

Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Amen.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor Mass Schedule

Sunday	8:30 A.M. English
	11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday - Friday	9:00 A.M. English
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English
Reconciliation	Saturday - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.
	Monday - Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
	Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

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Choir: 8:30 A.M. Helen Marincel	817-491-0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214-497-0783
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Lectors: 11 AM Trevor Rask	503-701-2236	Ushers Robert Kramer	214-488-5635
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The Rich Man & Lazarus

The Gospel for the week is the rich man and Lazarus and we are being reminded and also warned that one day we will be one of the faithful departed. The comparative fates of Lazarus and the rich man present us with a choice about where we are headed. This Gospel is perfectly positioned in the Maronite liturgical season to remind us that if we have lost our way, Great Lent is the time when we can commit and repent. The fate of Lazarus and the rich man are tied to their experiences of wealth and poverty in this life. The rich man has no name. Lazarus is the only name given to anyone in Jesus' parables. It means El-azar, "God has helped." There does not seem to be a connection between this Lazarus and the Lazarus in John 11:1-44, except that they are both in their own way are raised from the dead. Lazarus was a very popular name in ancient Israel.

The rich man had beautiful clothes and lavish feasts. Lazarus was covered with sores, was hungry, and had only dogs to lick his sores. After his death, Lazarus is in an honored place beside Abraham. The rich man is in Hades, a place of torment and eternal punishment. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to ease his pain in Hades, but Abraham responds that this cannot be done. A distance exists between the two which cannot be crossed. The rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his five brothers about Hades. Abraham replies that they already had Moses and the prophets to warn them. The rich man believes his brothers will change their ways if someone comes to them from the dead. Abraham replies if they have not listened to Moses and the prophets, they definitely will not be convinced by someone being raised from the dead. This is perhaps a foreshadowing of Jesus' resurrection and the failure to believe.

The Gospel of Luke stresses the way the status of the rich and the poor is reversed in the kingdom of God. When Jesus is conceived in Mary's womb, she exults that the hungry have been filled and the rich sent away empty. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the poor that God favors them and that the kingdom of God belongs to them. We also see this theme throughout Great Lent when the kingdom of God is compared to a wedding banquet where the invitation will be extended to "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" (Luke 14:21). The story of the rich man and Lazarus challenges us. Our lifestyles are in contrast with people in the world who live on much less. But this is about how we use our wealth in this life and whether we help those less fortunate than us. Like the rich man's five brothers, we are all being warned. We do not need people who claim private revelations about the after life to tell us, if we do not heed the warning of the Gospel, like the five brothers, we will not heed any. The Scriptures and the Church provide the guide, but only those willing to accept the guidance will enter. We are either moving closer to sitting next to Abraham or towards Hades with the rich man. This Gospel is a serious warning. Lent will soon be here. This is the time to reflect and meditate on our life's journey and which side we are headed for. Written by: Theresa Simon

ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS AVAILABLE TO YOU EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH:

*Monday thru Friday 9:00am—7:00pm
Saturday 9:00am—5:30pm / Sunday 1:00pm—7:00pm
Contact Sheila Hughes
@ 817-430-3066 for more info or to become an Adorer!*

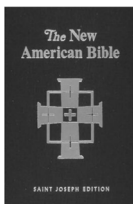


THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 2/26: Sr. Maria Bernadette, Michael Marincel, Ramapuram & Malamakal Families
Wednesday, 2/27: Therese Ann O'Flaherty
Thursday, 2/28: Michael Marincel, Anna Marincel, Helen Marincel
Friday, 3/1: +Bob Hladd, +Sally Bear, Legion of Mary
+Repose of the Soul

Daily Scripture Readings Feb 24th-Mar 2nd

Sunday, 2/24: 1Thes 5:1-11 Lk 16:19-31
Monday, 2/25: 1Thes 4:13-18 Lk 12:1-7
Tuesday, 2/26: 2Thes 1:1-12 Lk 12:8-12
Wednesday 2/27: 2Thes 2:1-12 Lk 12:13-21
Thursday, 2/28: 2Thes 2:13-3:5 Lk 12:22-32
Friday, 3/1: 1Cor 15:35-44a Lk 12:33-40
Saturday, 3/2: Phil 1:21-30 Mt 5:13-17



Next Week's Liturgical Roles

Saturday, March 2nd @ 5:30 PM

Lector: William Brown
Altar Servers: Isaac Black, Tarun Louis, Chidozie Ugochukwu
Ushers: Jason Tsakonas, Paul Levee

Sunday, March 3rd @ 8:30 AM

Lector: Rose Onoh
Altar Servers: Gabriel Medina, Eli Shults, John Paul Nwaiwu
Ushers: Geobin Ramapuram, Robert Baca

Sunday, February 3rd @ 11:00 AM

Lector: Denise Helou
Altar Servers: Zachary Tebcherany, Elijah Tebcherany, Tony Yamouni
Ushers: Rabih Abillama, Ghattas Akl

Prayer Corner

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Church Wish List

Our Censer is being refurbished in loving memory of Ray Gama. We would also like to thank Susanna Bradbury, Nick Cvetovich, and Phillip and Marty Paschke who gave donations for the Processional Candles. We would like to thank Phillip and Marty Paschke and Antonio del Rincon who helped us purchase the three Flag Sets. May the Lord reward you abundantly!

"For I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was naked, and you gave me clothing."

Homeless Feast Day

Our parish will be sponsoring, preparing, and serving a meal for the homeless on **March 28th, 2019**

We will need help in the kitchen prior to the dinner! We also need help with covering the costs for the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Church Office.

COME JOIN OUR LADIES KNIT AND CROCHET BABY CLOTHES FOR THE LORETTO HOUSE IN THE CHURCH CONFERENCE ROOM!

Next Meeting: Monday, March 4th

We are also accepting donations of yarn!

Maronite & Roman Lenten Guidelines

Our Lent begins this year with Ash Monday, March 4th, 2019 and concludes with Easter Sunday, April 21st, 2019. Ash Monday liturgies will be observed at 6:30PM. Likewise, Ash Wednesday, for our Roman Rite parishioners, will be held on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019 at 6:30PM.

Maronite Lent Regulations:

All those who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Monday & on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting should be from midnight until noon.

Roman Lent Regulations:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own *sui iuris* Church.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus.

"Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy." ~ Pope Francis



*Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.*

ASH MONDAY LITURGY

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2019 ~ 6:30 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH ~ 6:30 PM



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN LEWISVILLE

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers!

Vigil location: Outside of the Planned Parenthood-Lewisville at 1356 West Main St (on the sidewalk) in the shopping center of Big Lots)

Vigil hours: 7am to 7pm(Rain or Shine)

Local contact: Diane Powers 520-444-1147 or

DPowers577@gmail.com

Items to Bring: Lawn chairs, water bottles, umbrellas. **Learn**

more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/Lewisville

Catholics and Salvation

"How Are We Saved?"

At Our Lady of Lebanon Chapel

Instructor: Dr. Eric W. Hendry, PhD

Six Sessions: Class meets Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM—7:30 PM: March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th, & April 11th

1st: March 7th— Salvation Comes from God and for God

2nd: March 14th— Salvation, Repentance, and Faith

3rd: March 21st— The Role of Baptism and Eucharist in Salvation

4th: March 28th— The Necessity of a Christian Spiritual Life for Salvation

5th: April 4th— Good Works and Eternal Life

6th: April 11th— Perseverance unto Eternal Life

Join Us For A Lenten Day of Reflection!

How Can We Live Lent As Catholics?

Entering Into the Desert with Christ

Saturday, March 9th

9:00 AM—11:30 AM

Our Lady of Lebanon ~ Parish Hall



Guided by Fr. Jorge Cabrera, a Discalced Carmelite Friar. Fr. Jorge was ordained to the priesthood on June 12, 2009. He has a Master's Degree in Divinity and a Master's Degree in Spiritual Theology.

The Benediction of the Cross

The Benediction (Stations) of the Cross will be offered every Friday during Lent beginning at 6:30PM starting on March 8th, 2019 and ending on April 12th, 2019. *During Lent, please remember to abstain from meat on all Fridays, and to Fast & Abstain on Ash Monday (or Ash Wednesday) and on Great Friday.*

Confessions during Lent You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics MUST go to Confession at least once a year and as often as they need it in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace. Fr. Assaad is waiting for you every Saturday from 4:00pm—5:00pm in the Chapel.

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