saint Joseph must be sustained. Contributions to the parish may be made by mail, parish website, and by regular bank transfers.

- 10.) Please *do not use your hands* to cover sneezes and coughs. Everyone must have a *handkerchief*, tissues, or face-mask to safely control and cover all coughs, sneezes, congestion, etc.
- 11.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 12.) Arrivals at church must be "*first-come-first-served*". These also have the first choice of where they wish to sit.
- 13.) Everyone must sit in such a way that there is *no one immediately in front* of them and *no one immediately behind* them. Kindly follow the directions given by those trying to usher.
- 14.) Everyone will need to *charitably assist* one another to sit throughout the entire church, occupying *all* pews and spaces available with "physical distancing".
- 15.) To control crowd flow, **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy, and this for the foreseeable future.
- 16.) A *six-foot distancing* must continue to be observed by those who approach the Divine Altar and wish to receive the Most Holy Eucharist in **Communion**.
- 17.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish **to remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but all others are asked *not to linger and visit within the church*. If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church, being *mindful of the proper physical distancing*.

God bless everyone for making these efforts and being charitably attentive in how we present ourselves together before the Hidden Good One.

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	June	28	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	July	5	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	July	12	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	July	19	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar
Sun	July	26	Larry & Lisa Gard
Sat	Aug	1	Jim & Lenore Boles

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

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June 28, 2020

II Cor 11: 21-30 St. Matthew 16: 13-20

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 5, 2020

I Cor 12: 12-13, 27-30 St. Matthew 10: 16-25

- Sat 11 †Paul & Charlene LaVerdiere
(Audrey Yotides)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 12 †Nancy Joseph
(Herb Joseph, Sr)
- Mon 13 -----
- Tue 14 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 15 †Marissa Lehto
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 16 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
- Fri 17 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 27 Sutton Matthews
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 28 For the Members of the Parish
- Mon 29 -----
- Tue 30 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 1 Anna Bearce
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 2 †Kathleen Griffin
(Suzanne Paré)
- Fri 3 †David John Trujillo
(Suzanne Paré)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 4 †Scott LaVerdiere
(Dame Marie Fefa)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sun 5 For the Members of the Parish
- Mon 6 -----
- Tue 7 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 8 †Edmund & Lucille Paré
(Suzanne Paré)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 9 †Members of the Senenky Family
(Suzanne Paré)
- Fri 10 James McCann
(Pam & Dan Casavant)
-- 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 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: Rosanna Joseph, Doreen Nader, and all those who suffer from the covid virus.



Own your own.
The parish has three copies of the **Maronite Missal** available for **\$35 each.**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection: \$1,719.00

(Deficit 2020: \$30,166.00)

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



Please remember to sustain the apostolic work of this parish through regular contributions made in the liturgical **collection** on Sunday, or by **mail**, or through the parish **website**, or through **regular bank drafts** mailed in.



While our work and purpose
may be supernatural,
the incessant expenses and bills
are altogether of this world!

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p 562

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *safreh* 221

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *shareero* 222

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

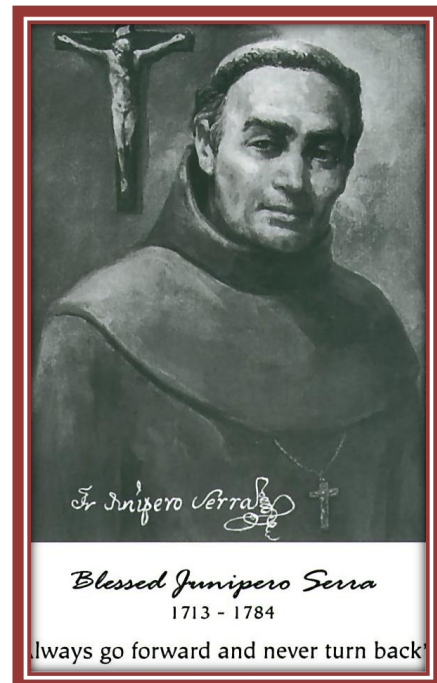
Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *Here I am, Lord; Father of Truth;
O, Mary we pray*

Recessional: SB *The Lord is with us*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book



*Saint Junipero Serra,
Confessor
& Founder of California*

July 1st

THE CALL OF THE DESERT

St. Sharbel: God's Gift to the Modern World

THE BEST INTRODUCTION TO ST. SHARBEL AVAILABLE IN PRINT.

WRITTEN by
CHOR-BISHOP JOSEPH EID,
VICE POSTULATOR FOR
ST. SHARBEL'S BEATIFICATION,
AND AMPLIFIED by THE WRITINGS
of ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS ZAYEK.

Let the wilderness rejoice,
and the desert shall flourish like the lily.
It shall bud forth and blossom,
and shall rejoice with joy and praise:
the glory of Lebanon is given to it.

ISAIAH 35:1-2

This is a new edition of Chor-Bishop Joseph Eid's book on Saint Sharbel, first published in 1955, but now in its third and updated edition. In addition, it has been expanded with the writings of Archbishop Francis Zayek, founding Bishop of the Maronite Eparchy in America.

The popular awareness and knowledge of Saint Sharbel are significantly wider these days than they were in the years when Msgr. Eid first put pen to paper in order to present the holy hermit to the English-speaking world, but his work remains the best introduction in print.

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