

Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Prayer to St. Joseph

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

The Revelation to Joseph

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor		Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817-491-0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817-430-3066
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Mass Schedule		Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972-832-8507	Respect Life: Sheri Josefsberg	940-566-0585
Sunday	8:30 A.M. English	RCIA: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
	11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese	Lectors: 8:30 AM Mark Caputo	469-230-1533	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Monday	No Mass	Lectors: 11 AM Trevor Rask	503-701-2236	Ushers Robert Kramer	214-488-5635
Tuesday - Friday	9:00 A.M. English	Parish Council Mouhib Helou	817-845-9953	Legion of Mary Rose Onoh	214-289-4300
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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The Dreams of St. Joseph

What little we do know about Joseph affirms that he lived life properly. Matthew's Gospel says that he was "a righteous man." The movie "Mary of Nazareth" portrays Joseph as a hard working, respectful man who was deeply in love with a woman named Mary. He was drawn to her goodness and her love for God. He must have dreamt of a long life with her as his wife and companion. He was however tasked with much more.

Matthew 1: 18-25 reveals how that dream unfolded and the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

Scripture reveals that a dream came to Joseph in the most literal sense. But it is powerfully metaphorical too. When I think of dreams, I think of great things happening—getting a certain job, meeting a hero, winning a title or championship, or being elected to leadership position. But the more I think about such dreams; I realize many (not all) are not free of responsibility. It may be a young man or woman's dream to be the President of the United States, but that position means one will lose any and all sense of privacy. Their life will need constant protection. They will be praised and vilified in the same meeting. And we know that for Jorge Mario Bergoglio, just before he was elected Pope he had a moment of desolation followed by another of consolation. Indeed, what may come of our dreams might be a mixing of both blessings and burdens.

No doubt this had to have been true for St. Joseph. He became an earthly father to the Messiah, a man that many people would follow and so many others would reject. Certainly, Joseph had great faith in God and in Mary, to accept what was to be. We only know a little bit of what God saw in Joseph, but he too must have been living his life the right way. The dream came to him. We honor him in many different ways because of that.

The Litany of Saint Joseph is a wonderful prayer that helps me relate to the patriarch of the Holy Family. Honoring him with these words teaches me about his holiness. I gain an understanding of what God the Father, Mary—his holy spouse and Jesus his earthly Son must have loved about him. In it, we are reminded of the manifold roles that St. Joseph has served to Christians throughout the centuries. I hope that one will resonate with you personally. Perhaps another can serve as an example for who you would like to be—mirror of patience. Look to St. Joseph as the model. Pray to St. Joseph for such virtues. His "hidden life" will no longer feel so hidden. And his dreams might be your dreams as well. Live them accordingly and God the Father will bring them to you. St. Joseph, pray for us. Written by: Anne Stricherz

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 12/12 De Nguyen, Grandchildren of Neal & Kathy Lyons: Katie, Claire, Grant, Ryan, & David, +Stephen & George Family, Robert Kramer

Sunday, 12/13: +Stephen & George Family

Tuesday 12/15: Sr. Maria Bernadette, Anna Marincel, Michael Marincel, +Stephen & George Family, +Nick Cvetovich

Wednesday, 12/16: +Stephen & George Family

Thursday, 12/17: Michael Marincel, +Stephen & George Family, +Ray Gama, +Mara T Escobedo

Friday, 12/18: President Trump, +Kenneth Krawczyk, Jr., +Stephen & George

+Repose of the Soul

Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

Daily Scripture Readings Dec. 13th thru Dec. 19th

Sunday, 12/13:	Eph 3:1-13	Mt 1:18-25
Monday, 12/14:	Rom 12:1-8	Mt 4:18-25
Tuesday, 12/15:	Rom 11:1-12	Jn 7:11-18
Wednesday 12/16:	Rom 11:13-24	Jn 7:25-30
Thursday, 12/17:	Rom 11:25-36	Jn 7:31-36
Friday, 12/18:	Rom 12:1-8	Jn 7:37-44
Saturday, 12/19:	Rom 12:9-21	Jn 7:45-53



Join us for our Community Rosaries:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30AM in the Chapel
Saturday: 5:00PM in the Sanctuary
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

Respect Life Rosaries:

are held on the Third Weekend of each Month prior to the Sunday 8:30 AM Mass.

Christmas Mass Schedules

Christmas Eve Mass

December 24th
6:00 PM

NO MIDNIGHT MASS

December 25th—12:00 AM

Christmas Morning Mass

December 25th

No 8:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass Only



30th Annual Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Application forms are available in the Parish Office for five \$800 scholarships; at least three of which will be given to graduating Catholic seniors from Lewisville High School, Marcus High School, or Flower Mound High-School who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college. Also eligible for the remaining two scholarships are Catholic seniors who attend any other high school if a member of St. Philip Youth Group OR who attend any Catholic high school or are home-schooled in the Catholic faith if their parent(s) are members of Our Lady of Lebanon or St. Phillip the Apostle parish and/or their father is a member of Council 9884.

The application involves listing school and church service and writing a short essay on the topic, "The Need to Serve." Deadline for the application is on or before January 10, 2020. For more information, please email macrivello@hotmail.com or call 972-754-0804.

"My sweetest joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the Holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!" -

St. Katharine Drexel



Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Monday thru Friday 9:00am—7:00pm

Saturday 9:00am—5:30pm

Sunday 1:00pm—7:00pm

Contact Sheila Hughes @ 817-430-3066

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ and the best way to prepare is to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess our sins and to receive the graces to live holier lives.



Fr. Assaad is waiting for you!

*Come to Reconciliation on
Saturdays from 4:00pm—5:00PM in the Chapel.*

Bishop Zaidan's December Prayer Intentions

O Lord, this month as we celebrate your birth, let us remember the hope brought to the world and rejoice in a new beginning. While many of us will not be able to gather together physically to celebrate this important time of the year, we will be together in spirit and prayer.

We Pray to you, O Lord.

ANGELUS OF ST. JOSEPH

V. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.
R. "Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary, your wife, into your home."

V. "For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."
R. "And she shall bring forth a son."

V. "And you shall call his name Jesus."
R. "Because He is the one who is to save his people from their sins."

V. Pray for us, O virgin father of Jesus.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection.



A beautiful way to honor and remember those you keep in your hearts. Support your loved ones in their times of need as well as their times of celebrations!

To book a Mass Intention, PLEASE contact Sara in the Parish Office: 972-436-7617.

Thank You!!

Year-End Gift to Your Parish

Please remember your spiritual home of Our Lady of Lebanon at the end of this year. Please consider giving a year-end tax-deductible gift to your parish.

We all need to give and the Church is one of the best places to give an offering. Check with your accountant to find out what tax-deductible gift you can give before December 31st. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Weekly Collections

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December 6th, 2020

5:30 PM Mass	\$1,188
8:30 AM Mass	\$1,618
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,185
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