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Announcement to the Virgin Mary

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Sunday	8:30 A.M. English	RCIA: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763	Youth Ministry: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
	11:00 A.M. Bilingual; English/Lebanese	Lectors: 8:30 AM Mark Caputo	469-230-1533	Religious Ed / SE: Sue Marincel	817-491-0763
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Tuesday - Friday	9:00 A.M. English	Parish Council Mouhib Helou	817-845-9953	Legion of Mary Rose Onoh	214-289-4300
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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Announcement to Mary

This Sunday's Gospel passage is the announcement to Mary. Her response is very different to Zechariah. Let's take a closer look . . . The angel comes to a small house in the town of Nazareth. This is in contrast to the angel's first appearance in the holy sanctuary of the Temple but it serves to show that God is present everywhere. The angel comes to an unknown young woman, and not only to holy priests, for God's Good News is for all.

The angel greets Mary with the words, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you' (v28) a special endearment, not reflected in the initial encounter with Zechariah. Mary's response was perplexing and pondering (v29), very different from Zechariah who was terrified and overwhelmed by fear (v12). From the first words, Mary is open to what lay ahead. She was prepared to listen. When the angel explains the purpose of the visit, Mary does not object but simply asks, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' (v34). She is seeking clarification in contrast to Zechariah who doubted, 'How will I know this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years' (v18). Their questions differ, their attitudes differ. Mary seeks direction whereas Zechariah wants proof. Mary could believe in miracles. Zechariah couldn't. We can add here that when Mary is told about Elizabeth's pregnancy, she doesn't doubt or question, but accepts this to be so, and rushes to be by her side. Mary and Elizabeth are in contrast to Sarah who was promised a child with Abraham in their old age, but scoffed at the mention (Gen 18:9-12), whereas Elizabeth was accepting of God's will.

Where Zechariah is struck mute, Mary gives voice to God's workings, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word' (v38). Mary freely chose to be part of God's idea. She accepted and believed God's will was best. It is the women, Mary and Elizabeth, who show the correct response to God. May we too learn to listen with open minds and welcoming hearts. Amen

Written by Sister Margaret Ghosn

Annunciation Novena

It is a day that is permeated by a "spirit of obedience," as the Virgin Mary freely submitted to the will of God and allowed the Messiah to dwell within her. It is a great mystery, one that should inspire us to allow God's will to form everything that we do.

To help prepare for this feast, below is a popular novena to Our Lady of the Annunciation. It asks for the Virgin Mary's heavenly intercession, placing before her our needs and petitions.

I greet you, Ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Throne of Grace, miracle of Almighty Power! I greet you, Sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity and Queen of the Universe, Mother of Mercy and refuge of sinners!

Most loving Mother, attracted by your beauty and sweetness, and by your tender compassion, I confidently turn to you, miserable as I am, and beg of you to obtain for me from your dear Son the favor I request in this novena:

(Mention your petitions here)

Obtain for me also, Queen of heaven, the most lively contrition for my many sins and the grace to imitate closely those virtues which you practiced so faithfully, especially humility, purity, and obedience. Above all, I beg you to be my Mother and Protectress, to receive me into the number of your devoted children, and to guide me from your high throne of glory.

Do not reject my petitions, Mother of Mercy! Have pity on me, and do not abandon me during life or at the moment of my death. Amen.



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday 11/24: Sr. Maria Bernadette, Anna Marincel, Michael Marincel, Sunny & Alphonsine Ugochukwu, Alfred & Heather Saker

Wednesday, 11/25 Alfred & Heather Saker

Thursday, 11/26 Nneka Onoh, Alfred & Heather Saker

Friday, 11/26 Alfred & Heather Saker

+Repose of the Soul

Advent Devotional

Your light will come, O Jerusalem. The Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. We shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. The sign of the cross shall appear in the heavens, when our Lord shall come to judge the world.

Daily Scripture Readings Nov. 22nd thru Nov. 28th

Sunday, 11/22:	Gal 3:15-22	Lk 1:26-38
Monday, 11/23:	Gal 3:1-6	Lk 11:27-32
Tuesday, 11/24:	Gal 3:7-14	Mt 11:25-30
Wednesday 11/25:	Gal 3:23-29	Mt 13:54-58
Thursday, 11/26:	Gal 4:1-7	Mt 12:46-50
Friday, 11/27:	Gal 4:8-12	Jn 6:40-44
Saturday, 11/28:	Gal 4:13-20	Lk 10:21-24



Join us for our Community Rosaries:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30AM in the Chapel
Saturday: 5:00PM in the Sanctuary
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

Respect Life Rosaries:

are held on the Third Weekend of each Month prior to the Sunday 8:30 AM Mass.

Our Annual **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on Thursday, November 26th at 9:00am in the Chapel. There will be no Mass on Friday, November 27th.

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 26th through the holiday weekend, and will reopen on Monday, November 30th at 8:30am.

No Religious Education Classes on Sunday, November 29th.



30th Annual Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Application forms are available in the Parish Office for five \$800 scholarships; at least three of which will be given to graduating Catholic seniors from Lewisville High School, Marcus High School, or Flower Mound High-School who plan to attend a two-year or four-year college. Also eligible for the remaining two scholarships are Catholic seniors who attend any other high school if a member of St. Philip Youth Group OR who attend any Catholic high school or are home-schooled in the Catholic faith if their parent(s) are members of Our Lady of Lebanon or St. Phillip the Apostle parish and/or their father is a member of Council 9884.

The application involves listing school and church service and writing a short essay on the topic, "The Need to Serve." Deadline for the application is on or before January 10, 2020. For more information, please email macrivello@hotmail.com or call 972-754-0804.

Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and the world.

"My sweetest joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the Holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!" -

St. Katharine Drexel



Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
Monday thru Friday 9:00am—7:00pm
Saturday 9:00am—5:30pm
Sunday 1:00pm—7:00pm
Contact Sheila Hughes @ 817-430-3066

The season of Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ and the best way to prepare is to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess our sins and to receive the graces to live holier lives.



Fr. Assaad is waiting for you!

Come to Reconciliation on Saturdays from 4:00pm—5:00PM in the Chapel.

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH THROUGH LEGACY GIVING

Please consider supporting your spiritual home of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church through legacy giving (a tax-deductible way of giving to our church through your will, insurance policy, retirement assets, or a charitable trust), by remembering Our Lady of Lebanon in your will, or giving our church a gift of a common stock or mutual fund share. For more information on these giving options, please contact our parish office.

With God you will always receive more than what you give.

THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYER

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CCA THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE! OUR DONATIONS FILLED UP AN ENTIRE BIN AND WILL HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING.



DID YOU KNOW? An interesting bit of trivia is that the first American Thanksgiving was actually celebrated on September 8, 1565 in St. Augustine, Florida. The Native Americans and Spanish settlers held a feast and the Holy Mass was offered. A second similar "Thanksgiving" celebration occurred on American soil on April 30, 1598 in Texas when Don Juan de Oñate declared a day of Thanksgiving to be commemorated by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



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A beautiful way to honor and remember those you keep in your hearts. Support your loved ones in their times of need as well as their times of celebrations!

To book a Mass Intention, PLEASE contact Sara in the Parish Office: 972-436-7617.

Thank You!!

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

Due to the cancellation of the Lebanese Food Festival and other events, the finances of our parish our much lower than before and your support is greatly appreciated. We offer our gratitude to all the generous people who have mailed in their offerings or donated in person. May our loving Lord reward you one hundred fold!

Weekly Collections

November 15th, 2020

Cash \$349

Loose Checks \$2,365

Envelope Checks \$1,555

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Thank you for your support of the House of the Lord!

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