

Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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Hosanna Sunday

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor Deacon George Elandary 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: 3:30–5:00 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.

Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817-491-0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817-430-3066
Choir: 8:30 A.M. Mary Marincel	817-491-0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214-497-0783
Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972-832-8507	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
RCIA: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
Lectors: 8:30 AM Joe Marincel	817-491-0763	Ushers Robert Kramer	214-488-5635
Lectors: 11 AM Trevor Rask	503-701-2236	Legion of Mary Rose Onoh	214-289-4300
Parish Council Mouhib Helou	817-845-9953		

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From a Sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great

In Praise of Charity

In John's gospel the Lord says: "By this love you have for one another, everyone will know you are my disciples." In a letter by John we read: "My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love."

So the faithful should look into themselves and carefully examine their minds and the impulses of their hearts. If they find some of the fruits of love stored in their hearts then they must not doubt God's presence within them, but to make themselves more and more able to receive so great a guest they should do more and more works of durable mercy and kindness. After all, if God is love, charity should know no limit, for God himself cannot be confined within limits.

What is the appropriate time for performing works of charity? My beloved children, any time is the right time, but these days of Lent provide a special encouragement. Those who want to be present at the Lord's Passover in holiness of mind and body should seek above all to win this grace. Charity contains all other virtues and covers a multitude of sins.

As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ destroyed our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings — that is, our works of mercy. What God in his goodness has already given to us, let us give to those who have sinned against us.

And to the poor also, and to those who are afflicted in various ways, let us show a more open-handed generosity so that God may be thanked through many voices and the needy may be fed as a result of our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than the support that is lavished on his poor. Where God finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognises the reflection of his own fatherly care.

Do not be put off giving by a lack of resources. A generous spirit is itself great wealth, and there can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. His hand is present in all this activity: his hand, which multiplies the bread by breaking it and increases it by giving it away.

When you give alms, do not be anxious but full of happiness. The greatest treasure will go to the one who has kept the least for himself. The holy apostle Paul tells us: He who provides seed for the sower will give bread for food, provide you with more seed, and increase the harvest of your goodness, in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

The Catechism on the Liturgical Year

1168 Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. It really is a "year of the Lord's favor." The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated "as a foretaste," and the kingdom of God enters into our time.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 3/30: No Intentions
Wednesday, 3/31: †Dr. Steephen, †Dr. Steephen's Father, †Vincent Steephen
Thursday, 4/1: Amelie Rose McCarly Birthday Blessings
Friday, 4/2: Healing for David Solis
Saturday, 4/3: Healing for David Solis
Sunday, 4/4: No Intentions

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

According to tradition, St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited the following prayer, it would release 1,000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in purgatory:

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen.

St. Gertrude the Great was a 13th-century German nun, writer, and mystic who was graced with many heavenly visions, including being one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged a devotion to His Sacred Heart. It is recounted that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of this prayer.

Daily Scripture Readings March 28th through April 3rd

Sunday, 3/28:	Phil. 1:1–13	Jn. 12:12–22
Monday, 3/29:	Heb. 6:1–9	Mt. 21:17–27
Tuesday, 3/30:	1 Thes. 2:13–7	Lk. 13:22–30
Wednesday 3/31:	Heb. 2:5–12	Jn. 11:47–54
Thursday, 4/1:	1 Cor. 11:23–32	Lk. 22:1–23
Friday, 4/2:	Heb. 12:12–21	Jn. 19:31–37
Saturday, 4/3:	Rom. 5:1–11	Mt. 27:62–6



Holy Week Schedule with Fr. Mitch Pacwa

Palm Sunday, Mar. 27th-28th	Mass	5:30 pm Saturday
Blessing of the Palms		8:30 am Sunday
Decorated Candles		11:00 am Sunday
Procession at 11:00am		
Tuesday, Mar. 30th	Daily Mass	9:00 am
Wednesday, Mar. 31st	Rite of the Lamp	6:30 pm Healing Mass (Anointing w/Oil)
Holy Thursday, Apr. 1st	Mass (Fr. Pacwa will be with us)	7:00 pm Washing of the Feet
	Confession —————→	After Mass until 12:00 am
	Adoration —————→	All Night
Good Friday, Apr. 2nd	Mass (Fr. Pacwa will be with us)	8:30 am Preconsecrated Mass
	Burial of Jesus —————→	7:00 pm Burial of Jesus
	Confession —————→	After Mass until 12:00 am
Holy Saturday, Apr. 3rd	NO MASS / NO ADORATION / Jesus is still in the tomb	NO CONFESSION
Easter Sunday, Apr. 4th	Mass	8:30 am Sunday
	(Fr. Pacwa will be with us)	NO RECEPTION; NO EGG HUNT
		11:00 am Sunday
		NO RECEPTION; NO EGG HUNT

Assistance with Taxes

Taxes are due in the next few weeks. Mike Powell, our parish's accountant, is available to assist anyone who needs Certified Public Accountant (CPA) assistance. You can call him at (469) 235-7863.

Diocese Lenten Appeal

Our Bishop is asking us to raise **\$7,000** for the Annual Diocese Appeal. We have already raised \$3,150. Please continue to give generously so that we may meet our parish's goal. Please **MAKE SURE** to write your check to:

Our Lady of Lebanon

and **DELIVER IT TO US, NOT THE DIOCESE**, via mail or the collection baskets. We will send **ONE** collective check the week after Easter.

THANK YOU for your generosity!



Modesty Reveals Holiness

Modesty in dress reveals a modesty and godliness of the heart, attitudes that should be the desire of all men and women who live to please and honor God. We ask all members of Our Lady of Lebanon to dress modestly when they step into God's house. Please no shorts, sleeves, dresses, miniskirts, or T-shirts. Thank you for your consideration of this friendly reminder.

Due to an early bulletin deadline with our publisher, we were not able to record last week's collection numbers. Please continue to give generously.

The Benediction of the Cross

The Benediction (Stations) of the Cross will be offered every Friday during Lent beginning at 6:30PM starting on Feb 19th, 2021, and ending on March 26th, 2021. *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 3:30pm—5:00pm in the chapel.

Join Bishop Edward J. Burns! 28th Annual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner

Saturday, 10th April 2021

At the Renaissance Hotel Addison.

The program will feature the incredible singer Francesca Battistelli and Special Guest Christina Bennet.

Ballroom will be limited to 650 guests. For more info, call 972-267-LIFE

Requesting a Mass Intention

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. If possible, Masses are scheduled on the date you request, otherwise the nearest date that is open. Please schedule your Mass intentions by contacting Michael in the Church Office at 972.436.7617 or LadyofL719@gmail.com.



Maronite Youth Organization

MYO Virtual Youth Conference

Join the Maronite Youth Organization on Zoom for "Rollin' Stones," a virtual Easter Event.

Date: 9 April 2021

Time: 7 PM Central

Duration: 2 Hours

Register at: www.maroniteyouth.org

"At the end of a busy day, when fatigue sets in because of all we did for Christ's sake, we can read in our body the traces of crucifixion."

—Ven. Fulton Sheen

North Texas Catholic Men's Conference "Come to the Table: Where Grace Begins"

For all men 18 and older, or 15 and older with an adult

Saturday, April 10th: 8 AM—4 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church—Frisco, TX

\$25/person. Register: www.ntxcmc.org



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