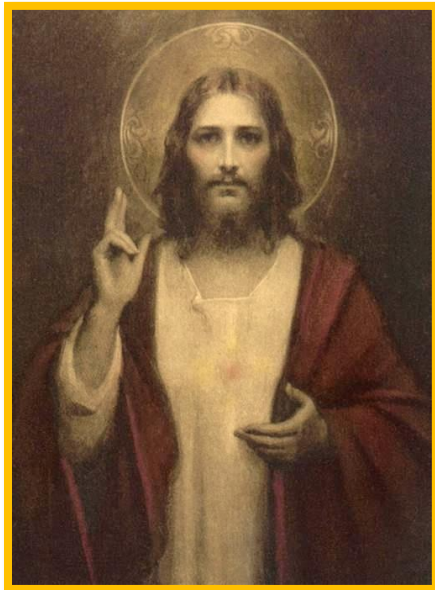


Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

June 27, 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." *Oriental Lumen*, John Paul II

- Qourboneh:** Masses: Sunday 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: Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Ex-officio

Council Members: Lenore Boles, *Religious Education*; Larry Mitchell, *Knights of Columbus*; Ruth Lunn, *Rosary Sodality*

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL¹

St. Matthew 10: 16-25

Behold, I send you forth as sheep among wolves. Therefore, be ye sagacious as serpents, and guileless as doves.

And beware of men; for they will deliver you over to the tribunals, and will scourge you in their synagogues.

And they will bring you before governors and kings, on My account, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

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

And when they deliver you up, be not anxious how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what to say.

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.

And brother shall deliver up his brother to death, and a father his son; and children shall rise up against parents, and cause them to die. And ye shall be hated by everyone, on account of My Name.

But he that shall endure to the end, shall have life.

And when they persecute you in *this* city, flee to another: for truly I say to you, ye shall not have completed all the cities of the house of Israel, till the Son of Man shall come.

No disciple is better than his rabbi; nor a servant than his lord. It is sufficient for the disciple that he be as his rabbi; and the servant as his lord.

If they call the lord of the house Beelzebub how much more the children of his family? Therefore, be not afraid of them; for there is nothing covered up that shall not be exposed; nor concealed that shall not become known.



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

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

Ours can be a harrowing time that requires clarity of thought and fervor of charity to see our way through the confusion that surrounds this generation. To name an illness is easier than to know its remedy. Prayer must be the anchor of our

daily life, while the Sacred Rozeh are the periodic inundation of Divine Life into our bodies, minds, and spirits. In today's Gospel reading our Lord teaches us to place our trust in this daily fidelity that will dispose us to have the Spirit of Holiness speak in us at moments of crisis and emergency.

The EWTN Network has produced a two-part documentary, **A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing**. It has been broadcast on EWTN and is available through Ignatius Press.

Part One deals with **Saul Alinsky** and describes his revolutionary and divisive tactics to be used in Marxist social upheaval in so-called "reform". It describes how group and class are to be opposed to one another and in what manner at least one group is labelled as "enemy". This rupture of social order and divisiveness lead to much of the social chaos that today surrounds us. This is a Marxist form of revolution pitting one group of citizens against another.

Part Two is subtitled, The Gender Agenda. It treats of the work and writings of **Jean-Paul Sartre**, **Simone de Beauvoir**, and **Alfred Kinsey**. The professed Existentialists, Beauvoir and Sartre, proposed that "existence" preceded "essence", by which they meant that there is no such thing as human nature. As human nature did not strictly exist, they reasoned, the individual was free to "make itself" into whatever it chose to be.

This forced and artificial perspective has led to the strange idea of rejecting biological sex as fundamental to the human person. Human nature is for them a "blank slate" to be inscribed at will. We live in a world that becomes, literally, *inhuman*.

While part one of this series deals with the methods of revolution, part two deals with the subject and material of that revolution. Upheaval, again in the name of "reform", is nowadays often called "social justice".

While this documentary is not technically perfect in all its details – among other things, being somewhat melodramatic at parts – the matter and topics treated are well presented and give a good introduction to the true degree of the perversion of

² Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

modern thought and the behaviors that following in the modern anti-Christian revolution. It explains much of our modern social malaise. These subversive techniques and teachings have been in action for almost a century now.

While these are unpleasant topics to ponder, knowing some of their origins and historical context makes them easier to deal with. Seeing clearly, grasping principles, and disciplining the will allows us to resolve, combat, heal, and move forward.

We no longer live in days, or in an age, where mediocrity gets a free pass. Mediocrity may not make one wicked, this much is true; it is worse, it makes one *lethargically indifferent*. There have been many centuries in which the mediocre man could “slide by” as it were. He could live his Catholic life superficially and still “save his soul” in the end because the social order and structure around him would bolster him up and keep him on a more faithful path than he would have chosen otherwise, if he had been left to his own devices. Today, things are very much otherwise.

Modern society, teetering and cracking already in the nineteenth century from revolution, has suffered a calamitous collapse and dissolution from what had once been a Christian social order. This decomposition accelerated following World War II. The culture and social order in which we live today is more and more *positively ordered in opposition* to the Gospel. Not only does the social setting no longer aid someone to live faithfully a Christian life, things are now organized in such a way as to positively *militate against our Lord's redemptive work* and the life of virtue. This is destructive of individual minds, spirits, and bodies; it also facilitates the collapse of families and societal order.

The martyrs are truly witnesses to this truth. If one does not **consciously**, and quite **intentionally**, embrace the Gospel and pursue the Catholic life, things turn overwhelmingly against that individual. He will be sucked down the drain along with all the other corruption infecting the modern social order. Confusion corrupts, and corruption smothers the life of grace.

One who is not acting consciously as a Catholic Christian, intentionally aware of the orthodox heritage to which he is entitled to follow, is simply *not* Catholic in any real sense any longer. The ultimate perversion is that so many think themselves truly Christian when in fact they pay little more than lip-service to the Gospel. They have become anesthetized in their present state of death. Mediocrity's indifference renders them numb in mind and spirit.

So revolutionary had been the modern upheaval by the beginning of the twentieth century that the pope himself, Saint Pius X, questioned out loud whether the Antichrist had not yet been already born in the world. We are now more than a century further on in that downhill trajectory.

We do wish to move forward; do we not? We desire to know the Catholic Faith, our apostolic tradition, and to live within it faithfully in prayer and the Holy Sacraments. Many thanks to all those who *are* laboring to spread of the Gospel in central Maine, and who, specifically, work so generously for the flourishing of this parish.

We thank especially **John Deschaine** who has taken upon himself this last year to aid Larry in overseeing and maintaining our beautiful church and grounds – the beloved legacy from our devoted ancestors. And gratitude to the crews who assisted him in cleaning all the ceiling fans a few months back and, most recently, cleaning the light fixtures and replacing all the bulbs. We are all much brighter due to their devotion and generosity.

The Lord God certainly has great things in mind for our parish in Waterville and throughout Maine, so have no fear. Let us be generous, clear in thought, fervent in charity, radiant in hope so that we may confront contemporary errors that poison our fellow men, that we may enlighten those of goodwill, and, within the Sacred Heart, love all those with whom we come in contact.

Individual, *living example* is all the more crucial these days. The Good One calls us to the light-giving path previously trodden by the martyrs. May their prayers be a rampart for us always!

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

June 27, 2021

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

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

July 4, 2021

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

VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	June	27	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	July	4	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	July	11	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	July	18	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	July	25	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	August	1	Larry & Lisa Gard
Sat	August	7	Jim & Lenore Boles

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

Regular Collection Last Week: \$2,597.00

Barbecue Donations: \$409.00

(Budget Deficit 2021: \$17,164.00)³

**Today's Special Collection, June 27th:
Peter's Pence**

(The entire collection is sent to the Holy Father)

**An additional \$000.00 has come in this week
toward the combined collections of \$39,000.00.⁴**

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.*

INTENTIONS FOR THE QOURBONEH (MASSES)

Sun	27	9:00am --For the Members of the Parish 11:00am - †Darrell Mitchell (Donna-Jo Mitchell)
Mon	28	-----
Tue	29	Private Intention (Abouna's 33 rd Anniversary of Priesthood)
Wed	30	Jack & Lucas Thomas (John & Jeanne Thomas)
Thu	1	†Eva & Stanislaw Kowalczy (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Fri	2	Private Intention
Sat	3	10:00am †Antoine Lenarcik (Ira & Catherine Mandel)
Sun	4	9:00am --†Jibryne Karter (Jan Bourque) 11:00am For the Members of the Parish
Mon	5	-----
Tue	6	Fortieth Day for Robert Doran
Wed	7	†Bruce Begin (Pam & Dan Casavant)
Thu	8	†Antoine Lenarcik (Catherine & Ira Mandel)
Fri	9	†Buddy & Eva Mitchell (Larry & Paula Mitchell)
Sat	10	10:00am †Antoine Lenarcik (Ira & Catherine Mandel) 5:00pm Sunday Vigil Private Intention
Sun	11	9:00am --For the Members of the Parish 11:00am - Isaac Madore (Gombojav Family)
Mon	12	-----
Tue	13	Special Intention (Rita Hikel)
Wed	14	Donna Boudreau (Pam & Dan Casavant)

³ Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

⁴ This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently \$13,020.00. The combined

collections are needed to cover this year's Lenten **Bishop's Appeal (now paid)** and the **building maintenance projects** we need to do.

Thu 15 Nicholas Family
(Mary Nicholas)

Fri 16 Private Intention
(Abouna)

*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: David Bourque, Barbara Joseph, Sally Derosby, Tala Poulin, Daja Gombojav, Richard Karter, Lolo Salazar, Charlotte Iserbyte, Rita Hikel, and all those who may suffer from disease, want, or depression.

The Fast of the holy Apostles

*Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th)
and the Twelve Apostles (June 30th)*

As we have been reminded by our Patriarch, it is our tradition to fast in preparation for the great feasts of Saints Peter and Paul, and all are encouraged to do so faithfully, *par.* 23:

*This fast is known as "The Apostles' Fast,
during which the faithful abstain from eating
meat, dairy products and eggs,
from June 17th -- 28th.*

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 – more or less "vegan".

When a fast day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday (as will be the case on June 19-20 and 26-27 this year) one can eat as they wish, but should still abstain from all animal products and flesh.

This practice is applicable to all who have attained the age of the use of reason, *par.* 22.

The Life-giving Cross

Please, take notice of our present protocols:

- 1.) All Catholics, of whatever Ritual Church, are more than welcome at Saint Joseph. We are all one Body of Christ.
- 2.) Those who are sick, or carry symptoms of sickness, must remain at home.
- 3.) All vulnerable, elderly, and at-risk individuals should remain at home and follow the Liturgies as posted on the parish's website.
- 4.) Wearing of face-masks is optional.
- 5.) As discussed in parish council meetings before the pandemic, in order to bring greater security and peace of mind, the **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 6.) The next **Parish Socials** and **Barbecues** will be on **July 9th** and **August 6th**. All those attending these are *dispensed from the Friday Fast*.
- 7.) Hand sanitizers remain available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 8.) During this pandemic, there is no obligation to assist at the Divine Sacrifice.
- 9.) **Sunday Vigil** as we re-open will be re-established, **5:00pm**:
6th Sunday of Pentecost, June 26th;
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8th Sunday of Pentecost, July 10th;
10th Sunday of Pentecost, July 24th;
11th Sunday of Pentecost, July 31st;
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From the **Vigil of the Assumption** onward, August 14th, all Liturgical Vigils for Holy Days and Sundays will be fully restored, as will be the proper *transfer of Peace* during the Alohoyoh Qourbonoh.
- 10.) 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 the church.



The **Wine** to be consecrated into
the Divine Blood of our Lord God and Savior
upon the Forgiving Altar
in the Alohoyoh Qourbonoh
has been offered for the month of June
in memory of Sam and Lottie Deeb
by Dame Fefa Deeb, DSG

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

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p. 425

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeho* 200

Glory: SB *al majdu*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *bo'outho d'mor afrem* 201A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *I'maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Twelve Apostles: LB p 754

Sign of Peace: SB *tou ba*

Communion: SB *O Lord, I am not worthy: For the Beauty*

Recessional: SB *Joyful, joyful*

SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR

June 27th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/S. Nappi

July 4th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

July 11th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

July 18th:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

July 25th:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter
11:00am: I. Misner-Elias/S. Nappi

August 1st:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter
11:00am: L. Michaud/ S. Nappi

*Saints Peter
and Paul,
Princes of the
Apostles*

June 29th

