

Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church



Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 28, 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." *Oriental 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. Matthew 12: 14-21

The Pharisees went out and conferred together about Him regarding how they might destroy Him. Jesus was aware of this and left there. Large crowds followed Him, and He healed them all. He warned them not to reveal Him so that what had been said through the prophet Isaiah would be fulfilled:

*Behold, My servant,
in whom I am pleased, My Beloved,*

*in whom My soul is delighted.
I shall put My Spirit on him, and he will
proclaim judgement
to the nations.
He shall not be contentious or cry out, and
no one shall hear his voice
in the street.
A bruised reed he shall not break,
and a flickering lamp
he will not snuff out,
until he brings forth judgement
to victory.
In his name the nations shall hope.²*

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

² Isaiah 42: 1-4



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)
Homily 1.7.8 "on Ezechiel"

ABOUNA'S REFLECTIONS

As Christians we are obliged to look at the world as a whole, under the light of the Faith, and to judge accordingly. Our actions will follow suit. Anything less than this would mean that our actions, and perhaps our lives, are not Catholic in the full sense of the word.

There are many social dilemmas today for the Christian mind to fathom. The cultural and social world that surrounds has been unmoored from Christianity for several generations now, and without those principles there is no longer the transcendent vision that once influenced and elevated the western nations. This is especially true in a place like Maine where the vast majority of the population claims to have no religion at all. For many, the principles by which they live are *expediency* and the *utilitarian* benefit to each.

These are not the principles by which Catholics live.

The present legislature of Maine is accelerating and extending disagreeable issues, bringing assisted-suicide into the state by legal recognition and working to extend and increase the number of the abortions. We move further and further away from the Gospel of life, and away from the Gospel that is meant to remedially elevate humanity beyond this life into the eternal life of the Hidden One.

As considered a couple weeks ago, our interaction with all must be based on the dignity of each individual, while exercising the patience necessary in dealing with so many who now see the world in a different light and thus "speak another language" other than Christianity. Patience is always necessary in trying to communicate. A Catholic is to see the world in a transcendent light, while others see only

this world as their sole, or at least primary, object. A lukewarm or lapsed Catholic will likewise see firstly this world and *then* attempt to tack on here or there the practice of some aspects of the Faith.

The problem of abortion – frequent and prevalent as it is today – is a societal and cultural problem and not primarily a personal drama, although it is that, too. When we consider the *cultural situation of abortion* there are several things that also must be kept in consideration:

There are *two* parents involved;
that *poverty* that is often an aggravating circumstance;
that the *loss of family structure*, strength, and support is absent to many in modern America;
that *social strain* can often arise in some quarters with the rearing of children;
that an individual woman's health is concerned;
and, of course,
that a *child that has been conceived*.

Although principles may be most certain, in the overall picture of human lives there is no "black and white" solution, and the blanket coverings of "pro-choice" or "pro-life" are usually insufficient and ineffective in communicating. This is why the public argument has gone on for so many decades. There are a few Catholic groups that do see the integrity of the whole picture, but not often enough do these groups exist.

Next week, for clarity of mind, we will take a deeper look into these factors, that lamps that now flicker not be extinguished.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$2170.00

Many thanks to the donor who contributed **\$1,000.00** *in memory of Paul LaVerdiere* toward the outstanding \$2,000.00 remaining of our Lenten tax due to the eparchy.

May the God of all consolation shine His light on him and bring him into the fullness of His Kingdom!

Thanks be to the Good One Who allows to continue this apostolate unto His glory!

VOCATION ICON

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

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
Sat	Sept 7	Jim & Lenore Boles

SCHEDULE OF READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

July 28, 2019

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

NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

August 4, 2019

II Cor 5: 20-6: 10 St. Luke 4: 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	27	†Charles Owen <i>(the Parish)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	28	† Anniversary of Paul LaVerdiere
Mon	29	-----
Tue	30	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	31	†Marietta & John Thomas <i>(Pam & Dan Casavant)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Thu	1	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Phillips
Fri	2	Private Intention <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	3	†Charles Owen <i>(the Parish)</i> -- 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 <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sat	10	†Charles Owen <i>(the Parish)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Sun	11	For the members of the Parish
Mon	12	-----
Tue	13	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Wed	14	9:00 am †David Bourgoin <i>(Dan & Pam Casavant)</i> 6:00 pm For the members of the Parish
Thu	15	Catholic Extension Society & Donors
Fri	16	Private Intention <i>(Abouna James)</i> -- Catholic Extension Society & Donors

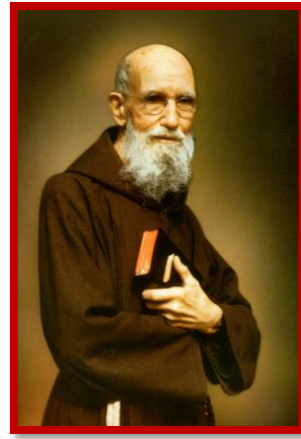
Autumn Harvest Raffle

\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!!!!

Ticket sales will begin on Monday, July 29th.

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.



*Blessed Solanus Casey, Capuchin
July 30th*

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.



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p 425 "A"

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

Entrance Hymn: LB *msheeho* 178B

Glory: SB *glory*

Qolo/Hymn: LB *shareero* 179

Creed p 748

PRE-ANAPHORA:

Transfer of Gifts: LB *The Lord Reigns*

Incense Hymn Offertory: SB *l'Maryam yoldat*

ANAPHORA:

Saint Mark, the Evangelist: LB p 835

Sign of Peace: SB *Peace like a river*

Communion: SB *I am the Vine; For the beauty*

Recessional: SB *Sing out earth and sky*

*LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book