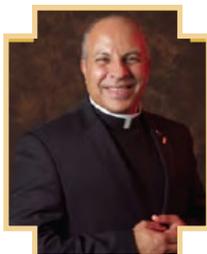


St. Jude Maronite Catholic Church



Fr. Bassam

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Monday - Wednesday 9 a.m.
Thursday - 9 a.m. Communion Service
Friday - 5 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

As noted

NOVENAS

Following Weekday Masses

St. Joseph - Tues.
Miraculous Medal - Wed.
St. Jude - Thurs.
Sacred Heart & St. Jude - Fri.
Every 3rd Friday - Divine Mercy Novena

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT &

VENERATION OF

ST. CHARBEL'S RELIC

Every 22nd of the month
from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday & Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday - Closed



BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office for information.

MATRIMONY

Arrangements with Fr. Bassam 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 at 3:30 p.m.
Confirmation - Call the Parish Office.

RCIA

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays before the 5 p.m. mass
or by appointment.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

FR. BASSAM M. SAADE, D.MIN., PASTOR
DEACON JACK MANHIRE, PH.D.

Parish Council President - Amine Harb
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Organist - Sharon Luhrs
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Revelation to Joseph
December 16-17, 2017

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FROM THE DEACON'S DESK



In today's Gospel we hear of the Revelation of Joseph that he should not be afraid to take Mary as his wife. Joseph is described as a righteous man and he had decided to divorce Mary informally to spare her disgrace.

Why should he do this? If he believed that Mary had had sexual relations with another man he would have been obliged to denounce her and she could well have been stoned to death. If he believed Mary why should he be having second thoughts about marrying her?

I believe the answer to this puzzle lies in two things. First that he did in fact believe that Mary had conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit and second the tremendous awe and respect he would have had for God. There are many texts in the Old Testament where it is stated that "You cannot see God and live." In fact only Moses is described as seeing him face to face. It was also a convention in many societies up to medieval times that the widow of a king could not remarry. Imagine Joseph's predicament. He is planning to marry Mary but she has been chosen by the Most High to be the mother of his Son. In a sense she has become the 'spouse' of God and is consecrated to his service. How then can a poor mortal even think of taking her as his wife?

The one factor that Joseph had not taken into account was that God had not only chosen Mary, he had chosen Joseph as well so that both Mary and Jesus would have the protection and support of a conventional family life. This too was part of God's providence but what relevance does it have for us? How should this episode inspire us and guide us in our lives?

First, I think it underlines the importance of family. God was not content with providing a mother for his Son he wanted him to have a foster father as well. I know that there are many single-parent families who do a tremendous job raising their children. I have the greatest respect not only for their efforts but their very real achievements but it would have been even more challenging for Mary than it is today.

Second, I think it is important for us to realize that we are not made worthy of whatever role we play in society or the Church by our own efforts or qualifications but by God's choice of us for that particular task. There is nothing that I can do that makes me worthy of my duties as a priest. It is a gift from almighty God which comes with his call or vocation. Furthermore when he asks us to do something he always supports us with his grace. This is the only way we, as a Church, can carry on our sacred apostolate.

God Bless You, Deacon Jack
DeaconJack@SaintJudeChurch.org



Mass Intentions

Sat 12/16 5 p.m.	+ Agripino Magbanua Happy Birthday RIP by Divinia Magbanua + + Joseph Procacci RIP by Michel & Gisele Saadeh
Sun 12/17 9 a.m.	+ Alma, Moni & Sarah RIP by Fr. Bassam + Fran Hyde SI & Rosalie Barclay RIP by Fr. Bassam
Sun 12/17 11 a.m.	+ Elie & Hala Kassouf & Family SI by Sam & Rania Saadeh + Michael Procacci RIP by Sam & Rania Saadeh
Mon 12/18 9 a.m.	+ Bobby Elmore Happy Anniversary RIP by Grandmother Barbara
Tues 12/19 9 a.m.	+ For all deceased members of the Nursing Homes by Ana Jayson
Wed 12/20 9 a.m.	+ Jorge Sule & Family SI by Ana Jayson
Thur 12/21 9 a.m.	+ Josephine Hofer RIP by A. Tabor
Fri 12/22 5 p.m.	+ Nicholas O'Brien SI by A. Tabor
Sat 12/23 5 p.m.	+ Arnold Magbanua Happy Birthday SI by Divinia Magbanua + + Phil Katali RIP by Mary Kingler
Sun 12/24 9 a.m.	+ Albertine Antolik RIP by Denise + Dax Ly RIP by H. Kraus
Sun 12/24 11 a.m.	+ Hilda Saade & Christiane Semaan SI by Fr. Bassam + Michael Procacci RIP by Rania & Sam Saadeh
Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Midnight	+ For all parishioners & their families especially the names on the Altar

WEEKLY COLLECTION

for the weekend of December 9-10, 2017

Sunday Collection/Donations	\$2,200.
Second Collection/Operational Maint.	632.
Memorials	100.
Candles/Gifts	167.
Donations	348.
Coffee/Sweets	110.
Immaculate Conception	407.
Total Collections/Donations	\$3,964
# of envelopes used: 87	# of attendees: 337

OUR SECOND COLLECTION

This week: Building Fund
 Next Week: Religious Ed



ST. JUDE PRAYER CHAIN

Many of us have prayer requests.
 Your request should be sent to
 Diane Manhire songbird728@gmail.com.

MEMORIALS

To sponsor a religious gift in memory or honor of your loved one, or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 407-363-7405. (Memorials/Special Intentions \$50 each/month) & Altar Flowers (\$100/wk)

CURRENT DONORS

ALTAR CANDLES SPONSORS

- + **December** - SI for the Torten Family by Barbara Torten
- + **January** - Susanne Younes Naufal RIP by Dr. Sam Wakim & Family
- + **February** - For all First Responders by Stanley Chlastawa
- + **March** - Available

SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORS

- + **December** - Andre' Isabel RIP by Louise Isabel
- + **January** - Diana Riccio RIP by Mezo Riccio
- + **February** - Jayson & Maynard Families living & deceased by Steve & Ana Jayson
- + **March** - Members of the Chlastawa Families by Stanley Chlastawa

ALTAR BREAD & WINE SPONSORS

- + **December** - SI for the Hajjar Family by Dr. Fouad & Rosalind Hajjar
- + **January** - SI for the Hajjar Family by Dr. Fouad & Rosalind Hajjar
- + **February** - Reinhardt Family RIP by Barbara Torten
- + **March** - Eiserle Family RIP by Barbara Torten

CHARCOAL & INCENSE SPONSORS

- + **December** - SI for Louise Isabel by Nichols Family
- + **January** - Marie Khoury RIP by the Ghorayeb Family
- + **February & March** - Available

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

- + **December** - SI for the Hall family by Buck & Clara Hall
- + **January**, - Sack, Nguyen & Cangrowe Families RIP by Phung
- + **February, & March** - Available

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st Tuesday of each month Parish Council Mtg
7 p.m.

First Communion & Confirmation Classes
Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

2nd & 4th Sunday of each month
Portuguese Mass 6 p.m.



22nd of each month

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &
St. Charbel Relic Veneration 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS

December - The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

So what is Christmas?

The reason for the whole celebration is remembering that Christmas marks the coming of the Light (Christ) into the world. That's what the feast is about.



Dear Parishioners,

If you are interested in joining our Parish Council, please submit your name to Fr. Bassam. To qualify, you should be a registered and active member in our Parish, attending liturgies on a regular basis & participating in church activities and functions and have time to help in church events and activities. Your parish needs your help, support and talents. If you qualify and can help, please see me. New Parish Council members will start January 2018. Our meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month unless otherwise notified.

*Thank you for your support and help.
Peace, Fr. Bassam*



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 17, 2017
Parish Social Hall

Come visit with Santa!

Bring each child a wrapped present
(value \$20)

with their name on it to put under the tree.
We need help with food, sweets, soda,
water, paper goods, setup & cleanup.



Q: How did the celebration of Christmas come about?

A. The word Christmas derives from the combination of Christ and Mass; it is the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Second in the liturgical calendar only to Easter. People are often surprised to find that Christmas was not celebrated by the earliest Christians. The custom was to celebrate a saint's birth into eternal life—in other words, his death. Thus Good Friday (Christ's death) and Easter Sunday (His Resurrection) took center stage.

To this day, the Church celebrates only three birthdays: Christmas; the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and the Birth of John the Baptist. The common thread in the celebrations is that all three were born without Original Sin: Christ, because He was the Son of God; Mary, because she was sanctified by God in the Immaculate Conception; and John the Baptist, because his leap in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth, at the Visitation is seen as a type of Baptism (and thus, even though John was conceived with Original Sin, he was cleansed of that sin before birth).

REVELATION TO JOSEPH



Ephesians 3:1-13 Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles - Brothers and Sisters: This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. Praise be to God always!

Matthew 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus the Messiah - The Apostle said: Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. This is the truth. Peace be with you.

Next Week's Readings: Romans 1:1-12 & Matthew 1:1-17

DAILY READINGS

Mon. 12-18 Rom 10:14-21 & Jn 7:1-10
Tues. 12-19: Rom: 11:1-12 & Jn 7:11-18
Wed. 12-20: Rom 11:13-24 & Jn 7:25-30
Thurs. 12-21: Rom 11:25-36 & Jn 7:31-36
Fri. 12-22: Rom 12:1-8 & Jn 7:37-44
Sat. 12-23: Rom 12:9-21 & Jn 7:45-53



2018 Offertory Envelopes
are ready for pick up in the lobby
of the church. If there is not a box
for your family, please notify the office and we
will be happy to prepare one for you.
Thank you for your support.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

The Christmas Novena will take place from December 15th - 23rd.
It will replace our regularly scheduled novenas and will be said after the weekday and Saturday liturgies.
On Sunday, it will be said after the 9 a.m. Liturgy. On Monday, it will be said after the 9 a.m. Liturgy.

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 18th 10-11 a.m. • Tuesday, December 19th 10-11 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY - MASSES

December 15th - 23rd

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. • Friday 5 p.m. • Saturday 5 p.m.

THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF THE LORD

December 24, 2017 - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

5 p.m. - Children's Liturgy & 12 Midnight - Midnight Liturgy

Monday December 25th - 10 a.m. - Christmas Day Liturgy

Weekday Liturgy Schedule as usual

New Year's Eve - Sunday, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1st - 10 a.m.



WE ARE COLLECTING SNEAKERS

American Friends Of SESOBEL is proud to present our first annual sneaker drive fundraiser. In the spirit of environmental and economic sustainability, we have partnered with GotSneakers, a sneaker recycling organization, which will compensate \$1 for every pair of used but still wearable sneakers we collect. The more we collect the more we earn!!

After the sneakers are collected, GotSneakers will process and distribute these sneakers around the world, specifically within impoverished nations. Also, the entire amount we earn through this collection will be donated to SESOBEL in Lebanon to pay for physical therapies and other primary needs for disabled Children.



Where Love Works Wonders in Everyone's Life . . .

*We are accepting donations for
Christmas Poinsettias
to the Altar of the Lord
in Memory/Honor of your loved ones
Suggested Donation: \$10/Poinsettia*



If you would like your loved ones names 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. Bassam.

*Christmas Novena - Come and join us to prepare Spiritually for this Blessed Announcement Season & the Birth of our Lord.
December 15th through December 23rd.*

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Only 2 weeks left to measure the children & practice the songs. Rehearsal ends at 4:45 p.m. before mass begins



Lector-Usher Schedule December 2017

12/16-17 Revelation to Joseph

Eph 3:1-13 & Mt 1:18-25

5 p.m. Lector: Leo B. (E)

Ushers: Myrna C. & John S.

9 a.m. Lectors: Melissa P. (E) & Maria Esc. (S)

Ushers: Pat N. & Joe P.

11 a.m. Lectors: Jezebel K. (E) & Lilliane F. (A)

Ushers: Michael H. Tony R.

12/23-24 Geneology Sunday

Rom 1:1-12 & Mt. 1:1-17

5 p.m. Mike M. (E)

Ushers: Kathy M. & John S.

9 a.m. Lector: Maria C. (E&S)

Ushers: Pat N. & Ted. K.

11 a.m. Jesse E. (E) & Amine H. (A)

Ushers: Michael H. & Tony R.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Heb. 1:1-12 & Lk 2:1-20

5 p.m. (Vigil) Lector: Sr. Rose

Ushers: Kathy M. & Carlos F.

Larry & Debra Mancuso

Midnight: Lectors: Amira (E & S) & Amine (A)

Ushers: Michael H. & Amine H.

10 a.m. Lectors: Jesse E. (E) & Eleanor N. (A)

Ushers: TBD

12/30-31: The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Heb 7:11-19 & Lk 2:41-52

5 p.m. Lector: Maria C. (E)

Ushers: Mike & Donna H.

9 a.m. Lectors: Bob R. (E) & Maria Esc. (S)

Ushers: Bob R. & Bill H.

11 a.m. Lectors: Sam W. (E) & Hannah W. (A)

Ushers: Michael H. & Tony R.

Jan. 1 Circumcision of Our Lord in the Temple Heb 2:11-22 & Lk 7: 21

5 p.m. Mike M. (E)

Ushers: TBD

10 a.m. Lector: Bob R. (E)

Ushers: Larry & Debra M.

*The simple shepherds heard the voice of an angel and found their lamb; the wise men saw the light of a star and found their wisdom. - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
Give these gifts:*

To your enemy . . . forgiveness,

To your opponent . . . tolerance,

To a friend . . . your heart.

To a customer . . . service.

To all men . . . charity.

To every child . . . a good example

To yourself . . . respect