St. Jude Maronite Catholic Church

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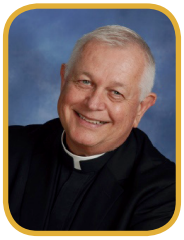

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MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:15 am & 11:15 am
Daily Mass
Tuesday - 6 pm
Friday - 12:15 pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
as noted

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & VENERATION OF ST. CHARBEL'S RELIC

Every 22nd of the month
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Mass at 12:15 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesdays 9:00 am - noon
Thursdays & Weekends - Closed

BAPTISM
Call the Parish Office for information.

MATRIMONY
Arrangements with the Pastor must be made at least six months in advance. One of the parties must be registered in the Parish & attending mass for at least 3 months.

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION
(Religious Education)
Communion - Saturdays 4 - 5 pm
Confirmation - Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays before the 5:30 pm mass

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK
Please call the Parish Office at 407-363-7405.

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

December 7-8, 2019

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FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

"His name is John." This was the name given by the archangel called for by Elizabeth and confirmed by Zechariah. It means "God is generous" a name which must have expressed perfectly Zechariah and Elizabeth's feelings of joy over the birth of their only child. God had indeed been generous to them beyond their dreams as was to be made clear as the question at the end of our reading "What then will this child become" was answered by events. It was their privilege to be parents of the one who would summon the people to repentance and baptize them in the Jordan as a sign of cleansing from sin.

He came to "Prepare the way of the Lord" and usher in the messianic age. Jesus himself said of John "No man born of woman is greater than John the Baptist" but he then added "But the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is." This was not a put down but rather an underlining of the dignity of those whose faith joins them to Christ. John acclaimed Jesus when he said "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" and bore witness that "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'"

Yet when he was in prison he seemed to have doubts when he sent word to Jesus asking "Are you the one who was to come, or shall we wait for another?" Jesus answered by showing how he was fulfilling the prophecies "Go, announce to John what you hear and see. The blind see and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised and the poor have good news preached to them, and blessed is the one who does not take offence at me."
Does this mean that John's message is not for us? On the contrary, we need to hear the call to repentance just as much as John's hearers did. We need to turn from our sins and seek God's forgiveness but we do not have to bathe in the Jordan, all we need to do is go to CONFESSION!

What about "Preparing the way of the Lord?" John was not calling on his hearers to get out their picks and shovels, rather he was demanding that they remove the tangled underbrush of their vices, cast out their stony hearts and prepare a pathway into their hearts smoothed by prayer and adorned with good works. This is undoubtedly a message for our time!

May your preparations during this season of Announcement cleanse you from sin and lead you to an ever deeper appreciation of the awesome generosity of God in your lives.

God Bless You, Deacon Jack
DeaconJack@SaintJudeChurch.org

Mass Intentions

Sat 12/7 5:30 p.m.	+ Ray & Roshanthi Offen Happy Anniversary SI by the Jayson Family +
Sun 12/8 9:15 a.m.	**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** + Peace in Our Country & in the World
Sun 12/8 11:15 a.m	+ Maroun (Mario JeBailey) Happy 85th birthday SI by grandchildren Antonia, Ava & Mario + + Joseph G. Hanna RIP by Joseph M Hanna +
Tues 12/10 6 p.m.	+ Helen E. Kulpa RIP by Edward & Lorraine Ciemiega
Fri. 12/13 12:15 a.m	+ Nell McHale SI by Mary Gallagher
Sat 12/14 5:30 p.m.	+ Helen E. Kulpa RIP by Edward & Lorraine Ciemiega
Sun 12/15 9:15 a.m.	**MASS & NOVENA** + Stephen Maughan RIP by Sean Maughan
Sun 12/15 11:15 a.m	**MASS & NOVENA** + Peace in Lebanon

WEEKLY COLLECTION

for the weekend of November 30 - December 1, 2019

Sunday Collection/Donations	$1,853.
Second Collection	276.
Candles/Gifts	47.
Donations	195.
Coffee	113.
Total Collection	**$2,484.**
# of envelopes used: 46	*# of attendees: 235*

2ND COLLECTION
This week: Operational Maintenance
Next week: Operational Maintenance

Correction to last week's collections:
$1,584 should have read Candles/Gifts/St. Charbel.

Our Angel Tree is at the entrance to the church. Each ornament will have a gender and age on it. Please choose an angel and return your unwrapped gift to the church by **Sunday, December 15.**

Thank you for being an angel to a needy child.

MEMORIALS

To sponsor a religious gift in memory or honor of your loved one, or for a special intention, please call the parish office
Memorials & Special Intentions - $50 each/month)

CURRENT SPONSORS

ALTAR CANDLES SPONSORS
- **December -** John Napolitano 10th Anniversary RIP by Theresa & Robert Downey & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORS
- **December** - Joseph G. Hanna RIP by Joseph M. Hanna

ALTAR BREAD & WINE SPONSORS
- **January '20** - Hajjar Family by Dr. Fouad & Rosalind Hajjar
- **February thru December '20** - Dr. Ziad & Eddy Mattar & Family Good Health & SI by Dr. Ziad & Eddy Mattar

CHARCOAL & INCENSE SPONSORS
- **January '20** - Hajjar Family by Dr. Fouad & Rosalind Hajjar

SPECIAL INTENTIONS
- **December** - Luciano Trevisiol RIP by Nadia Trevisiol & the Reece Family
- **January '20** - Hajjar Family by Dr. Fouad & Rosalind Hajjar

O Most Pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely Immaculate. O Glorious Mary, full of grace, you are the Mother of My God – the Queen of Angels and of men. I humbly venerate you as the chosen mother of My Savior, Jesus Christ.

LECTOR-USHER SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2019

12/7-8 Birth of John the Baptist
Gal 4:21-5:1 & Lk 1:57-66
5:30 p.m. Lector: Jesse Enriguez (E)
Ushers: Dan Vac & Donna Harrison
9:15 a.m. Lector: Luis Martell (E&S)
Ushers: Michael Araujo & Carlos Fernandez
11:15 a.m. Lectors: Rania JeBailey (E) & Amine Harb (A)
Ushers: Amine Harb & Tony Rouhana

12/14-15 Revelation of Joseph
Eph 3:1-13 & Mt 1:18-25
5:30 p.m. Lector: Bob Rodgers (E)
Ushers: John Shaheen & Dan Vac
9:15 a.m. Lector: Jezebelle Kinealy (E&S)
Ushers: Hank Dressel & Carlos Fernandez
11:15 a.m. Lectors: George Rahi & Lillian Farran
Ushers: Amine Harb & Tony Rouhana

12/21-22 Genealogy Sunday
Rom 1:1-12 & Mt 1:1-17
5:30 p.m. Lector: Leo Black (E)
Ushers: Kathy Morrell & Dan Vac
9:15 a.m. Lector: Hank Dressel (E) & Yully Neves
Ushers: Hank Dressel & Michael Araujo
11:15 a.m. Lectors: Nour Zikra (E) & Nader Zikra (A)
Ushers: Amine Harb & Tony Rouhana

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✯ **Adoration/Veneration - 22nd of each month**
  Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Veneration of the St. Charbel Relic 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ✯ **Parish Council Meeting**
  First Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.
- ✯ **Confirmation Class**
  Saturdays 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- ✯ **Communion Class**
  Saturdays 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- ✯ **St. Jude Christmas Party - December 14**
- ✯ **Christmas with Santa - December 15**

We had 14 pieces of church vessels (chalices, patens and communion sets) refurbished and polished.
The cost was $3,000.
Sponsors, who would like to help defray these expenses are welcome and needed.

MARONITE CALENDARS FOR 2020

The church placed an order this year for 50 Maronite calendars 2020.
The calendar is printed by "Catholic Extension".
Profit will support vocations.
The Maronite calendar help you follow the Maronite Liturgical cycle.
You can get a calendar from the church for a donation made to the church. Suggested donation $15.

12/24 Christmas Eve
Heb 1:1-23 & Lk 2:1-20
5:00 p.m. Lector: Lina Achy
Ushers: Kathy Morrell & Dan Vac

11:00 p.m. Lectors: Sam Wakim (E) & Amine Harb (A)

12/25 Christmas Day
11:00 a.m. Lector: Jesse Enriguez (E)
Ushers: Tony Rouhana & TBD

12/28-29 Sunday after the Birth of Christmas
Heb 11:23-31 & Mt 2:13-18
5:30 p.m. Lector: Laurita Tellado (E)
Ushers: Myrna Calderon & Dan Vac
9:15 a.m. Lector: Jezebelle Kinealy (E) & Yully (S)
Ushers: Kathy Morrell & Carlos Fernandez
11:15 a.m. Lector: Randa Awad (E&A)
Ushers: Amine Harb & Tony Rouhana

BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Galatians 4:21-5:1 - The Allegory of Hagar and Sarah

Brothers and Sisters: Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married." Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman." So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Praise be to God always!

Luke 1:57-66 The Birth of John the Baptist

The Evangelist said: Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

DAILY READINGS

Mon: Rom 9:6-13 & Mt 11:11-15
Tue: Rom 9:6-13 & Mt 11:11-15
Wed: Rom 9:14-18 & Mt 17:9-13
Thurs: Rom 9:19-29 & Mt 21-23-27
Fri: Rom 9:30-33 & Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Rom 10:1-13 & Jn 5:31-36

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 2019

The Future of the Very Young
That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

RAFFLE

Raffle for this beautiful picture of the Holy Family.

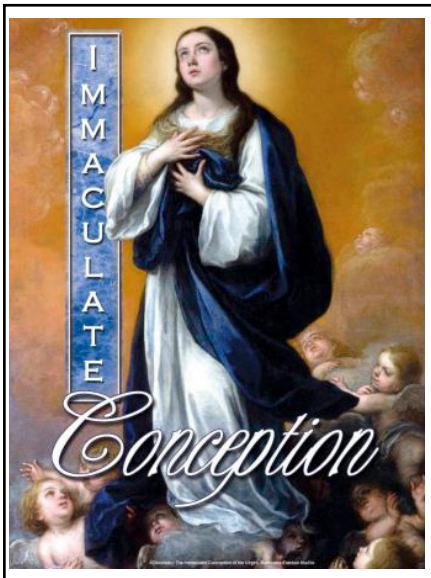
Tickets are $10 each or 3 for $25.

Raffle will be held on Sunday, December 22nd after the 11:15 Mass.

Solid wood frame, galvanized in Silver 925, will not tarnish, cleaning only requires a dusting cloth (no cleaning products).

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Revelation to Joseph
Eph 3:1-13 & Mt 1:18-25



In Christian theology, the Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. The Catholic Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception, keeping her "immaculate". Although the belief that Mary was sinless, or conceived without original sin, the doctrine was not dogmatically defined in the Catholic Church until 1854 when Pope Pius IX, declared ex cathedra, i.e., using papal infallibility, the Immaculate Conception to be doctrine. The Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8; in many Catholic countries, it is a holy day of obligation.

THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy

11:00 p.m. Midnight Liturgy

Wednesday, December 25

11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Liturgy

NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1 - 6:00 p.m.

The Christmas Flower donations are being used to buy a live Christmas Tree and stand and the poinsettias.

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas Party together in the parish social hall on Saturday, December 14th.

Sponsors for this event are needed & welcomed. There will be a raffle the night of the Christmas party. Items for a raffle are needed. We welcome any gift you would like to donate for the raffle. Gifts can be baskets, gift cards, wine, alcohol and any electronics.

Thank You & May God Bless You.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

for Christmas Eve Children's Mass - 5 p.m.

All children in our parish are welcome. Please register your children I thank all parents for bringing their children & making them part of this Christmas pageant. Rehearsal & costume fitting will be Saturdays at 4 p.m.

Christmas Masses

If you would like your loved ones name placed on the altar for the Christmas Masses, please put their names on an envelope (indicate if they are living or deceased) and place the envelope with your donation in the offertory basket or give it to Fr. Elie or Deacon Jack.

Christmas Novena

Come & join us to prepare Spiritually for this Blessed Announcement Season & the Birth of our Lord.

Every Day December 15-22

(excluding Mondays)

You can offer a **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** for the Altar in Honor/remembrance of your loved ones living or deceased.

Suggested donation $10.00

Thank you & God Bless you.

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL ST. JUDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Adults: $60/each by Dec. 9

$75/each after Dec. 9

Tickets will be on sale after masses.

Pizza with Santa

Sunday, December 15

12:30 p.m.

after 11:15 a.m. Mass

Pizza • Dessert

Tickets: $10/each

Parents, please bring 1 gift for each child wrapped with child's name on each gift. *Gift Value: up to $20.00*

Tickets will be on sale after masses.

Chance to win $100 cash in a Stocking.