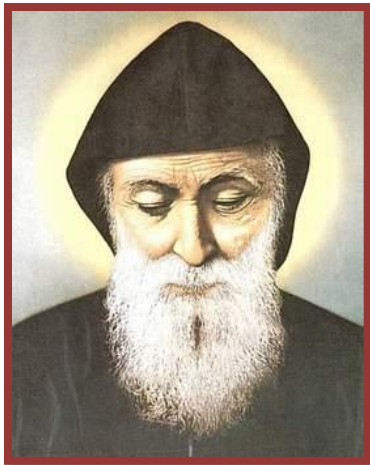


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

July 21, 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.” *Orientalis 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 Grard **Ex-officio Council Members:** Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

Today's Gospel¹ St. Luke 10: 1-7

After this, Jesus set apart from His disciples seventy others and sent them out ahead of Him in pairs to every place and town where He was about to go.

He told them:

The harvest is great and the workers few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, then, to send out workers for His harvest. Go. Behold, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

Do not take pouches, nor bags, nor sandals; and do not invoke peace upon anyone along the road. And to whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be on this house.' If a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest on them. If not, it shall return to you. Stay in that house, eating drinking from what they have, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move from house to house.

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



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

"That's not in the Bible!" (usually stated by one with little or no real knowledge of the *Sacred Scriptures*) is the retort of someone opposing a teaching of the Church that he does not like. It is most often a meaningless statement as the Church, although cherishing and venerating Holy Writ, has never claimed that "all truth and morality" are found exclusively in the Bible. At best, this response is a deficient (Protestant) position based on the false notion that the only authority in Christianity is the Bible.

Christianity is the revelation of the Hidden Word, the Divine Messiah, and as a consequence it possesses all the ancient prophetic revelation that heralded His arrival two thousand years ago – this is the "old Testament" originating in the formation of the people of Israel. He Himself also taught and left revelation fulfilled in further divine teaching that we call the "new Covenant (Testament)".

While the foundation is completely divine, the entirety of the doctrine of the Church is not exclusively locked in those written texts. All humanity is also a gift of God the Creator and as such is also a source of knowledge – in this case "natural" – and it too belongs to the Body of Christ. Over the first millennium of the Church's existence she adopted and adapted from among the great philosophical traditions of ancient Greece and the Classical world.

The *Patrimony* of the Church, therefore, encompasses all the greatest treasures of God, both natural and supernatural, both philosophical and revealed. Her *Heritage* is of course vaster in that it contains also all the great wonders in philosophy, theology, art, music, architecture, and craftsmanship, which the Catholic World has produced over two millennia.

In the theological realm, the great patrimony of her moral teachings are often grounded in what is call

the "natural law". Simply put, **the Natural Law** is *the use of human reason in reflecting upon the nature of things and their interaction within creation* – it's what has always been known as "philosophy", but which places special emphasis on human action and what is "good". It makes up part of the consideration, "what is the good life?".

This composite of the Holy Scriptures, the Apostolic *Depositum*, and the Natural Law, is what we mean when we say that the Catholic Faith is grounded in **Scripture and Tradition**. Catholic Morality is based on Revelation, firstly, but it is also drawn from the writings of the Church Fathers who testified to the early traditions of the Church; and, finally, it also embraces mankind's philosophical heritage grounded in the natural law.

One can easily see that the moral teachings of Christianity are rich and nuanced. While grounded in divine revelation, they are also reflective of sound human reasoning and the proper understanding of the universe. This is why "finding it in the Bible" is not, and has never been, the sole argument for understanding the teachings of the Catholic Church.

A man told me recently, as he recounted his conversion in college (that is, his *return* to the Faith of his childhood, but now with adult understanding) there is *always* a reason for why the Church teaches what it does. If we do not understand a doctrine, he said, it is *because we do not know the doctrine*. This is not to say that fully understanding every teaching of the Church is easy – and, quite honestly, some doctrines one might wish to be otherwise so as to placate "brother ass" – but, nevertheless, it does mean that there is a well thought-out basis to each and every teaching within the Church.

Search it out. Read the Catechism, and begin the quest to understand the Faith with an *adult* comprehension.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$1461.00

Many thanks to *Mr. Bob Wallace* who recently worked to repair the wall and resurface the space of the old air-conditioning unit in Saint Jude's chapel. It was work beautifully done.

May the Good One shine His choicest blessings on him and on all the members of his family!

VOCATION ICON

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

Sat	July 20	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	July 28	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	Aug 4	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Aug 11	Steve and Allison Crate
Sun	Aug 18	Sue Paré and Lolo Salazar
Sun	Aug 25	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Sept 1	Larry & Lisa Grard

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 21, 2019

II Cor 3: 1-6 St. Luke 10: 1-7

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 28, 2019

Rom 8: 1-11 St. Matthew 12: 14-21

Summer Break



There will be no coffee and muffins for the months of July and August.

It would seem that everyone is at camp, and, most importantly, the workers have well merited their rest. See you all at *Café Larrie* in September!

*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: Mary Hawes, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Louise Saliem, Virginia Poulin, and Beverly Rideout.

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sat	20	†Charles Owen (the Parish) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	21	For the members of the Parish
Mon	22	-----
Tue	23	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	24	†Marietta & John Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	25	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	26	Private Intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	27	†Charles Owen (the Parish) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	28	† Anniversary of Paul LaVerdiere
Mon	29	-----
Tue	30	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	31	†Marietta & John Thomas (Pam & Dan Casavant) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	1	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Phillips
Fri	2	Private Intention (Abouna James) -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	3	†Charles Owen (the Parish)

-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

- Sun 4 For the members of the Parish
Mon 5 -----
Tue 6 Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed 7 †Janet George, 10:00 am funeral
Thu 8 †Marietta & John Thomas
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri 9 Private Intention
(Abouna James)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

Autumn Harvest Raffle

\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!!!!

Ticket sales will start on Monday, July 29th.
Ticket sales will be limited to *only 400* chances!
One in 400 chance to win \$10,000.00!!!

Cost of each ticket is \$100.00 with the winning ticket for the prize to be drawn Tuesday, December 3rd.

The Fast of the Dormition

The Assumption of the Ever-Virgin Mary into Heaven, body and soul (August 15th)

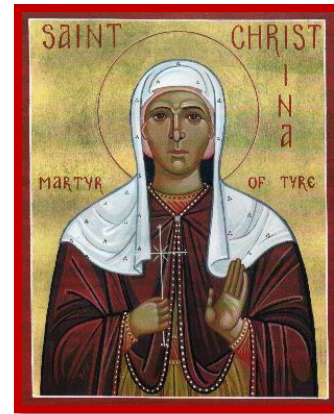
As we were reminded by our Patriarch in his recent Lenten Letter, it is our tradition to fast in preparation for the great feasts, and all are encouraged to do so faithfully, *par.* 24:

This fast is known as "The Fast of the Virgin", during which the faithful abstain from eating meat, dairy products, and eggs, from August 7th until August 14th 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 all animal flesh and 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 on August 10th and 11th this year) one can eat as they wish, 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.



*Saint Christina of Tyre
July 24th*

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost p 492 "B"

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *safreh* 200

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *shareero* 201B

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*
Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John, the Evangelist: LB p 815

Sign of Peace: SB *too ba*

Communion: SB *O Body of my Savior; Jesus is my Lord*

Recessional: SB *Ha Salah*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book