

# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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## The Nativity of John the Baptist

Rev. Assaad ElBasha, M.L.M., Pastor Deacon George Elandary Mass Schedule	
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: 3:30–5:00 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.

Altar Boys: Joseph Marincel	817.491.0763	Adoration: Sheila Hughes	817.430.3066
Choir: 8:30 A.M. Mary Marincel	817.491.0763	Library: Sharon Wood	214.497.0783
Choir: 11:00 A.M. Roula Vasquez	972.832.8507	Youth Ministry: Susan Marincel	817.491.0763
RCIA: Susan Marincel	817.491.0763	Religious Ed / SE: Susan Marincel	817.491.0763
Lectors: 8:30 AM Joseph Marincel	817.491.0763	Ushers Robert Kramer	214.488.5635
Lectors: 11:00 AM Trevor Rask	503.701.2236	Legion of Mary Rose Onoh	214.289.4300
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**From a Sermon by St. Augustine**  
*The Voice of One Crying in the Wilderness*

The Church observes the birth of John as a hallowed event. We have no such commemoration for any other fathers; but it is significant that we celebrate the birthdays of John and of Jesus. This day cannot be passed by. And even if my explanation does not match the dignity of the feast, you may still meditate on it with great depth and profit.

John is born of a woman too old for childbirth; Christ was born of a youthful virgin. The news of John's birth was met with incredulity, and his father was struck dumb. Christ's birth was believed, and he was conceived through faith.

Such is the topic, as I have presented it, for our inquiry and discussion. But as I said before, if I lack either the time or the ability to study the implications of so profound a mystery, he who speaks within you even when I am not here will teach you better; it is he whom you contemplate with devotion, whom you have welcomed into your hearts, whose temples you have become.

John, then, appears as the boundary between the two testaments, the old and the new. That he is a sort of boundary the Lord himself bears witness, when he speaks of *the law and the prophets up until John the Baptist*. Thus he represents times past and is the herald of the new era to come. As a representative of the past, he is born of aged parents; as herald of the new, he is declared to be a prophet while still in his mother's womb. For when yet unborn, he leapt in his mother's womb at the arrival of blessed Mary. In that womb he had already been designated a prophet, even before he was born; it was revealed that he was to be Christ's precursor, before they ever saw one another. These are divine happenings, going beyond the limits of our human frailty. Eventually he is born, he receives his name, his father's tongue is loosened. See how these events reflect reality

Zechariah is silent and loses his voice until John, the precursor of the Lord, is born and restores his voice. The silence of Zechariah is nothing but the age of prophecy lying hidden, obscured, as it were, and concealed before the preaching of Christ. At John's arrival, it becomes clear when the one who was being prophesied is about to come. The release of Zechariah's voice at the birth of John is a parallel to the rending of the veil at Christ's crucifixion. If John were announcing his own coming, Zechariah's lips would not have been opened. The tongue is loosened because a voice is born. For when John was preaching the Lord's coming he was asked: *Who are you?* And he replied: *I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness*. The voice is John, but the Lord in the beginning was the Word. John was a voice that lasted only for a time; Christ, the Word in the beginning, is eternal.

**The Catechism on St. John the Baptist**

719 John the Baptist is "more than a prophet." In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. He proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John "came to bear witness to the light." In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God. . . Behold, the Lamb of God."

**This Week's Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, 6/22: Guidance & Protection for Sr. Maria Bernadette, and Anna, Teresa, & Michael Marincel; For Emilia Pedraza  
 Wednesday, 6/23: Guidance & Protection for Julia & Mary Marincel, & Helen Hicks; Healing for Kresentia Sugiaman  
 Thursday, 6/24: For Emilia Pedraza  
 Friday, 6/25: For Dan Khoury  
 Saturday, 6/26: †Clare Bennett; †Tony Cucinotta; †James & Rosadel Fanning  
 Sunday, 6/27: Healing for Tina Robbins; 40 Day Memorial Mass for Tony Feghali

**Prayer for Fathers by Pope St. John XXIII**

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. Amen.

**Daily Scripture Readings June 20th through June 26th**

Sunday, 6/20:	Phil. 3:7-14	Mt. 10:1-7
Monday, 6/21:	Acts 9:19b-30	Mt. 10:8-15
Tuesday, 6/22:	Acts 9:31-43	Mk. 13:9-13
Wednesday, 6/23:	Acts 10:1-10, 19-23a	Mt. 10:21-26
Thursday, 6/24:	Gal. 4:21-5:1	Lk. 1:57-66
Friday, 6/25:	Acts 10:44-48	Mt. 10:34-39
Saturday, 6/26:	Acts 11:19-30	Mt. 10:40-11:1

**Please do not cut the flowers outside! Someone has cut off flowers by the mailbox. These flowers are for Holy Mother Church. Thank you.**

### Reverence in Our Chapel

When you are visiting Our Lord in the chapel of our parish, we ask that you refrain from talking to others. Your focus should be on Christ in the Eucharist. The chapel is not a “coffee shop.” If you would like to talk to someone, please talk to him/her outside. Thank you.

### Religious Education Update

Since we are not having the festival this year, we will start our religious education courses early. You can find the registration form on our parish website underneath the ‘Ministries’ tab and on the front page. Please call the church office for any questions.

### Weekly Emails

Our parish publishes weekly emails on Friday. If you are not receiving these emails, we may not be using your correct email. If you would like to receive these emails or are not receiving them when you should be, please email the church office at LadyofL719@gmail.com.

### St. Joseph Image

This week the St. Joseph image is going to the HajNasr family.

### FROM THE CATHOLIC JOKE DICTIONARY

Bulletin: 1. Parish information, read only during the homily. 2. Your receipt for attending Mass.

### Second Collection: Peter's Pence

Next week, on June 27th, we have a second collection for Peter's Pence, which goes directly to the Holy See. This fund started under the Saxons in the early 11th century, and has spread throughout the world since.

### Online Giving

Please remember that you can support our parish through an online donation. This method is secure. To give online, visit our parish website, and click on the ‘Needy Families Fund/Online Donations’ tab beneath the ‘Online Giving’ header. May God reward your generosity.

### Weekly Collections

June 13th, 2021

Cash	\$904
Loose Checks	\$1,715
Envelope Checks	\$2,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,519</b>

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

Join us virtually for  
The 2021 National Maronite Youth Days



## Salt N Light

June 26, 2021 4-6PM EST  
June 27, 2021 4-6:30PM EST

Registration is NOW OPEN at  
[www.maroniteyouth.org](http://www.maroniteyouth.org)

### Graduation Mass

We are having a graduation Mass on June 27th at 11:00 AM. We invite all who are graduating from high school, college, or a higher education to attend and wear a cap and gown. Please email us with your name, name of college, and any other information you might find pertinent so that we can keep you in our prayers.



### Reverence for the Eucharist

Many Catholics attending Mass today receive Our Lord in the Eucharist and do not even think about what they are doing. Statistics (pewresearch.org) show that only about 1/3 of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and a good majority of Catholics do not agree with some of Mother Church's teachings. Heresy!

Please respect Our Lord in the Eucharist. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pray before and after receiving Him. By consuming Our Lord, you are publicly saying that you agree with everything that the Catholic Church teaches. If you do not agree with all of the Church's teachings, even if you disagree with only one teaching, you should not receive Holy Communion.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please pass this information on to your family and friends.

### Community Rosaries:

Tuesday—Friday: 8:30 AM (Sanctuary)  
Saturday: 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)



### Respect Life Rosaries:

Respect Life Rosaries are held on the third weekend of each month prior to the Sunday 8:30 AM Mass.

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