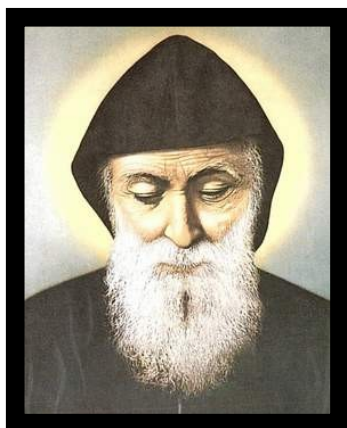


Solemnity of Saint Sharbel

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost



July 22, 2018

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



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*"For us, the men and women of the East are a symbol of the Lord Who comes again." Orientale 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 **three months in advance**. Recommended stipends:
weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

Monthly Memorials: Sanctuary Candles \$20; Altar Bread \$25; Wine \$45

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell **Catechists:** Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th **Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Gard, 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

THIS DAY'S EPISTLE Romans 8: 28-39

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His

Son, so that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.
And those He predestined He also called; and those He called He also justified; and those He justified He also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will He not also give us everything else along with Him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God Who acquits us.

Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus Who died, rather, was raised, Who also is at the right hand of God, Who indeed intercedes for us.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?

As it is written:

*For your sake we are being slain all the day;
we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.*

No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him Who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



A **heartfelt thanks** to you all for the beautiful weekend in celebration of my thirtieth anniversary of priestly ordination. The Knights of Columbus did an excellent and generous work in their cooking, showing hospitality to all.

Your generosity in time, organization and gifts has been touching and the faith you have shown deeply edifying.

*May the God of all goodness reward you each
with grace and blessing
for the kindness you have shown
to His servant.*



ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

By their example, the charitable are revealed in the
purity of their intention,
in the nobility of the motives
which inspire their conduct;
the latter is always marked
by the seal of honesty,
in such a way that *agapè*, excluding all meanness,
becomes quite close to fineness
and clarity of conscience¹

In recent years the notion of charity/ *agapè* has often been debased by the attempt to equate it with affection and "feeling", clearly this is an impossible task. What passes for Christian love these days is often nothing more than sentimentality; although perhaps well intentioned, it comes across as silly, a bit like ecclesiastical Woodstock. This is tragic. It is also a profound disfiguring and falsification of *the* great gift given to the world in Our Lord: divine charity, the love of God itself. *Agapè* is the virtue given to men that allows us to enter God's own divine charity and to love with the love of God.

As we considered two weeks ago, the basic notion of Christian charity has the basic quality of **respect**, **esteem** and even **veneration**. We could never be commanded to hold affection and sentimental love for our enemies, but we can be taught, and commanded, to hold all in esteem - including our enemies. Well known, this commandment our Lord has given. Examining the Gospels we see this trait of respect throughout; Our Lord treats all with the greatest esteem and deference, even during His trial before the Sanhedrin and in His betrayal by Judas: "Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"²

The second characteristic, which can also be taught and commanded, lies in the **honesty** and **nobility of motive** and intention. Those who have received the gift of charity are transformed in mind.³

¹ From **Charity and Liberty** by Rev. Fr. Ceslaus Spicq, OP

² St. Luke 22: 48 In a parallel text, in the Gospel of St. Matthew, Our Lord at that moment still refers to Judas as "friend".

³ Ephesians 4: 23

Redemption brings with it a purification of spirit by the virtue of faith and baptism. This clarifies the mind and will resulting in a refinement and elevation of our motives. Worldly motivation must be burned off as dross, and our minds be purified by the divine fire. By faith and charity we are to think and act as the children of God.

By grace and living faith we begin to see the world differently and, as a result, our intent and purpose are transformed. We no longer simply plod along like the rest of the world; with true origin and goal now properly known, we have purpose and reason for our existence – a transformed vision indicates our path in and to the Kingdom of God. All this is included in the notion of “honest and noble motive”.

In practice, this means that while we still continue very much to live *in* the world, we do so in a different light. We are no longer *of* the world.⁴ Where once we simply worked because income is necessary to live, we now render our life’s work as a service to God and neighbor. We still pay bills, of course, but these are put in a corrected perspective within the light of eternal life. All things pass, only the divine endures. Without faith, light and grace all is dust and ashes; but with faith and the light of grace transforming our intent and motive, even the simplest things become beautifully great.

Charity present in our lives reminds us that our trials and hardships, too, are passing. The light of faith allows us to embrace in *agapè* life’s difficulties, transforming them into “crosses” united with our once-suffering Savior, knowing that all things elevated by grace will triumph finally in the glorious Resurrection.

VOCATION ICON

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

Sat	July 21	Jim & Lenore Boles
Sun	July 29	Bruce & Doreen White
Sun	Aug 5	Larry and Paula Mitchell
Sun	Aug 12	Lowell & Mary Hawes
Sun	Aug 19	Larry & Lisa Gard
Sun	Aug 26	Chris & Diane Wyder

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS


Regular Collection: \$1738.00

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

Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ
Saturday, July 28
\$9.00

Tickets will be sold after the Masses each weekend

There will be **no muffins** and coffee during August



- everyone’s at camp, apparently.

Giving Larry a well-deserved break, we will resume these social activities September 9th

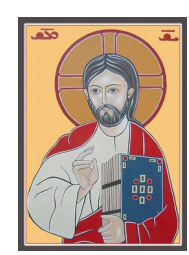
SCHEDULE OF READINGS

TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
 July 22, 2018

I Cor 12: 1-11 St. Matthew 12: 22-32

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
 July 29, 2018

Ephesians 2: 17-22 St. Luke 19: 1-10



⁴ I Cor 7: 29-31

INTENTIONS FOR THE QURBONEH (MASSES)

- Sat 21 †Marion Maroon
(*Scott Maroon*)
- Sun 22 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 23 -----
- Tue 24 †Mr. & Mrs. Sam Maroon
(*Stephen Maroon*)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 25 †Robert Mitchell
(*Barbara Atkins*)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 26 †Prinella Mitchell
(*Barbara Adkins*)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 27 †Bes Bolduc
(*Pam & Dan Casavant*)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Sat 28 †Charles Owen
(*the parish*)
- Sun 29 For the members of the Parish
- Mon 30 -----
- Tue 31 Veilleux Family
(*Pam & Dan Casavant*)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Wed 1 †Theresa Casavant
(*Pam & Dan Casavant*)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Thu 2 †Paul Mitchell
(*Pam & Dan Casavant*)
-- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
- Fri 3 Veilleux Family
(*Pam & Dan Casavant*)
- Sat 4 †Charles Owen
(*the parish*)
- Sun 5 †Jibryne & Jeannette Karter
(*Jan Bourque*)
-- For the members of the Parish
- Mon 6 -----

- Tue 7 †Clem Boulette
(*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 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, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Paul Laverdiere, and Marie Lessard.

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *imsheeHo* 178A

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *zadeqeh* 179A

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn: SB p 3 #8 *ikbal*

ANAPHORA:

Saint John Maron: LB p 897

Sign of Peace: SB *too ba*

Communion: SB *Seek ye first & This we pray*

Recessional: SB *I am the Bread of Life*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book