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Maronite Catholic Church

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Mass Times

June 21, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Summer Schedule

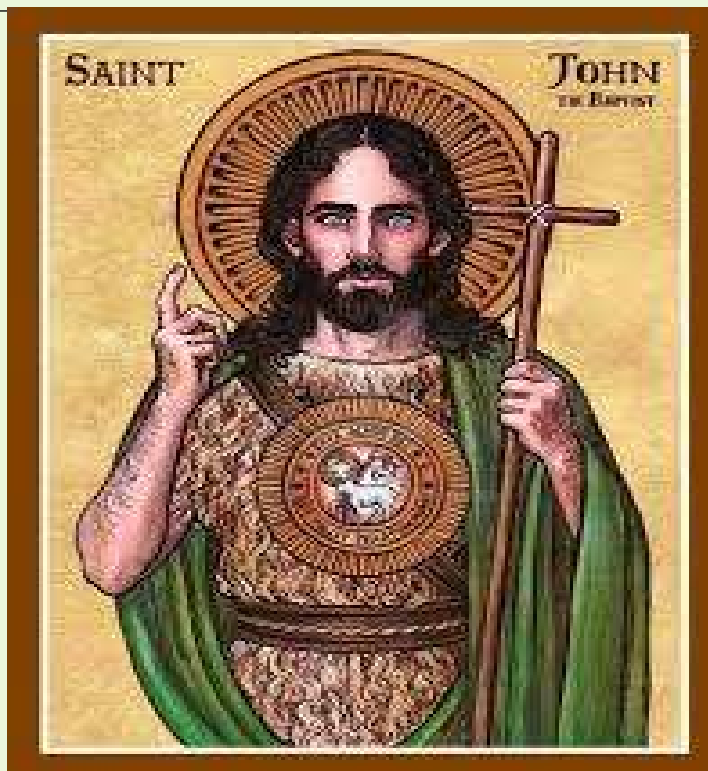
*Saturday 5:00 PM
English & Aramaic*

*Sunday 11:00 AM
English & Aramaic
and Arabic*

*Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM
(in the Chapel)*

*Confessions
30 minutes before every
Divine Liturgy*

*Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of every
month 7:00 PM*



Feast of St. John the Baptist, June 24

Our Clergy

**Rev. Tony K. Akoury
Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese
Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. David Nasser
Sub deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil
Sub deacon**

We are the Maronite Eastern Catholic Community of Saint Joseph Parish in Sandy Springs GA, part of the Universal Catholic Church. We follow and preserve the rich traditions and heritage of the Monastic Maronite Antiochene Catholic Eastern Syriac rite. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered by our baptismal promises and the Lord's disciples as stewards of God's bountiful gifts. Our purpose is to joyfully proclaim the presence of Christ to the total community by dedicating ourselves to worshiping, teaching, learning and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a family of God who works together for the spiritual, physical and social growth of the community. We respect every individual regardless of race or ethnic origin and we welcome them as part of our community. We are committed to preserve and pass on our Eastern Antiochene tradition and spiritual heritage to our children.

Readings of the Week



Sunday, 6/21	1 Cor 2:11-16	Lk 10:21-24
Monday, 6/22	Acts 7:44-50	Mt 18:1-5
Tuesday, 6/23	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Mt 18:6-10
Wednesday, 6/24	Gal 4:21-5:1	Lk 1:57-66
Thursday, 6/25	Acts 8:9, 13b-25	Mat 18:15-20
Friday, 6/26	Acts 8:26-40	Mt 18:21-35
Saturday, 6/27	Acts 9:1-6, 10-11,15-19	Mt 11:25-30

Summer Schedule 2020 June, July, August

Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, 5:00 PM
And
Sunday, 11:00 AM**

**Sunday 11AM Liturgy
Live-streamed on
[facebook.com/sjmccatl](https://www.facebook.com/sjmccatl)**

**Weekdays
Tuesday—Friday
10:00 AM**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 20

5:00 PM

For Christina Freeman

Requested by Marlene Kolyani

Sunday, June 21

11:00 AM

For Tom Isaf

Requested by Fred and June Isaf

Tuesday, June 23

10:00 AM

For Charles Lamb

Requested by Georgette Samaritan

Wednesday, June 24

10:00 AM

For Br. Edward Pierce

Requested by Ann Hartle

Thursday, June 25

10:00 AM

For Robin and Lou Isaf

Requested by Fred and June Isaf

Friday, June 26

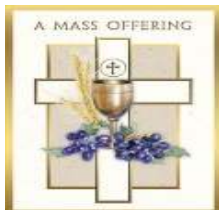
10:00 AM

For Mark Stevens

**Requested by
Mary and Tom Brunner**

PRAYER REQUESTS

To offer a Mass for a loved one, please stop by the parish office or call us to check the schedule and book your Mass.



Thanks to all who have continued to send their weekly or monthly contributions for the support of the church. We have not taken regular collections for three months and we need your contributions to pay our bills! If you are not signed up for automatic bill pay, you can send your contributions by mail or you can contribute through our website: [sjmcc.org](https://www.sjmcc.org).

June 21, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well.

We are still under the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and this very difficult time, which is affecting our community, our Church, our society, our country and our entire world. However, as Christians, we are called to continue working to build a better society and spreading the good news of Salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ and planting the seeds of Faith, Hope and Love. This is a difficult and unprecedented time for all of us, but now more than ever, we must hold fast to the great virtue of Hope.

Saint Joseph Church is open on a partial basis. The dispensation of the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy remains in effect if you believe it is too soon for you to return to church.

For reasons of health safety and to conform to civil law, we shall do so in the following manner:

There will be two Divine Liturgies on the weekends of June, July and August, one at 5 PM on Saturday, and one at 11 AM on Sunday. In order to ensure that we will have enough room for the required social distancing, please attend the 5PM Liturgy on Saturday if possible, so that the 11 AM Liturgy on Sunday will not be too crowded. The 11 AM Liturgy on Sunday will be live-streamed on our facebook page: [facebook.com/sjmccatl](https://www.facebook.com/sjmccatl).

- The Divine Liturgy will have a 50% seating capacity. We might not having any music or singing. Acolytes will not serve.
- Every second pew will be available for seating. Members of the same household can sit together. Everyone else should maintain social distance of six feet when seated, in the Communion line, and while entering / leaving church.
- No one will be admitted without a mask (bring your own), which must be worn during the entire Divine Liturgy.
- Parishioners over the age of 65, or those with compromised immune systems, or those who are in contact with persons with vulnerable health conditions are encouraged not to attend the Divine Liturgy. Parents are discouraged from bringing children under the age of 5.
- Our Maronite bishop wants us to continue our practice of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue. However, if you wish to receive in your hands, you may do so.
- Parishioners should not congregate in vestibule or parking lot and should proceed directly to their cars. The Sunday Coffee hour remains canceled until further notice.

These norms will remain in effect until circumstances require or permit a change.

May our Blessed Mother protect all of us from all evil.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Rev Tony Akoury



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The Knights of Columbus will have donation boxes in the church vestibule beginning this weekend for contributions of non-perishable food for various food pantries in Atlanta.

These charitable food pantries are in great need of contributions on account of the high unemployment rate in our city and state.

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