

# Our Lady of Lebanon

## Maronite Catholic Church

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## Holy Trinity Sunday

**Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor**  
**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:<br>Joseph Marincel     | 817-491-0763 | Adoration:<br>Sheila Hughes        | 817-430-3066 |
| Choir: 8:30 A.M.<br>Helen Marincel | 817-491-0763 | Library:<br>Sharon Wood            | 214-497-0783 |
| Choir: 11:00 A.M.<br>Roula Vasquez | 972-832-8507 | Respect Life:<br>Sheri Josefsberg  | 940-566-0585 |
| RCIA:<br>Sue Marincel              | 817-491-0763 | Youth Ministry:<br>Sue Marincel    | 817-491-0763 |
| Lectors: 8:30 AM<br>Mark Caputo    | 469-230-1533 | Religious Ed / SE:<br>Sue Marincel | 817-491-0763 |
| Lectors: 11 AM<br>Trevor Rask      | 503-701-2236 | Ushers<br>Robert Kramer            | 214-488-5635 |
| Parish Council<br>Mouhib Helou     | 817-845-9953 | Legion of Mary<br>Rose Onoh        | 214-289-4300 |

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## HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

The Trinity is the manner in which Catholics believe God is revealed to the world. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, “The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of the Christian life.” (CCC, #261) The Church shows that because God is “mystery,” meaning that we just can’t pin God down — we’re unable to know *everything* there is to know about God — God has tried to communicate to us just who He is. Traditionally, the Church expressed this as, God being revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three expressions or “persons” of one divine essence. The Trinity is one. Catholics do not believe in three Gods but rather one God in a unity of three persons with one divine nature. Sound confusing? One analogy that could be helpful is to think of the different states of matter: solid, liquid, and gas. Ice can become water and water can become steam. All of these are the same essence and contain equal amounts of hydrogen and oxygen but they appear in different forms.

**God the Father:** The church uses the image of the Father — the Creator from which everything flows and has its being — to express the first person of the Trinity. While the Son and the Holy Spirit are not “lesser gods” they do proceed from the Father as God’s own self-gift to humanity.

**God the Son:** The second person of the Trinity is the Son — Jesus himself, God become man. Catholics believe that God freely chooses to come into human history in the person of Jesus. God becomes like us and dies our human death for us. But because Jesus is God, He cannot be held by death and rises to a new life, supremely better than human experience.

**God the Holy Spirit:** The third person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from both the Father and the Son. Jesus announces that his Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with and in the disciples, to teach and guide them. The Spirit is God’s real presence living within all of us, which brings us inspiration (which literally means “to draw in the Spirit”). God is three “persons” but one “essence.” The Father is just as much “God” as the Son and neither is “more God” than the Spirit. Still confused? Let’s try thinking of these things in yet another way. Instead of “persons” let’s substitute the word “expressions” of God.

Expressions of God:

The Trinity can be thought of in these three expressions:

1. God is “beyond us.” We can never really fathom what God is, but we know that He is far beyond our limited human nature or anything we can come to know in that human experience. God is the ultimate mystery, the question that we never fully answer. This is God the Father — the creator, the one who is beyond all understanding. God is also “among us.” We come to know God in the person of Jesus. God takes on our human nature and becomes “one of us.” Catholics also believe that this human experience of God continues in the sacrament of the Eucharist. God the Son is among us.
2. God is also “within us.” God is the “divine spark” that awakens us to the fact that we are alive. God imbues us with our creativity, our gifts and talents, and our limitations as well. As we come to know ourselves as people, we also come to know God — who knows us better than we know ourselves. This is the experience of God the Holy Spirit.
3. God is all these things and more. We don’t know all that God is but this is how God has been revealed to us throughout the course of our history — how we have come to best express God.

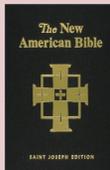
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### THIS WEEK’S MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 6/7: +Yvonne Ayoub  
Tuesday, 6/9: Sr. Maria Bernadette, Michael Marincel, Anna Marincel  
Wednesday, 6/10: Teresa Marincel  
Thursday, 6/11: Michael Marincel, Dhooqhe Family, +Catherine Agada  
Friday, 6/12: Legion of Mary, Ken Marincel  
 +Repose of the Soul

### Daily Scripture Readings Jun 7th thru Jun 13th

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|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday, 6/7:</b>    | Rom 11:25-36  | Mt 28:16-20 |
| <b>Monday, 6/8:</b>    | Acts 4:5-12   | Jn 15:1-8   |
| <b>Tuesday, 6/9:</b>   | Acts 4:13-22  | Jn 15:9-14  |
| <b>Wednesday 6/10:</b> | Acts 4:23-31  | Jn 15:15-17 |
| <b>Thursday, 6/11:</b> | Acts 5:1-11   | Jn 15:18-21 |
| <b>Friday, 6/12:</b>   | Acts 5:12-21a | Jn 15:22-27 |
| <b>Saturday, 6/13:</b> | Acts 5:21b-33 | Jn 16:1-4   |



### Prayer to the Holy Trinity

**Glory be to the Father,  
 Who by His almighty power and love created me,  
 making me in the image and likeness of God.**

**Glory be to the Son,  
 Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,  
 and opened for me the gates of heaven.**

**Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
 Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,  
 and continues to sanctify me  
 by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.**

**Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,  
 now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Confirmations will be celebrated on Sunday, June 14th at the 8:30 AM Mass.**

**First Communions will be celebrated on Sunday, August 16th at 11:00 AM.**

### **Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health  
or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their  
schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the  
economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country,  
Let us choose love.  
During time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving  
embrace of God to our neighbors.  
Amen.



### **Diocese Appeal**

As you are aware, this year, our Bishop is asking us to raise **\$10,000** for the Diocese Appeal. So far, we have raised **\$9,600**

Please continue to give generously so that we may meet our parish's goal. PLEASE, parishioners, remember to **MAKE SURE** to write your check to: Our Lady of Lebanon and **DELIVER IT TO US, NOT THE DIOCESE**, via mail or the collection baskets.

We will send **ONE** collective check to the Diocese.

**THANK YOU for your generosity!**

### **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.*

### **MODESTY**

**Not only in body but in heart as well, no ornament becomes like humility, modesty, devotion**  
**-St. Francis de Sales**



**"RETURN TO THE LORD, YOUR GOD, FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE."**

**-Joel 2:13**

### **ST. NORBERT JUNE 6TH**



In the 12th century in the French region of Premontre, Saint Norbert founded a religious Order known as the Praemonstratensians or the Norbertines. His founding of the Order was a monumental task: combating rampant heresies—particularly regarding the Blessed Sacrament, revitalizing many of the faithful who had grown indifferent and dissolute, plus effecting peace and reconciliation among enemies. Reluctantly, Norbert became archbishop of Magdeburg in central Germany, a territory half pagan and half Christian. In this position he zealously and courageously continued his work for the Church until his death on June 6, 1134.

### **Pope Francis Prayer for Peace**

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of peace. Amen.