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**Deacon George Elandary
Mass Schedule**

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| 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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| Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel | 817-491-0763 | Adoration: Sheila Hughes | 817-430-3066 |
| Choir: 8:30 A.M. Helen 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 Mark Caputo | 469-230-1533 | Ushers Robert Kramer | 972-655-8056 |
| 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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Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is observed in the United States of America on December 12th, commemorating the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Juan Diego in December 1531 and the subsequent miracle of her image being impressed upon his *tilma* (a rough cloak woven from vegetable fibers). This miraculous image spoke to the Aztecs in their symbolic—or glyphic—language on many levels. But primarily the imagery showed who the Lady of Tepeyac was and her power exemplified by being “clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.” This important symbolism was further confirmed by the name she gave to Juan Diego's in his Nahuatl tongue, “Coatlaxopeuh”—rendered in Spanish as “Guadalupe”—meaning “the one who crushes the serpent”—here not just in reference the Devil, but a specific Aztec deity. The results of this singular miracle was nothing less than miraculous itself as the native Indians of Mexico began to convert to the One, True Catholic Faith by the millions. Previously these varied peoples had suffered under the scourge of the Aztec religion, one of the bloodiest forms of paganism known to mankind (for example, the human sacrifice of over 10,000 in a single day to dedicate a new temple). Remarking on the *tilma*'s imagery, Our Lady radiates peace and serenity with her consoling demeanor and posture, yet with a calm strength she overwhelms the violent and bloodthirsty gods of the Aztecs, vividly demonstrated by her blocking out the sun god and standing upon the moon god, the pagan religion's two most powerful deities. The solicitude expressed on the face of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the souls of the Americas—thus the appropriateness of her title as “Empress of the Americas” is perhaps even more profoundly comprehended when we consider her consoling words to Juan Diego summarized as: “Trust in me: I am your mother”.



St. Lucy

St. Lucy (meaning Light), a virgin of Syracuse, who had proclaimed her Christian faith from infancy, went with her mother—who was severely ill—to venerate the body of blessed Agatha. Praying fervently, she obtained her mother's cure by the intercession of St. Agatha. Upon her return to Syracuse, Lucy sold all her goods and distributed them amongst the poor of Christ.

When he, whom her parents had promised her in marriage found out, he accused her of being a Christian; he attempted to get Lucy to worship idols, which only inflamed her love for Christ. When he threatened execution, she answered “The violence wherewith thou threatenest me would obtain for me a double crown of chastity.” Full of anger, he attempted to drag her to a place where her chastity would be violated, but by God's grace, she was so firmly fixed to her place, it was impossible to move her. Paschius then ordered she be boiled and burned, but God did not permit the flame to burn her. She was tormented & was wounded with a sword to her neck. St. Lucy foretold the peace of the Church and then died. She is the Patron Saint of the eyes.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 12/14 Ugochukwu Family, Sr. Maria Bernadette, Sr. Maria Seraphina, Sr. Maria Therese, Michael Marincel
Wednesday, 12/15: Julia & Mary Marincel, Helen Hicks, †Nick Cvetovich
Thursday, 12/16: Janet Gibson & Joy Gyurman

St. Joseph Titles

Illustrious son of David, Light of Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Guardian of the Redeemer, Pure Guardian of the Virgin, Provider for the Son of God, Zealous defender of Christ, Servant of Christ, Minister of salvation, Head of the Holy Family, Most chaste, Most prudent, Most brave, Most obedient, Most loyal, Mirror of patience, Lover of Poverty, Model for workers, Glory of family life, Guardian of virgins, Cornerstone of families, Support in difficulties, Comfort of the sorrowing, Hope of the sick, Patron of exiles, Patron of the afflicted, Patron of the poor, Patron of the dying, Terror of demons, Protector of the Church, Pray for us. Amen.

Daily Scripture Readings Dec. 12 thru Dec. 18

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| Sunday, 12/12: | Eph 3:1-13 | Mt 1:18-25 |
| Monday, 12/13: | Rom 10:14-21 | Jn 7:1-10 |
| Tuesday, 12/14: | Rom 11:1-12 | Jn 7:11-18 |
| Wednesday, 12/15: | Rom 11:13-24 | Jn 7:25-30 |
| Thursday, 12/16: | Rom 11:25-36 | Jn 7:37-44 |
| Friday, 12/17: | Rom 12:1-8 | Jn 7:37-44 |
| Saturday, 12/18: | Rom 12:9-21 | Jn 7:45-53 |

Second Collection

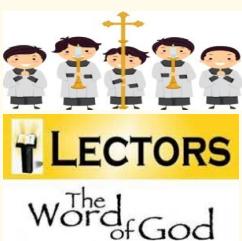
Our next second collection will take place on Christmas Day, December 25th. Please help us in donating to the Christmas Collection this season!

Community Rosaries:

Tuesday—Friday: 8:30 AM (Sanctuary)
Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

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 ladyofl719@gmail.com



Nativity Help!

On Monday, Dec. 13th, we will need your help putting up the Nativity set to prepare our Church for Christmas. Please come & recruit any adult friends to come help make our Church beautiful!

If you would like to make a donation to aid in making our Church beautiful for Christmas, please go to our parish website if you would like to donate online or contact the Church Office to donate directly! We are extremely grateful for your charity during this very busy season as we end the year!

Ushers

We are in need of ushers. Are you willing to serve? If you would like to be trained to be an usher, please contact Bob Kramer at (972) 655-8056.



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.



November 28th, 2021

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| Cash | \$767 |
| Loose Checks | \$2,235 |
| Envelope Checks | \$2,610 |
| Total | \$5,612 |

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

Maronite Youth Organization

Retreat

The South 2022 Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon MYO Regional Retreat Registration is now open! The retreat will take place from February 25th–February 27th at Tejas Retreat Center in Giddings, TX.

Register online using link:
<https://www.maroniteyouth.org/south2022registration/>

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE BY JANUARY 14th, 2022.

Youth Cost (12-17): \$175

Adult Cost: \$175 (\$200 for single occupancy)

If you have any questions or issues registering, please reach out to the parish office or email office@maroniteyouth.org! We invite you to register to let the Holy Spirit work in your life!

Proof of vaccine or negative PCR test needed 4 days prior.

Fr. Mitch Pacwa Visit!

Mass & Confession Schedule!

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| Confessions 12/24 | 6-10PM |
| Christmas Eve | 6:30 PM |
| Christmas Day | 12:00 AM |
| Christmas Day | 11:00 AM |

Fr. Pacwa will once again be joining us during Christmas time! He will be gracing us with a talk on "Fear" on Wednesday, December 22nd from 6:30-8:00 PM, where his book will be available for sale!

Parish Council Voting

This weekend we are having elections for the Parish Council. Please remember to cast your vote! Cast your vote in the drop box present in the Church's Lobby! Please vote for no more than five people.

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 Ladyofl719@gmail.com

No Morning Mass

There will be no 9 AM Mass on Tuesday, December 14th.

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