

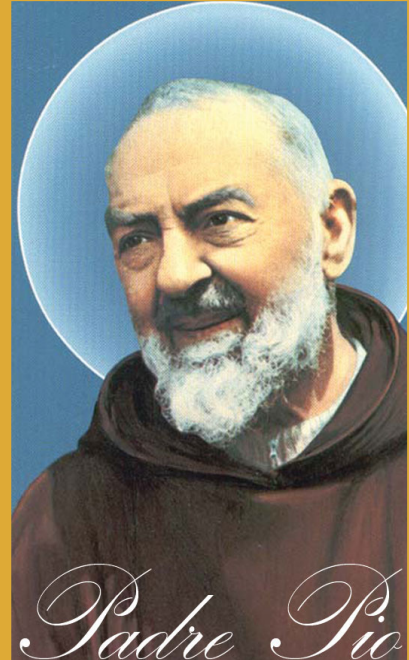
Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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*"Pray
Hope
And
Don't
Worry"*



Padre Pio

First Sunday After Holy Cross

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

**Deacon George Elandary
Mass Schedule**

Sunday	8:30 A.M. English	Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817-491-0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817-430-3066
	11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese	Choir: 8:30 A.M. Helen Marincel	817-491-0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214-497-0783
Monday	No Mass	Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972-832-8507	Respect Life: Sheri Josefsberg	940-566-0585
Tuesday - Friday	9:00 A.M. English	RCIA: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Saturday	5:30 P.M. English	Lectors: 8:30 AM Mark Caputo	469-230-1533	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Reconciliation	Saturday - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Lectors: 11 AM Trevor Rask	503-701-2236	Ushers Robert Kramer	214-488-5635
Eucharistic Adoration	Sunday: 2:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M.	Parish Council Mouhib Helou	817-845-9953	Legion of Mary Rose Onoh	214-289-4300
	Monday - Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.				
	Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.				

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ST. THECLA: SEPTEMBER 24TH

Much of what we know of St. Thecla is based on a popular second century tale. According to this legend, Thecla's mother and father were responsible for her death sentence. They were not at all pleased that their daughter had converted to Christianity after meeting St. Paul in Iconium during the 1stA.D. She had made a pledge of virginity and refused to marry the rich and handsome nobleman whom Thecla's parents had chosen for her to marry. They disowned Thecla and reported her as a Christian. She was sentenced to death by burning.

As the flames began to burn higher and inched toward the delicate feet of the courageous maiden, a sudden storm appeared on the horizon. A torrent of rain quickly extinguished the fire, leaving St. Thecla unharmed. Temporarily freed, Thecla disguised herself as a boy and quietly left Iconium to follow St. Paul. When safely far from home, she abandoned her disguise and continued to travel with the Apostle.

When they reached Antioch, a nobleman relentlessly pursued Thecla despite her refusals of his attention. The rejected suitor lay in wait and attempted to assault her. Determined to keep her virginity intact, St. Thecla fought so hard that she ended up assaulting him, greatly amusing the residents of Antioch. The humiliated young man brought charges against Thecla, and she found herself facing yet another death sentence. This time her fate was even more brutal—death by wild beasts.

Thecla walked bravely into the arena. The crowd held its breath as the animals stealthily approached her, then gasped as the savage beasts quietly laid down by her feet and began licking them gently. The frustrated officials tried one last time to bring about St. Thecla's death by lowering her into a snake pit. Predictably, they pulled her out hours later completely unharmed. An astonished official had the young virgin brought before him and asked, "Who are you, that you are always saved?"

Proudly, Thecla replied, "I am a daughter of Christ, Son of the living God. He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life; He is the one who protects me. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever." The officials had no choice but to simply set her free. The beautiful virgin's bravery and the miracles worked on her behalf did not go unnoticed and resulted in many conversions to Christianity. Thecla quickly rejoined St. Paul's group, committed to spreading the Good News of the gospels. At some point, she left the group to dwell in a cave, living a monastic life and dying peacefully at the age of 90.

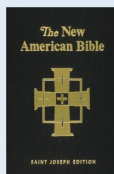
THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Saturday, 9/19:</u>	Teresa Marincel
<u>Sunday, 9/20:</u>	Hali Pham & Kevin Ching, +Ronald Sauma
<u>Tuesday, 9/22:</u>	Sr. Maria Bernadette, Anna Marincel, Michael Marincel, Maule, 5 Wounds of Jesus, Michael Henry, Marincel Family
<u>Wednesday, 9/23:</u>	Teresa Marincel, 5 Wounds of Jesus, Marie Baldenegro Patrick Parks
<u>Thursday, 9/24:</u>	Michael Marincel, 5 Wounds of Jesus, Karen McCall, James Kwasny
<u>Friday, 9/25:</u>	5 Wounds of Jesus, Karen McCall, Crystal Kulle

+Repose of the Soul

Daily Scripture Readings Sept 20th thru Sept 26th

Sunday, 9/20:	2Tim 2:1-10	Mk 10:35-45
Monday, 9/21:	Rev 1:1-8	Mk 8:34-9:1
Tuesday, 9/22:	Rev 1:9-20	Mk 9:33-37
Wednesday 9/23:	Rev 2:1-7	Mk 9:38-50
Thursday, 9/24:	Rev 2:8-11	Mk 10:17-27
Friday, 9/25:	Rev 2:12-17	Mk 10:28-31
Saturday, 9/26:	Rev 2:18-29	Mt 20:1-16



ST. PADRE PIO: SEPTEMBER 23RD

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side. Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.. A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by souvenir hunters. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

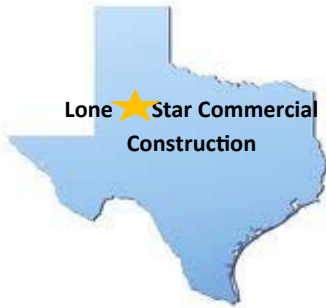
Prayer To St. Techla

You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O Bride of God, St. Techla. And your faith was confirmed by Paul, O Chosen One of God. You became the first sufferer and martyr among women, By entering into the flames as into a place of gladness. For when you accepted the Cross of Christ, The demonic powers were frightened away. O all-praised One, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Padre Pio Prayer to Jesus

Oh my Jesus, give me Your strength when my weak nature rebels against the distress and suffering of this life of exile, and enable me to accept everything with serenity and peace. With my whole strength I cling to Your merits, Your sufferings, Your expiation, and Your tears, so that I may be able to cooperate with You in the work of salvation. Give me strength to fly from sin, the only cause of Your agony, Your sweat of blood, and Your death. Destroy in me all that displeases You and fill my heart with the fire of Your holy love and all Your sufferings. Clasp me tenderly, firmly, close to You that I may never leave You alone in Your cruel Passion. I ask only for a place of rest in Your Heart. Amen.

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"I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament, and I find hardly anyone who strives, according to My desire, to allay this thirst by making Me some return of love." -Words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

**ADORATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS AVAILABLE
TO YOU EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK AT
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Monday thru Friday 9:00am—7:00pm

Saturday 9:00am—5:30pm

Sunday 1:00pm—7:00pm



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LIFE!**

**JOIN US ON THE SIDEWALK
OUTSIDE ST. PHILIP AT
KIRKPATRICK & MAIN STREET**

**WEEKENDS FROM
SEPT. 19—Nov. 1
9 AM—3 PM**

Feast Day for St. Joseph of Cupertino

Friday, September 18, 2020



"Clearly, what God wants above all is our will which we received as a free gift from God in creation and possess as though our own. When a man trains himself to acts of virtue, it is with the help of grace from God from whom all good things come that he does this. The will is what man has as his unique possession." -St. Joseph of Cupertino

Youth Group 2020-2021

Are your children 13 and up? Sign up for Youth Group, a ministry for teenagers. Classes start the first week in October at 9:30 AM. For more information, contact the Church Office at 972-436-7617.



SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

Due to the cancellation of the Lebanese Food Festival and other events, the finances of our parish are much lower than before and your support is greatly appreciated. We offer our gratitude to all the generous people who have mailed in their offerings or donated in person. May our loving Lord reward you one hundred fold!

Maintaining Reverence in the Church

Noises in the church lobby can be heard in the church during Mass. If you are waiting in the lobby during Mass time, please remember to keep your voices at a very low level. Children should not be left alone to run around the lobby during Mass. Thank you for helping us in this effort!

Catechism on Prayer

Prayer is vitally necessary. Indeed, prayer and the Christian life are inseparable. Without perseverance in prayer, we risk falling back into the slavery of sin (CCC 2744, 2745). It is the life of prayer that places us in relationship with God (CCC 2565).

Humility is the foundation of prayer. We should go to God in prayer as "a beggar," asking Him to bestow on us "the gift" of prayer (CCC 2559).

An effective means to begin prayer is to consciously place ourselves in the presence of God (CCC 2803). St. Francis de Sales states: "Begin all your prayers, whether mental or vocal, in the presence of God. Keep to this rule without any exception and you will quickly see how helpful it will be."

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