



# SAINT JOSEPH

## Maronite Catholic Church

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Mass Times

August 30, 2020

Fourteenth 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*

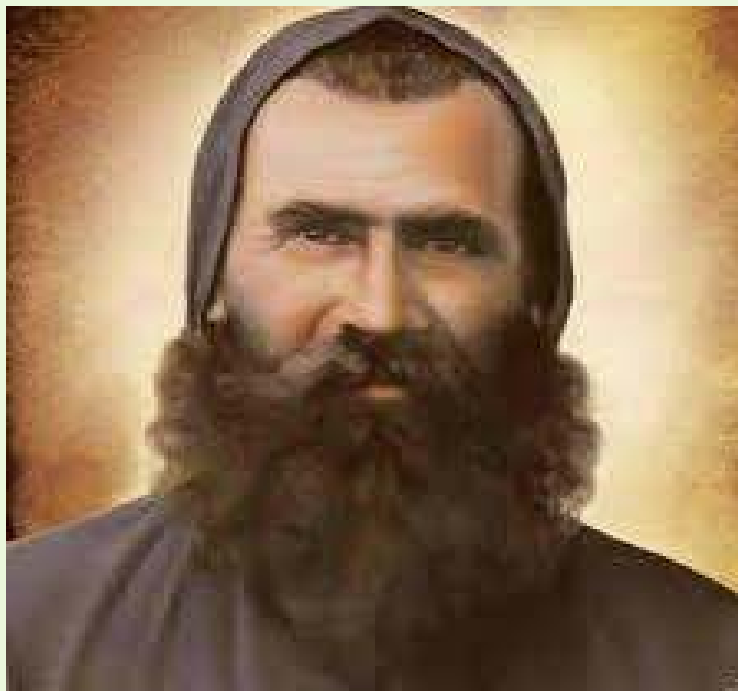
### **Our Clergy**

**Rev. Tony K. Akoury  
Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese  
Deacon**

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

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



### **Feast of Blessed Brother Estephan, August 30**

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



<b>Sunday, 8/30</b>	<b>1 Thes 2:1-13</b>	<b>Lk 10:38-42</b>
<b>Monday, 8/31</b>	<b>1 Jn 3:23-4:6</b>	<b>Lk 15:1-7</b>
<b>Tuesday, 9/1</b>	<b>1 Jn 4:7-21</b>	<b>Lk 15:8-10</b>
<b>Wednesday, 9/2</b>	<b>1 Jn 5:1-12</b>	<b>Lk 16:1-8</b>
<b>Thursday, 9/3</b>	<b>1 Jn 5:13-21</b>	<b>Lk 16:9-12</b>
<b>Friday, 9/4</b>	<b>2 Jn 1-13</b>	<b>Lk 16:13-17</b>
<b>Saturday, 9/5</b>	<b>3 Jn 1-15</b>	<b>Lk 17:1-4</b>

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 29**  
**5:00 PM**  
**For Elias Zaarour**  
**Requested by Jocelyne Murad**

**Sunday, August 30**  
**11:00 AM**  
**For Hoda and Sobhi Azzi**  
**Requested by their family.**

**Tuesday, September 1**  
**10:00 AM**  
**For Bob Hartle**  
**Requested by Ann Hartle**

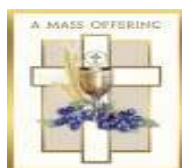
**Wednesday, September 2**  
**10:00 AM**  
**For Thomas and Abby Isaf**  
**Requested by Fred and June Isaf**

**Thursday, September 3**  
**10:00 AM**  
**For Mark Stevens**  
**Requested by Ann Hartle**

**Saturday, September 5**  
**5:00 PM**  
**For the Deceased Members of the**  
**Hanna and Rafka Botros**  
**Family**

### 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.




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## **Help for Lebanon!!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

**You have seen the disaster that struck Lebanon on 4 August. This is a country already struggling with the pandemic and crushed by economic collapse. As Maronite Christians, we must do whatever we can to help.**

**You can contribute through our website:**

**<https://sjmcc.org/>**

**Click on the “Help Lebanon Fund” link, or on the Bishop’s letter on the homepage.**

**All of the money collected by the church will be sent to Bishop Gregory who is working directly with the charitable organizations getting immediate relief to the people who need it most.**

**May God always reward you for your compassion.**

**In Christ,  
Father Tony**

### **Weekend Liturgies for August and September**

**Due to the continuing requirement of social distancing and the limitations on size of gatherings, we will continue our current schedule of weekend Liturgies:**

**Saturdays at 5PM  
and  
Sundays at 11AM  
For the months of August and September.**

## Guidelines for Liturgy

**The Archbishop of Atlanta encourages all who are healthy to return to church for Mass and the Sacraments.**

**The dispensation from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy remains in effect through September, if you are in a vulnerable condition and believe it is too soon for you to return to church.**

For reasons of health and safety and to conform to our governor's guidelines, we shall continue to hold our Liturgies in the following manner:

**There will be two Divine Liturgies on weekends during August and September, 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 have 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



**We would love for you to join us ...On Sunday, September 27th, at 6:30 p.m., PAC is hosting its 2020 “Evening for Life” fund-raising event, with this year’s theme being “Courageous Love.”**

**The content-rich program will feature the Archbishop of Atlanta, The Most Reverend Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM Conv., internationally-acclaimed, pro-life speaker, Stephanie Gray, nationally-recognized speaker and best-selling author, Dr. Allen Hunt, and much more...**

**This will be a fully digital, live-streamed online event. Register now to get full access to an evening of our inspiring speakers, offering hope, affirmation and encouragement in our work to protect life. (There is no cost to register.)**

**All registered parties will be invited to the live-streamed event.**

**Password-protected links to be emailed prior September 27th.**

**On-line Silent Auction will be opening soon.**

**We would greatly appreciate it if you would "spread the word" about this inspiring event.**

**Additional information may be found at <https://www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/love2020.html>. Please remember to register -- there is no cost to do this.**

**We are looking forward to you joining us -- we appreciate you so much....**



We are now working with FlowerCraft to create arrangements befitting our beautifully renovated sanctuary! Parishioners are welcome to donate a month's altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, and families may like to contribute together. If you would like to donate, please contact Maryse Murad at [marysemurad@gmail.com](mailto:marysemurad@gmail.com)

*Thank You!*

The flowers for the altar are given by Fred and June Isaf in honor of Christa Isaf and Mark Worley.



**KNIGHTS**  
**OF COLUMBUS**

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


The Food Drive will continue through August and September. Donations thus far have gone to the Ronald McDonald House, Nicholas House, and Our House shelters.

Please continue to be generous. Donations may include paper products (plates, napkins, cups, toilet paper, etc.).

As always, Thank you.

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