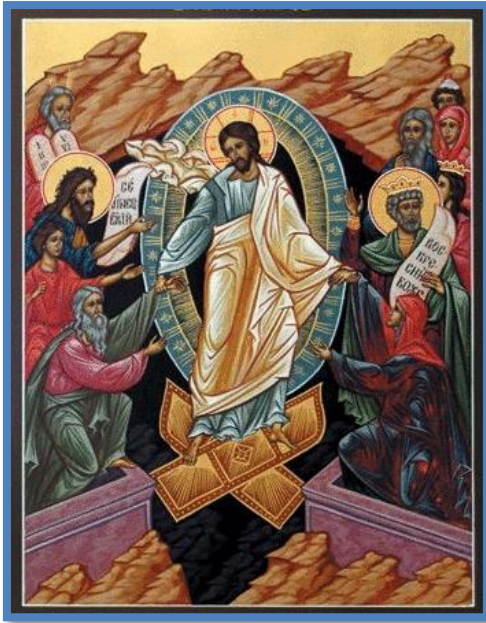


# Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



## Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

May 9, 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 \$30; Altar Bread \$25; Sacramental Wine \$45  
**Catechism:** Lenore Boles, *Director* **Choir Director:** Dame Marie Fefa Deeb, DSG **Parish Council President:** Ex-officio  
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### THIS DAY'S EPISTLE<sup>1</sup> Romans 10: 1-13

My brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify on their behalf that they have zeal for God, but that it is not accompanied by understanding, as they did not understand God's justice, but sought to establish their own.

This is why they have not subjected themselves to God's justice.

Moses wrote of the justice of the Law thus, that "whoever does these things shall live by them",<sup>2</sup> whereas the justice that is found through faith says thus, "do not say in your heart, who shall go up to heaven (and so bring the Messiah down), and who shall go down to the deep of Sheol (and bring the Messiah up from the house of the dead)".<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Based on The Syriac Peshitta Bible with English Translation, Gorgias Press, New Jersey, 2012, ed. George A. Kiraz and Andreas Juckel

<sup>2</sup> Leviticus 18: 5

<sup>3</sup> Deuteronomy 30: 12-13

What does it actually say?

“The answer is close to you, to your mouth, and to your heart”.<sup>4</sup>

This is the message about faith that we proclaim.

Now if you acknowledge our Lord Jesus with your mouth, and in your heart you believe that God has raised Him from place of the dead, you will live,

since a heart that believes in Him is acquitted and a mouth that acknowledges Him shall live.

The Scripture says that “no one who believes in Him shall be ashamed”.<sup>5</sup>

This makes no distinction between Jews and pagans, for the Lord of all is One and He enriches all who approach Him.

All who call upon the Name of the Lord shall live.



*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)<sup>6</sup>

## **ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS**

*When He descended to earth,  
He did not leave His chariot in Heaven;  
When He dwelt in Mary's womb,  
the heavens were not without Him;  
When He slept in the boat,  
it was not some other who restrained the wind;  
When He changed water into wine  
the Word did not leave that body,  
but in all this He manifested Himself as God.<sup>7</sup>*

With apologies, I need to correct my “aside” in last Sunday’s sermon. I had mentioned that the numbering of the days of the week were without name in some of the ancient Catholic countries; this was incorrect. What is true is that the *Church* herself numbers the days: *Dies Dominica* (the Lord’s Day), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, *Sabbatum* (Sabbath). The popular cultures in the European countries, and hence for us in America, continued over the centuries to use the even more ancient pagan names of the planetary week. The only ones with whom I am aware who tried to change this among Christian groups were the Quakers. In the Elizabethan world of frill and outward show, the Quakers not only refused the use of “you” in a singular sense – which they considered pompous, lacking in humility, and un-Christian – they also rejected the pagan names of the week, numbering them like the Church has always done.

The great Fathers of the Church, Saint Augustine, Saint Gregory of Nazianzen, Saint Basil, Saint Gregory of Nyssa, and Saint John Chrysostom are the primary witnesses to the doctrine of the “Eighth Day” and its transformation of time and creation in the Resurrection. Among these, Saint Gregory of Nyssa stands out as the one who attempts to elaborate a fully Christian philosophy of duration, i.e. of “time” as the measurement of continuing existence.

For Saint Augustine, the principal concern was to develop thought around “cyclical time”, that is the constant reoccurrence, year after year, month after month, week after week, hour after hour, as providing a symbol of resurrection and eternity by its *continual and constant presence*. This is the “hebdomad”, the seven-day weekly measurement that held absolute sway before the coming of the Messiah. It is the repetitiveness that drew his attention, and in this he is different from the other Fathers of the Church mentioned above. Saint Augustine reminds us that time was created along with all the universe and is itself a creature destined to be remade as is all the cosmos. Time is a creature that will be transformed at the glorious return of our Lord in His Parousia, when all things will disappear from what we have known them to be.

<sup>4</sup> Deuteronomy 30: 14

<sup>5</sup> Isaiah 28: 16

<sup>6</sup> *Homily 1.7.8 “on Ezechiel”*

<sup>7</sup> *Hymns to Mary*, Brock, Oxford, 1988 ed., Hymn 5

These Fathers comment on the Scriptures, of course, and they draw out the meaning of the “*octave*”, the “eighth day” as required in the Law of Moses, on which a young boy born into Israel was to be circumcised. This eighth day of circumcision was a *type*, a foreshadowing, of Holy Baptism and thus possessed the symbolism of stripping off the dead skins of the old *adam*; stripping off human mortality; removing the dead hides with which Adam and Eve had been covered after the Fall; renouncing the fleshly and carnal life; and, consequently, as an act of purification signifying the return of man to his true and original nature as he was first created in Eden. This symbolism – ancient as it dates from even before Abraham – was fulfilled only with the arrival of the Promised One, the Messiah, the Orient, Who instituted the *antitype*, Christian Baptism.

It should be noted in the Gospel that the Evangelists record the Day of the Resurrection not as the first day of the week, as one would expect, but as “first”<sup>8</sup>, the word “day” is not present in the original text. The notion of uniqueness in being “one” is made clear, although this also means the Scriptures bear a mystery for the hearer. From this the Fathers draw out the Resurrection as “First”, the *New Day of Sabbaths* (as the text refers to the “week” as the plural “Sabbaths”). This is something to which we have spoken in the sermons these past weeks, but having it in writing makes the doctrine easier to consider, ponder, and, yes, digest.

For the Fathers of the Church, then, this is the radiance of the Orient<sup>9</sup> that illuminates the world on the “first” as the New Creation; shining its unceasing and true Light upon all, transforming those who receive it. The Resurrection brings to a closure the unceasing round of time commented on by Saint Augustine, ending the *Old Law of Shabbat* and establishing the new luminosity of the *Ogdoad* – the true Eighth Day. This Eighth Day is “Heaven”, Divinity Itself and the reason why in the final glorification of all things in the New Jerusalem there will be no need of sun or moon as the Lord

God Himself will be the Light<sup>10</sup> of the Heavenly Jerusalem in the Beatific Vision of Hidden Divinity. This finally will be the true *Dawn without Setting*, embodied in the Glorious Resurrection of the Messiah, reflected in the Lord’s Day (Sunday observance) on earth as type of that future glory, but which will be fulfilled only on the Last Day with the Nuptials of the Divine Lamb.<sup>11</sup>

The Fathers witness to the ancient Catholic Tradition why the Old Testament Sabbath was superseded and transformed into the Lord’s Day on Sunday, the first of the week replacing the seventh. The “first” following the seventh is thus the “eighth”.

The first day of the week in the Sacred Scriptures saw the creation of **Light**.

Sunday was the first day **Creation**.

Sunday is the Day of the **Glorious Resurrection**.

Sunday is on its octave observance also the Day of the **New Creation** – New Sunday.

Sunday is also the Day of **Pentecost** and the epiphany of the **Church** on earth.

And, lastly, Sunday has now been transformed into “**the day consecrated to the Lord**” for all the reasons noted above.

As the day holy to the Lord, Sunday is the **Sacramental presence and reflection in time** of the definitive Dawn without Setting. In this understanding of the New Covenant, we can appreciate the transfer from old to new, from Sabbath to *Dies Dominica*. We have moved from *hebdomad* to *ogdoad* through the New Creation established in the Resurrection of the Son of God Incarnate.

As week follows week, and eight follows seven, the Christian world has been lifted from the dispensation of the Seventh to the new and eternal Covenant of the Eighth Day.

<sup>8</sup> St. Matthew 28:1, St. Luke 24: 1, St Mark 16: 1, and in Acts 20: 7

<sup>9</sup> Latin meaning “rising” as in “dawn” in this instance. The Old Testament referred to the coming of the Dawn (without setting) that is sung in the canticle of gratitude by Saint

Zachariah at the birth of John. Our Maronite tradition often alludes to this speaking of the “Dawn without setting” in her prayers.

<sup>10</sup> Revelation 22: 5

<sup>11</sup> Revelation 19

For one brief day, then, in the rotation of our seven, the Lord's Day gives us rest to pray and reflect, to worship the Lord God. Sunday reflects the Kingdom of Eternal Life, which is nothing other than the Divine Presence and the Beatific Vision of the Good One, Who, until then, remains hidden to our spirits. In knowing well our Catholic Faith, may we come to cherish the beauty of the Sunday, understand her true meaning, and sanctify it as it deserves with seriousness of mind, spirit, body, and soul.

The **Christian Sunday has become the sacramental presence** illuminating our present reality and reminding us of our destiny as the children of God: we have not been created for this world, but for the next. Sunday observance from the beginning of the Church has had the purpose to **renew in us the memory of the future life in God.**

It is in the **faithful observance of the Sunday – prayer, attendance at Mass, setting aside worldly affairs such as shopping, and pausing from manual/physical labor** – that eternal life in Christ also begins here below. It is also why Sunday focused so easily on the family, freed as one was from the mundane, physically burdensome, and “busy-ness” of the world and turned toward God. That Sunday freedom logically encompassed that cradle of the Faith for so many – the family.

Without exaggeration one can state that without Sunday observance, one simply cannot truly live as a Christian.

While on this point, we can also note that this coming Thursday is the **Holyday of the Ascension**. As we all know from our catechism, Holydays of Obligation are to be observed just as we do a Sunday. To facilitate this observance there will be a **Vigil** on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at **6:00pm**. The Holyday itself will be observed with Mass at the usual time of **9:00am**.

As had been written two weeks ago in the bulletin, from the Ascension the Vigils of the Holydays of Obligation will be restored: Assumption, All Saints, Immaculate Conception, etc.

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A couple weeks ago I wrote in this bulletin about some of the considerations we need to reflect upon as to how we will re-open our liturgical schedule over the next months. As it was, and as I write, yesterday's “number” of covid infections had reached 400, we are told that variants of the virus and hospitalizations are on the increase, and we have had to cancel our anticipated **catechism** on Fridays for the month of May. Last Fall, in comparison, the daily infection rate was numbering around three dozen in Maine.

Nevertheless, as we try to re-open (short of the world collapsing in destruction) we will hold the catechesis on the last Friday of May, **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, and again on the following Friday, **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. Having this limited number of classes will not allow as thorough instruction as one might have wished, but it will permit us to close out the year with some observance. The June 4<sup>th</sup> classes should also be festive for those who attend, however much limited they must be by covid protocols.

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A week or two ago, I had occasion to call our bishop and speak with him about the experiences of the other parishes in our eparchy, comparing notes as it were. **With his approbation**, we will put in place the following schedule, with eyes set on having everything re-opened by late summer.

Beginning with the fourth Sunday of this month, happily falling on the great Feast of Pentecost, we will have the **Vigil of Pentecost** on the Saturday evening at **5:00pm, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

In each of the following months, June onward, one Sunday Vigil will be added, i.e. two in June, three in July, four in August, etc. **Be attentive to the bulletin for the dates.**

Please note, as has been done for the second Sunday's 9:00am Mass (for the sake of peace of mind and as an act of charity) it will be required of everyone attending that they keep their **masks** on from start to finish of the Divine Liturgy for **Vigil of the fourth Sunday of each month** -- so long as the mask mandate remains effective in Maine. Note that the Vigil of Pentecost this year is the fourth Sunday of the month.

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We also call attention to **not speaking in church** and carrying on conversations. Silence observed is out of *respect* for the House of God, an act of *charity* for those who wish to pray; and, during this public crisis, it is one of our protocols. Please show proper adoration to God, charity to one's neighbor, and regard for public health by observing silence in the church.

Please take all conversations, socializing, or visiting outdoors (and *in the future* to the basement, if not out of doors).

Hopefully the spirit of adoration, awe, silence, charity, and reverence in the House of God will continue as a parish practice: **"Be silent in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act."**<sup>12</sup> Our ancestors in the Faith knew well this spirit of adoration, and have given us an excellent example. It has not been that long. One can easily remember the reverential silence of one's childhood that used to surround and penetrate the House of God and her sacred ceremonies. We should walk in their path.

Lastly, in order that we might be able to meet up with one another, visit, and share a bit of **conviviality**, we will be organizing some parish events in the summer that will allow **outdoor socializing**. This will also permit us to renew our contacts, and in some cases, to make acquaintance with one another after so many months of sheltering.

After so many changes that Providence has wrought these last fourteen months in our parish and in the world, time is now to be charitably expansive, hospitable, and move forward according to God's loving, but hidden, plan.

Further details will be forthcoming.

This summer-long reopening will be capped with the restoration of our beloved Sunday practice of coffee and **muffins** in September.

**Catechism** classes will resume in October.

Our *bishop* has asked that we retain the Masses scheduled on **Sunday mornings** at **9:00** and **11:00**.

*Thank you to all* for the patience and all-around charity that this year of sacrifices has required from us all. No one has been untouched by this global crisis, and surely none has had that which he would have wished for in all its details, but the Lord God knows what He is doing!

The **Good One** demands much from each one of us, but we must keep in mind that He is also the **God of all Consolation** and that these heavy crosses and adjustments He has asked us to carry will form a unified purpose as a parish and will bear fruits of *resurrection* – this is guaranteed – but *only* if we willingly cooperate with them.

May He grant us faith, wisdom, and patience to do so.

## SCHEDULE OF READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

May 9, 2021

**Rom 10: 1-13**      **St. Luke 24: 36-48**

### SUNDAY OF ASCENSIONTIDE

May 16, 2021

**Acts 1: 1-14**      **St. Mark 16: 15-20**

## VOCATION ICON

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

Sun	May	9	Chris & Diane Wyder
Sun	May	16	Michael & Gayle Misner
Sun	May	23	Steve & Allison Crate
Sun	May	30	Sue Paré & Lolo Salazar
Sun	June	6	Daja Gombojav & Family
Sun	June	13	Larry & Lisa Grard
Sat	June	19	Jim & Lenore Boles

<sup>12</sup> Psalm 37: 7

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

(Budgeted: \$3,100.00)

**Regular Collection Last Week: \$3,376.00**

**(Budget Deficit 2021: \$11,031.00)<sup>13</sup>**

**Last Week's Special Collection for the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon: \$370.00.**

**The Next Special Collection will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Catholic Communications Campaign**  
*(50% of this collection is sent to the USCCB for national Catholic television, radio, and other media; 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs we may have.)*

**An additional \$350.00 has come in this week toward the combined collections of \$39,000.00.<sup>14</sup>**

**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 9 9:00 For the Members of the Parish**  
**11:00 Private Intention**

**Mon 10 -----**

**Tue 11 The Nicholas Family**  
*(Mary Nicholas)*

**Wed 12 9:00am -- Parishioners of Saint Joseph**  
*(Misner-Elias Family)*  
**6:00pm -- Vigil of the Ascension**  
**For all the Members of the Parish**

**Thu 13 Misner-Elias Family**

**Fri 14 Fr. Doran**  
*(Catherine & Ira Mandel)*

**Sat 15 †George "Tony" Joseph**  
*(Pam & Dan Casavant)*

**Sun 16 9:00 For the Members of the Parish**  
**11:00 Russell & Paulette Spera**  
*(Mary Nicholas)*

**Mon 17 -----**

**Tue 18 †Joan Gottardi**  
*(Donna-Jo Mitchell)*

**Wed 19 †Rachel and Joseph Salazar**  
*(Rita Hikel)*

**Thu 20 †George "Tony" Joseph**  
*(Pam & Dan Casavant)*

**Fri 21 Private Intention**

**Sat 22 10:00am - Sarah Bierbrauer**  
*(Daja Gombojav)*  
**5:00pm - Vigil of Pentecost**  
**Private Intention**

**Sun 23 9:00am --For the Members of the Parish**  
**11:00am - All the Faithful Departed**  
*(Misner-Elias Family)*

**Mon 24 -----**

**Tue 25 Anna Evans**  
*(Daja Gombojav)*

**Wed 26 Robert Violette**  
*(Pam & Dan Casavant)*

**Thu 27 †Darrell Mitchell**  
*(Pam & Dan Casavant)*

**Fri 28 Private Intention**



<sup>13</sup> Deficit 2019: \$72,270.59/Deficit 2020: \$34,473.00

<sup>14</sup> This makes the amount toward our matching Challenge Grant (20k), to be presently \$12,020.00. 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.

## FIRST DAY

*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:** Herb Karter, 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.

*Holy Spirit! O Lord of Light! From Your clear celestial height, Your pure beaming radiance give! The Holy Spirit, from Whom comes the one thing necessary and of importance – eternal salvation.*

Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared—sin. Sin is the result of selfishness, ignorance, weakness, and indifference.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with the charity of God.

To ensure our salvation we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit each day, for “The Spirit helpeth our infirmity. We know not for what we should pray, or as we ought. But the Spirit Himself pleadeth for us.”

### Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and hast given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us Thy sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as below.



# The Annual Novena of Pentecost

We begin the original novena, instituted by our Lord when He commanded His disciples to return to Jerusalem to pray for the Power from on High.<sup>15</sup> This continued in the Holy City until following the ninth day, the Fire of Pentecost descended upon the disciples.<sup>16</sup>

This year it begins on **Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will recite this Novena following the Alohoeyh Qourboneh throughout the nine days.

This **Novena for Pentecost** has been adapted from the one of the Companions of the Cross that can be found in its original form at [info@companionscross.org](mailto:info@companionscross.org).

<sup>15</sup> St. Luke 24: 49

<sup>16</sup> Acts 1: 12-14 and 2: 1-41

## *Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit*

*To be recited daily during the Novena:*

Before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, spirit, soul, and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love.

You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You.

Mercifully guard my every thought, and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion, to watch over me in my weakness.

O Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Glorious Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth". Amen.

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## *Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit*

*To be recited daily during the Novena:*

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven, promised to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace, and Your charity.

Grant me the Spirit of **Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal;  
the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth;

the Spirit of **Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven;  
the Spirit of **Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation;  
the Spirit of **Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints;

the Spirit of **Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable;

and the Spirit of **Fear** that I may be filled with awe and loving reverence towards God, and dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

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### **SECOND DAY**

*(Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter)*

*Come, Father of the poor. Come, Treasures which endure. Come, Light of all that live!*

The Gift of **Fear** fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and it makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin. This is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from sentiments of reverence and filial submission to our heavenly Father. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in His sight shall sanctify their souls."

#### **Prayer:**

Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever. Help me to shun all things that offend You, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your Divine Majesty, where You live and reign in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, to Whom we raise glory, honor, and thanksgiving forever. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.



### THIRD DAY

(Sunday after the Ascension)

*Thou, of all consolers best, Visiting the troubled breast, dost refreshing peace bestow.*

The Gift of **Piety** begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake all persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority: His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers.

He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his religion not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is charity, there is no labor. Amen

#### Prayer:

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

### FOURTH DAY

(Monday in Ascensiontide)

*Thou in toil art comfort sweet, pleasant Coolness in the heat, Solace in the midst of woe.*

By the gift of **Fortitude**, the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of one's duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to undertake without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow

martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

#### Prayer:

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

### FIFTH DAY

(Tuesday in Ascensiontide)

*Light immortal! Light Divine! Visit Thou these hearts of Thine, and our inmost being fill!*

The gift of **Knowledge** enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth, that is in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesseth it."

#### Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

## SIXTH DAY

(Wednesday in Ascensiontide)

*If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay, all his good is turn'd to ill.*

The Gift of **Understanding** as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion, by faith we know them, but by Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life.

Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive, but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us; we begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing, and increasing in the knowledge of God".

### Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

- *Our Father, and Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

## SEVENTH DAY

(Thursday in Ascensiontide)

*Heal our wounds - our strength renews; On our dryness pour Thy dew, wash the stains of guilt away.*

The Gift of **Counsel** endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances.

Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants, and Christian citizens.

Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. "Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth."

### Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen.

- *Our Father, and Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

## EIGHTH DAY

(Friday in Ascensiontide)

*Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen warm the chill. Guide the steps that go astray!*

The Gift of **Wisdom** embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of wisdom it is written "all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands."

It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, whilst the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Savior: "Take up thy cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden light".

## Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power, and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them and possess them forever. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

## NINTH DAY

(Saturday in Ascensiontide)

*Thou, on those who evermore Thee confess  
and Thee Adore, in Thy Sevenfold Gift, descend;  
Give Them Comfort when they die;  
Give them Life with Thee on high;  
Give them joys which never end. Amen*

The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with greater docility to divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue more perfect. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as *Fruits of the Holy Spirit*. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God, to serve Whom is to reign.

## Prayer

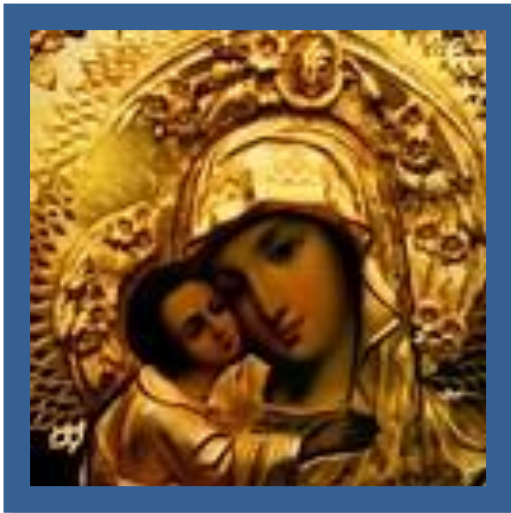
Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration may merit to be united eternally with Thee, in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

- *Our Father*, and *Hail Mary* once. *Glory be to the Father* seven times.
- *Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts* as above.

## 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.) 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.
- 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 **Vigil Masses** are suspended until further notice.
- 7.) **Everyone is asked to wear a face-mask.**
- 8.) Hand sanitizers are available at the entrances and at the confessional.
- 9.) Seating at church must be "*first-come-first-served*" and will be closed at "**100**".
- 10.) Everyone must sit in such a way that there is *no one immediately in front* of them and *no one immediately behind* them. The pews have been blocked off for this purpose.
- 11.) To control crowd flow and bring greater security, **doors** will be **locked** at the beginning of each Liturgy.
- 12.) A *six-foot distancing* is to be observed by those who approach the Divine Altar and wish to receive the Divine Eucharist in **Holy Communion**.
- 13.) And, lastly, at the end of Mass, those who wish **to remain and pray** in the church are welcome to do so, but **all are asked *not to linger, socialize, or visit within the church.*** Please exit through the Appleton Street doorway. If one wishes to visit, please do so outside the church, being *mindful of masking and observing proper physical distancing.*



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

**Entrance Hymn:** LB *fsheeto* 145

**Glory:** SB *al majdu*

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**PRE-ANAPHORA:**

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

**Incense Hymn Offertory:** SB *l'maryam yoldat*

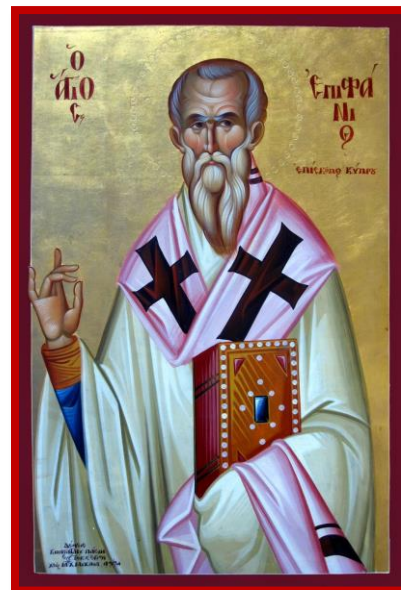
**ANAPHORA:**

**The Twelve Apostles:** LB p 754

**Sign of Peace:** SB *tou ba*

**Communion:** SB *O Lord, I am not worthy; Hail Holy Queen*

**Recessional:** SB *Alleluya #1*



*Saint  
Epiphanius  
of Cyprus*

*Confessor*

*May 12<sup>th</sup>*

*A most holy and blessed Mother's Day  
to each and every good woman  
who has said "yes" to life,  
thus taking up the cross and crown  
to bear the gracious name of "Mother"!*

## *SERVERS OF THE DIVINE ALTAR*

May 9<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

May 16<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: A. Michaud/N. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

May 23<sup>rd</sup>:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

May 30<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias

June 6<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: M. Carter/ N. Carter

11:00am: L. Michaud/ I. Misner-Elias

June 13<sup>th</sup>:

9:00am: A. Michaud/ M. Carter

11:00am: I. Misner-Elias