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**Our Clergy**

- **Rev. Tony K. Akoury**  
  Pastor
- **Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese**  
  Deacon
- **Rev. Mr. David Nasser**  
  Sub deacon
- **Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil**  
  Sub deacon

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**Friday, September 4**

**Day of Prayer for Lebanon**

At the end of his general audience Wednesday, Pope Francis made a lengthy appeal for peace and harmony in Lebanon, asking people around the world to spend a day in prayer and fasting for the Middle Eastern country.

“For over a hundred years, Lebanon has been a country of hope. Even during the darkest periods of its history, the Lebanese have kept their faith in God and demonstrated the ability to make their land a place of tolerance, respect and coexistence unique in the region,” he said.

“For the good of the country itself, but also of the world, we cannot allow this heritage to be lost.”

Francis said that he wanted Friday, Sept. 4, to be a universal day of prayer and fasting for Lebanon, and invited people of all religions to join in.

He also said he would be sending Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State, to Lebanon Sept. 4 as his representative, “to express my closeness and solidarity.”

“We offer our prayers for all of Lebanon and for Beirut,” he said. He closed by asking everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer.
## Readings of the Week

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## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 6**
11:00 AM
For the Members of the Ladies Altar and Rosary Society, Living and Deceased

**Wednesday, September 9**
10:00 AM
For Jocelyne and Roger Murad, Requested by Marlene Kolyani

**Thursday, September 10**
10:00 AM
For Theresa Ann Shiner, Requested by Judy and Kam Nassar

**Friday, September 11**
10:00 AM
For Dr. Jim Parker Requested by the Domit Family

**Saturday, September 12**
5:00 PM
For Elias Zaarour, Requested by Jocelyne Murad

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**Friday, September 4**

7PM

**Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Come to pray for Lebanon!

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**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.
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 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 month of 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.

• 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.

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

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.
Demand a COVID-19 Vaccine Free from Abortion

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked all Catholics to contact the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex Azar, to prevent the use of cell lines from aborted babies in vaccines for the corona virus. Please follow this link to the website where you will be able to write directly to Secretary Azar.

https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/73486/Respond
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