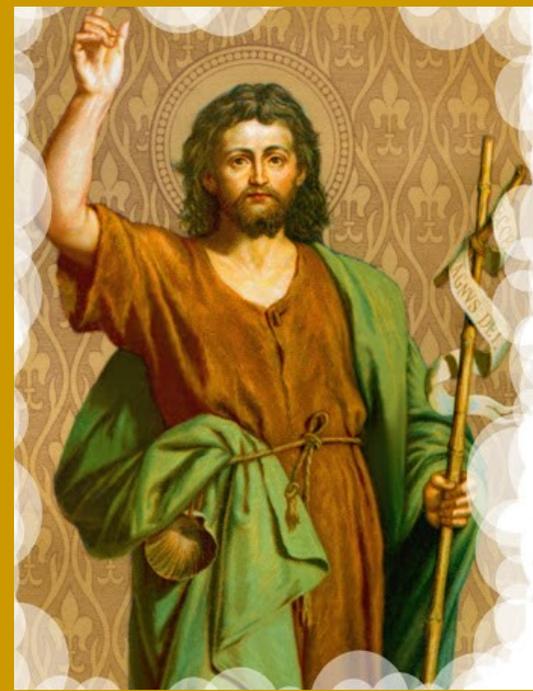


# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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## Saint John the Baptist

Greatest prophet among those born of woman, although thou wast sanctified in thy mother's womb and didst lead a most innocent life, nevertheless it was thy will to retire into the wilderness, there to devote thyself to the practice of austerity and penance; Obtain for us of thy Lord the grace to be wholly detached, at least in our hearts, from earthly goods, and to practice Christian mortification with interior recollection and with the spirit of holy prayer.

## Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

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

**Deacon George Elandary  
Mass Schedule**

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



We have all seen, and maybe even used for our ordination holy cards, the verses penned by an anonymous poet about the “beautiful hands of a priest.” The piece speaks of the many occasions priests use their hands to be the hands of Jesus Himself in administering the sacraments to the people. God uses our very bodies to be His bodies so he can touch those he loved into being. There are certain fundamental realities that gestures portray and represent, and as body-soul creatures we need to be very conscious of the lowly vessel that carries the soul longing for God.

**Pacing & Speed:** Sometimes priests throw their arms open and close them in about three seconds. Extending his hands, he greets the people. However, if it's a greeting, it should be expansive and feel inclusive, no? A slow, deliberate embrace of the Church is much more a representation of the embrace of the Church. Pacing is especially important when the liturgy calls us to extend and then join at the *Orate, Fatres, and Pax*.

**Orational:** This common gesture of prayer is appropriated from our Jewish brothers and sisters with hands held apart and open to Heaven, showing great confidence that the hands will be filled with that for which we ask. The priest prays in this way during the Lord's Prayer with the body.

**Invocational:** These are the prayers in which any blessing or invoking of the Spirit is mentioned. The way priests hold their hands during the Eucharistic prayer should be slightly different from the other prayers of the Mass. Through the entire Eucharistic prayer, the “working of the Holy Spirit” is at the core of the consecratory reality, in two epiclesis, one calling down the Spirit on the soon to be consecrated elements, the second calling the Spirit upon the Church.

**Folded Hands:** There is wisdom behind folding our hands as we were taught in our youth. Resting our hands on our stomachs like we just had a great feast or worse not making any attempt at a reverential posture is distracting. We are supposed to look different than we would in any other setting. Nothing makes a priest's hands more beautiful than visibly using them in a prayerful gestures. Source: Father Alexander Masluk

### Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist (August 29th)

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

#### This Week's Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, 8/31: †Cuong Pham, †Tina Robbins, †Eduardo & Felisa Di Pineda
- Wednesday, 9/1: Brian O'Flaherty, †Marshall J. Love, †Eduardo & Felisa Di Pineda
- Thursday, 9/2: †Lillian L. Love, †Eduardo & Felisa Di Pineda
- Friday, 9/3: Legion of Mary, †Jeremiah O'Flaherty, †Eduardo & Felisa Di Pineda
- Saturday, 9/4: Jacobs Family, †Eduardo & Felisa Di Pineda
- Sunday, 9/5: Olivia Angulo, †Eduardo & Felisa Di Pineda

#### Daily Scripture Readings August 22nd thru August 28th

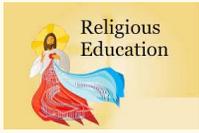
Sunday, 8/22:	1Thes 2:1-13	Lk 10:38-42
Monday, 8/23:	1Jn 3:23-4:6	Lk 15:1-7
Tuesday, 8/24:	1Jn 4:7-21	Lk 15:8-10
Wednesday, 8/25:	1Jn 5:1-12	Lk 16:1-8
Thursday, 8/26:	1Jn 5:13-21	Lk 16:9-12
Friday, 8/27:	2Jn 1-13	Lk 16:13-17
Saturday, 8/28:	3Jn 1-15	Lk 17:1-4

#### The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

*We need them in life's early morning  
 We need them again at its close  
 We feel their warm clasp of friendship  
 We seek them when tasting life's woes  
 At the altar each day we behold them  
 And the hands of a king on his throne  
 Are not equal to them in their  
 Greatness; their dignity stands all alone  
 And when we are tempted and wander  
 To pathways of shame and sin,  
 It's the hand of a priest that will absolve  
 Us—not once but again and again  
 And when we are taking life's partner  
 Other hands may prepare us a feast  
 But the hand that will bless and unite  
 Us is the beautiful hand of a priest  
 God bless them and keep them all holy  
 For the Host which their fingers caress  
 When can a poor sinner do better than  
 To ask Him to guide thee and bless?  
 When the hour of death comes upon us  
 May our courage and strength be increased  
 By seeing raised over us in anointing the*



### Religious Education Update



In accordance with Diocese norms, all children must attend religious education for 2 years before receiving sacraments. Families must be registered in the parish and attending Mass (Holy Mysteries)

### Reverence in Our Chapel

When you are visiting Our Lord in the chapel of our parish, we ask that you refrain from talking to others. Your focus should be on Christ in the Eucharist. The chapel is not a “coffee shop.” If you would like to talk to someone, please talk to him/her outside. Thank you.

### Weekly Emails

Our parish publishes weekly emails on Friday. If you are not receiving these emails, we may not be using your correct email. If you would like to receive these emails or are not receiving them when you should be, please email the church office at [LadyofL719@gmail.com](mailto:LadyofL719@gmail.com).

### Legion of Mary

Members meet in the St. Thecla Chapel on Tuesdays at 7 pm for an hour and a half weekly for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. Then members do two hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of their spiritual director.



### St. Joseph Image

This week the St. Joseph image is going to the Elakattu family.

### Confessions

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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 holds confessions every Saturday from 3:30pm—5:00pm in the sacristy. The line is formed on the benches in the hallway.

### Online Giving

Please remember that you can support our parish through an online donation. This method is secure. To give online, visit our parish website, and click on the ‘Needy Families Fund/Online Donations’ tab beneath the ‘Online Giving’ header. May God reward your generosity.

### Weekly Collections

August 22nd, 2021

Cash	\$384
Loose Checks	\$1,125
Envelope Checks	\$2,720
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,229</b>

Thank you for your support of the House of the Lord!

### Second Collection



Our next Second Collection will benefit Catholic University of America on September 11th & 12th. Thank you for your generosity!

**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



### Requesting a Mass Intention

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. Masses are either scheduled on the date you request or on the nearest date that is open. Please schedule your Mass intentions by contacting Sara in the Church Office at 972.436.7617

### Lectors & Altar Servers

We are in need of lectors and altar servers for all Masses. If you would like to be trained to be a lector or your son would like to be an altar server, please contact the Church Office at 972-436-7617 or email [ladyofl719@gmail.com](mailto:ladyofl719@gmail.com)



The Word of God



### The 2021 Food Festival Sponsors



*Due to the Corona virus, we have had to cancel the Festival for the second year in a row. As you know, this is our major fundraiser for the year that we greatly depend on for our yearly income and expenses. We are asking for any support you can give. If you would like to make a special donation, please contact the Church Office at 972-436-7617 or email [LadyofL719@gmail.com](mailto:LadyofL719@gmail.com)*

### Prayer for Healing

Almighty God, you are the only source of health and healing. In you there is calm, and the only true peace in the universe. Grant to each one of us your children an awareness of your presence, and give us perfect confidence in you. In all pain and weariness and anxiety teach us to yield ourselves to your never-failing care, knowing that your love and power surround us, trusting in your wisdom and providence to give us health and strength and peace when your time is best; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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