

Our Lady of Lebanon

Maronite Catholic Church

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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 4:00-5:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday	2:00-7:00 P.M.
Monday-Friday	9:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.
Saturday	9:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

*O Lord God,
Examiner of hearts and
knower of unseen things,
Make us worthy to praise You.*

*Have mercy on us,
as You had on those
who You healed.*

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A Reflection on Luke 1, Zechariah and Elizabeth

Renewal of the Church

Luke 1:1-25

Have you ever experienced a significant desert season in your life? I've chatted to a few people recently who have described a long season of doubt, confusion, spiritual dryness or a long season of waiting for something they long for in their life. Most of us don't like the experience of short waits in our everyday life. Collectively, people spend about 67 billion hours a year waiting in lines. Even this small task can be a test of our patience most days.

Even in short waits the feeling of uncertainty about their end or the feeling of it being unfair makes us struggle. But then there are those experiences in life that involve not just minutes, but months or maybe even years of waiting. It can feel like a desert or like barrenness. This kind of waiting doesn't just test our patience, it tests our hope.

Barrenness can take many forms. It can look like dryness in your life, loss, loneliness, or rejection. It can be some relationship not yet reconciled or something you've been asking God to do in your marriage or in your singleness. It can look like a pain or injustice you've endured and are asking for healing and restoration, or some struggle like depression. You keep asking God to do something new but change has not come yet.

For many of us, the waiting changes us and yet, somehow, some are able to keep their hearts alive in barren places.

Zechariah and Elizabeth were among a people who experienced a lifetime of waiting in desert circumstances. The nation of Israel was waiting for Messiah and Zechariah and Elizabeth who were very old and barren and were longing for a child. Their story shows us two ways of responding when God shows up in those dry, hopeless places in our lives. One is skeptical and the other is full of wonder. What is the difference between them? How can we keep our hearts soft and hopeful so we don't miss God when he shows up? I wonder for Zechariah if maybe the experience of God with him in his waiting wasn't personal for him anymore. I can't imagine what it was like for him. All the years of asking for a child, the waiting, the possible stigma of unfaithfulness that others would have felt toward them even though they had lived incredibly faithful lives.

Source: ignitenetwork

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday 11/15: Johnnie Cvetovich
Wednesday 11/16: Julia Marincel, Helen Hick, Mary Marincel
Thursday 11/17: All Purgatory Souls†
Friday 11/18: MK George†

† **Repose of Soul**

Daily Scripture Readings Nov 13th to Nov 19

Sunday, 11/13	Rom 4:13-25	Lk 1:1-25
Monday, 11/14	Rom 4:1-12	Jn 8:31-37
Tuesday, 11/15	Rom 2:1-8	Jn 8:38-40
Wednesday 11/16	Rom 2:9-16	Jn 8:41-45
Thursday, 11/17	Rom 2:17-29	Jn 8:46-50
Friday, 11/18	Rom 3:1-12	Jn 8:51-55
Saturday, 11/19	Rom 3:21-31	Jn 8:56-59

Prayer Corner

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Patron Saint of : Hospital Administrators, Immigrants,
Impossible Causes

Almighty and Eternal Father, Giver of all Gifts, show us Thy mercy, and grant, we beseech Thee, through the merits of Thy faithful Servant, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, that all who invoke her intercession may obtain what they desire according to the good pleasure of Thy Holy Will.
(here name your request)

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, beloved spouse of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intercede for us that the favor we now ask may be granted.



**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



The South Regional Retreat will be taking place **February 24-26, 2023** at Pali Retreat Center in **Giddings, Texas**.

Mark your calendars and spread the word.

Registration is now open it can be completed at www.maroniteyouth.org/south2023registration



Our Annual Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Thursday, November 24th at 9:00am in the Chapel. There will be no Mass on Friday, November 25th.

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 24th through the holiday weekend, and will reopen on Monday, November 28th at 8:30am.

No Religious Education Classes on Sunday, November 27th.



**Requesting a Mass Intention at
Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church**

The practice of offering the Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased originates in the early church. The catechism teaches, "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." Therefore, just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. **PLEASE schedule your Mass Intentions by contacting Sara in the Church Office (NOT Father because he does not have the datebook) at: 972-436-7617, or via email at LadyofL719@gmail.com**

Adoration and Holy Hours

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. CCC, no. 2628

The Chapel is open daily for Eucharistic Adoration. See the front page of the bulletin for the hours open.

Weekly Collections
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November 13th, 2022

Loose Cash	\$610
Envelope Cash	\$150
Loose Checks	\$1,880
Envelope Checks	\$2,257
Total	\$4,897



Welcome to our Parish

*Wherever we meet in Prayer,
there is God.*

Share the giving spirit of the holiday with someone less fortunate. Your generous donation will help feed many families this holiday season.

Our Lady of Lebanon Church is supporting CCA by holding our annual

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE!!

Saturday, November 5th thru Sunday, November 19th.

CCA has requested **only** the following items:

Chicken Broth	Evaporated Milk (16 oz)
Flour (2lb)	Canned Fruit (16 oz)
Canned Pie Filling (21-30 oz)	Sugar (2lb)
Stuffing Mix (8oz)	Canned Yams (16oz)

The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics who faithfully practice their religion and are animated by a desire to fulfill their role in the Catholic Church's apostolate through the Legion. Join us! We every Tuesday at 7 PM in the Chapel!



Ordination of Subdeacon Joe Marincel is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th at 11:00 AM

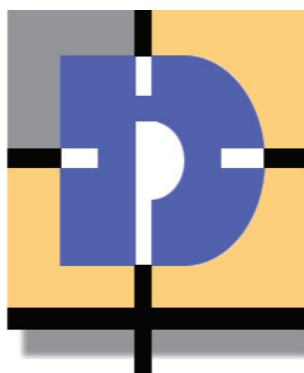
Next Second Collection

The Congregation of the Maronite Lebanese Missionaries is a community working to announce the gospel anywhere, in the east or the west, without hesitation or delay. Our parish was formed and built through this Order over 25 years ago and remains in their care. Without them, our parish would not exist, and they continue to pray for us!

Our Seminarians (Fr. Assaad's own Order) NEED our Support, especially with the ongoing economic crisis in Lebanon right now.

We will have a special second collection on
**Saturday, November 12th &
Sunday, November 13th** for

The Congregation of the Maronite Lebanese Missionaries
PLEASE BE GENEROUS. Checks should be made to
Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church



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