

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

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
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From a Sermon by St. Augustine
A Sacrifice to God is a Contrite Spirit

I acknowledge my transgression, says David. If I admit my fault, then you will pardon it. Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: *I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me*. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts on himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: If you wanted sacrifice, *I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight*. Are you then to be without sacrifice? Are you to offer nothing? Will you please God without an offering? Consider what you read in the same psalm: *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight*. But continue to listen, and say with David: *A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart*. Cast aside your former offerings, for now you have found out what you are to offer. In the days of your fathers you would have made offerings of cattle—these were the sacrifices. *If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it*. These then, Lord, you do not want, and yet you do want sacrifice.

You will take no delight in burnt offerings, David says. If you will not take delight in burnt offerings, will you remain without sacrifice? Not at all. *A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart*.

You now have the offering you are to make. No need to examine the herd, no need to outfit ships and travel to the most remote provinces in search of incense. Search within your heart for what is pleasing to God. Your heart must be crushed. Are you afraid that it might perish so? You have the reply: *Create a clean heart in me, O God*. For a clean heart to be created, the unclean one must be crushed.

We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him. In some measure then you will be in harmony with God's will, because you find displeasing in yourself what is abhorrent to your Creator.

The Catechism on Freedom

1731 Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 7/6: Guidance & protection for Sr. Maria Bernadette, and Anna, Teresa, & Michael Marincel; for the Santayana family
 Wednesday, 7/7: Guidance & Protection for Julia & Mary Marincel, & Helen Hicks
 Thursday, 7/8: No Intentions
 Friday, 7/9: †Lawrence & Catherine Agada; for the Onoh & Agada families; †Richard Lannen; †Bob & Connie Stephens; †Colten Ross Huckaby
 Saturday, 7/10: †Sharon Tuttle; †Tony Cucinotta; †James & Rosadel Fanning
 Sunday, 7/11: No Intentions

Prayer for Unity

My Adorable Jesus,
 May our feet journey together.
 May our hands gather in unity.
 May our hearts beat in unison.
 May our souls be in harmony.
 May our thoughts be as one.
 May our ears listen to the silence together.
 May our glances profoundly penetrate each other.
 May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.

Daily Scripture Readings July 4th through July 10th

Sunday, 7/4:	2 Cor. 3:1-6	Lk. 10:1-7
Monday, 7/5:	Acts 14:1-7	Lk. 10:8-12
Tuesday, 7/6:	Acts 14:8-18	Lk. 10:13-16
Wednesday, 7/7:	Acts 14:19-28	Lk. 10:17-20
Thursday, 7/8:	Acts 15:1-12	Lk. 10:25-28
Friday, 7/9:	Acts 15:13-21	Lk. 10:29-37
Saturday, 7/10:	Acts 15:22-30	Lk. 10:38-42

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.

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.

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.

The Holy Father's Intentions for July

We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

FROM THE CATHOLIC JOKE DICTIONARY

Holy Water: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

Confessions

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Catholics must go to Confession at least once a year and as often as they need it in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace. Fr. Assaad holds confessions every Saturday from 3:30pm—5:00pm in the sacristy. The line is formed on the benches in the hallway.

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 27th, 2021

Cash	\$834
Loose Checks	\$1,000
Envelope Checks	\$1,750
Total	\$3,584

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

Costs of Our Parish

We would like to share with you some of our monthly costs here at Our Lady of Lebanon. They are listed below:

- Electricity: \$1,694.89
- Water: \$351.44
- Gas: \$28.59
- Phone & Internet: \$405.45
- Trash: \$93.73
- Lawn Care & Maintenance: \$605
- Janitorial Services: 1,315.25

We want to be honest with you all in some of the costs required to run our parish. Please support us by tithing to our parish weekly. Thank you for your support of the Lord's house.

Requesting a Mass Intention

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a means of mercy to their souls. Masses are either scheduled on the date you request or on the nearest date that is open. Please schedule your Mass intentions by contacting Michael in the Church Office at 972.436.7617 or LadyofL719@gmail.com.

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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