



SAINT JOSEPH

Maronite Catholic Church

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Mass Times

December 27, 2020

Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord

Liturgy Schedule

*Saturday 5:00 PM
English & Aramaic*

*Sunday 11:00 AM
English & Aramaic
and Arabic*

*Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM
(in the Chapel)*

*Confessions
30 minutes before every
Divine Liturgy*

*Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of every
month 7:00 PM and every
Thursday at 9:30 AM
(before Mass)*

Our Clergy

Rev. Tony K. Akoury
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese
Deacon

Rev. Mr. David Nasser
Sub deacon

Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil
Sub deacon

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Christmas Services

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Thursday DEC 24 20	5:00 PM 12:00 Midnight
Christmas Day 12.25.20	11:00 AM
New Year's Day 01.01.21	11:00 AM

wearing a mask is not about fear us, courage or faith. It is an act of Christian love. "My mask protects you; your mask protects me." Merry Christmas.

The parishioners of St. Joseph Church extend their deepest sympathy to Abouna Tony Akoury on the death of his father, Kozhaya Akoury, who died in Lebanon.

Please remember him and Abouna and his family in your prayers.



Mass Intentions

Thursday, December 24
5:00 PM

For the Benefactors of St. Joseph Church

Friday, December 25
12:00 AM
(Midnight Mass)

For the Benefactors of St. Joseph Church

Friday, December 25
11:00 AM

For the Benefactors of St. Joseph Church

Saturday, December 26
5:00 PM

For Evelyn and Raymond Stevens
Requested by the Shamatta Family

Tuesday, December 29
10:00 AM

For Mona Rached
Requested by
Diane and Mitchell Domit

Wednesday, December 30
10:00 AM

For Mona Rached
Requested by Fred and June Isaf

Thursday, December 31
10:00 AM

For John Faas
Requested by Fred and June Isaf

Friday, January 1
11:00 AM

For the Benefactors of St. Joseph Church

Saturday, January 2
5:00 PM

For Nora Ferris
Requested by David and Lisa Nasser

PRAYER REQUESTS

To offer a Mass for a loved one, please stop by the parish office or call us to check the schedule and book your Mass.

Readings of the Week

Sunday, 12/27	2 Cor 11:1-9	Mt 23:29-24.2
Monday, 12/28	Rev 21:9-10, 21-27	Mt 2:1-12
Tuesday, 12/29	Heb 11:23-31	Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday, 12/30	Acts 7:2, 30-37	Mt 2:19-23
Thursday, 12/31	Col 1:9b-20	Jn 1:1-18
Friday, 1/1	Eph 2:11-22	Lk 2:21
Saturday, 1/2	Heb 7:1-10	Lk 2:22-24



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Friday, January 1st, Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 AM for the Benefactors of St. Joseph's Church.



**THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE POINSETTIAS!
PLEASE PRAY FOR THEIR INTENTIONS!**

Cindy and Louie Abdou, in memory of Nora Ferris

Judi Hanna, in memory of Raymond Hanna

Roger and Jocelyne Murad, in memory of Elias Zaarour, and victims of abortion

Fred and June Isaf, in honor of their children

Linda Grise-Grace, in memory of Lillian S. and E. Ray Grise

Marlene Kolyani, in memory of Badih, Margueritte, and Joe Murad

**Elizabeth and Paul Joseph, in memory of Joseph Joseph,
John Domit, and Selma Domit**

Kam and Judi Nassar, in honor of Father Tony Akoury

Peter Mondalek, in honor of Pete and Effie Mondalek

**Linda and Brian Delgross, in honor of Olivia Marianna, Annelise Marie, and William
Gregory Delgross.**

**Mitchell and Diane Domit, Albert and Diane Ashkouti ,
in memory of Joseph and Evelyn Ashkouti**

**Nassif and Elizabeth Mahfoud, in memory of Jamil and Hind Mahfoud,
Francis and Theresa Shiner**

Louie and Mary Anne Shamatta , in memory of the Shamatta and Stevens Families

**Michael and Charlene Hiffa, in memory of Anthony and Emily Hiffa,
Kalil and Henaine Moses.**

Ana and Chaouki Bassil, in memory of the Eljaua and Bassil families.

Stephen and Joan Walsh in honor of their children and grandchildren

**Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church
Pope Francis Proclaims**

"Year of St Joseph"



"With a Father's Heart"

From DEC -08- 2020

To Dec- 08-2021

"My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

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PLENARY INDULGENCE IN THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Conditions for the plenary indulgence: The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. "St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us", the decree reads, "to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will." –

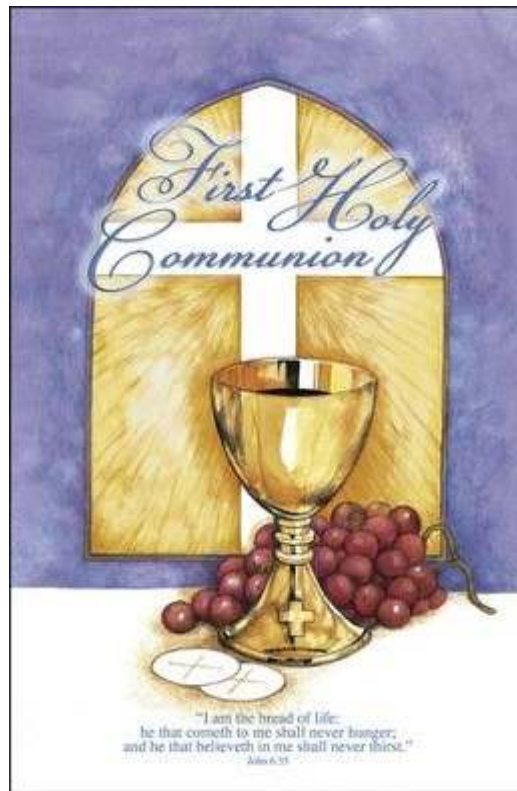
The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph's example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. St. Joseph "encourages us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in carrying out our duties," the decree notes. –

The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences, in order that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family." – Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence.

The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the Akathistos to St. Joseph (for the Byzantine tradition), or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church ad intra and ad extra, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. Because, the decree notes, "the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt shows us that God is there where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment."

A universal saint In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, "To you, O blessed Joseph" especially on "19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph's Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition." The decree recalls the universality of St. Joseph's patronage of the Church, noting that St. Teresa of Ávila recognized him as "a protector for all the circumstances of life". Pope St. John Paul II also said that St. Joseph has "a renewed relevance for the Church of our time, in relation to the new Christian millennium."

For the sick Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes. They too can obtain the plenary indulgences if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.



Congratulations to our First Communicants

**Philippe Maakaroun
William Maakaroun
Mia Sfeir
Sylvie Sfeir.**

**Thanks to their parents and teachers
who prepared them for this holy day!**

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