Father Sam Najjar will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, January 9, at 5PM and on Sunday, January 10 at 11AM. Both Liturgies will be held in the main sanctuary. All weekday Liturgies for next week are cancelled.
Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9  
5:00 PM  
For Mary Jane Sullivan  
and  
Sean and Janet Hopwood  
Requested by  
Linda and Brian Delgross

Sunday, January 10  
11:00 AM  
For Fred and June Isaf  
Requested by  
Marlene Kolyani

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Abouna Tony Akoury extends his deepest gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy from his parishioners and friends on the occasion of the death of his father. May God bless you for your condolences and for your prayers.
THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE POINSETTIAS!
PLEASE PRAY FOR THEIR INTENTIONS!

Cindy and Louie Abdou, in memory of Nora Ferris
Judi Hanna, in memory of Raymond Hanna
Roger and Jocelyne Murad, in memory of Elias Zaarour, and victims of abortion
Fred and June Isaf, in honor of their children
Linda Grise-Grace, in memory of Lillian S. and E. Ray Grise
Marlene Kolyani, in memory of Badih, Margueritte, and Joe Murad
Elizabeth and Paul Joseph, in memory of Joseph Joseph,
  John Domit, and Selma Domit
Kam and Judi Nassar, in honor of Father Tony Akoury
Peter Mondalek, in honor of Pete and Effie Mondalek
Linda and Brian Delgross, in honor of Olivia Marianna, Annelise Marie, and William Gregory Delgross.
Mitchell and Diane Domit, Albert and Diane Ashkouti,
in memory of Joseph and Evelyn Ashkouti
Nassif and Elizabeth Mahfoud, in memory of Jamil and Hind Mahfoud,
  Francis and Theresa Shiner
Louie and Mary Anne Shamatta, in memory of the Shamatta and Stevens Families
Michael and Charlene Hiffa, in memory of Anthony and Emily Hiffa,
  Kalil and Henaine Moses.
Ana and Chaouki Bassil, in memory of the Eljaua and Bassil families.
Stephen and Joan Walsh in honor of their children and grandchildren
Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church
Pope Francis Proclaims
“Year of St Joseph”

"With a Father's Heart"

From DEC -08- 2020

To Dec- 08-2021

"My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

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**Plenary Indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph**

Conditions for the plenary indulgence: The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:

The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. “St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us”, the decree reads, “to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God’s will.” –

The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph's example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. St. Joseph “encourages us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in carrying out our duties,” the decree notes. –

The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences, in order that “all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family.” - Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence.

The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the Akathistos to St. Joseph (for the Byzantine tradition), or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church ad intra and ad extra, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. Because, the decree notes, “the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt shows us that God is there where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment.”

A universal saint In addition to these, the Apostolic Penitentiary grants a plenary indulgence to the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, for example, “To you, O blessed Joseph” especially on “19 March, on 1 May, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph’s Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition) on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the memory of the saint according to the Latin tradition.” The decree recalls the universality of St. Joseph’s patronage of the Church, noting that St. Teresa of Ávila recognized him as "a protector for all the circumstances of life". Pope St. John Paul II also said that St. Joseph has “a renewed relevance for the Church of our time, in relation to the new Christian millennium.”

For the sick Amid the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes. They too can obtain the plenary indulgences if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.
Thanks to all who donated toys to the Knights of Columbus toy drive. We collected 29 new toys which were delivered to “Toys for Tots.” The Liturgy on Saturday, March 6, will be offered for your intentions.

During the months of January and February, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting winter clothing for the poor. Men’s, women’s, and children’s sizes are needed. Donations will go to the Atlanta Mission. Please place clothing in the donation box in the church vestibule.
January is Respect Life Month

The annual Respect Life Program is a year-round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. January is designated by the United Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) as Respect Life Month.

On Friday, January 22, our nation will mark the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. Parish events, Archdiocesan events and USCCB resources include:

Adoration Holy Hour for Life
Mondays - 1:00 pm
We lead a weekly Adoration Holy Hour for Life on Mondays from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm in the church. The hour will begin with a Rosary for life, followed by quiet prayer. Please join us each week as your schedule allows. Social distancing observed and masks are required.

Virtual Holy Hour for Life
Mondays - 2:15 pm
Please join us virtually on Mondays to adore God and pray for every life to be loved, treasured, and defended. Each week, we will pray the Rosary for Life, followed by a brief reflection, and then pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet. Access the Zoom link at www.judeatl.com/holyhour

Nine Days for Life
Begins Thursday, January 21
Our Respect Life Ministry and our Knights of Columbus Council invite you to join Catholics in the United States and pray for the end of abortion. The U.S. bishops annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Thursday, January 21 - Friday, January 29. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or receive via email, or text message or download the free mobile app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com

30th Annual Mass for the Unborn
Friday, January 22
The annual Mass for the Unborn will be held virtually on Friday, January 22, at 12:00 pm. Archbishop Hartmayer will celebrate the Mass. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese’s Facebook page or at www.archatl.com

Parish Stand for Life Event
Friday, January 22
You are invited to join us in silent prayer and witness for the legal protection of the unborn on Friday, January 22 for our 4th annual parish Stand for Life event. We will meet at 4:15 pm in front of the church on the corner of Spalding Drive and Glenridge Drive and stand until 5:30 pm. Signs will be provided. A special Mass and Rosary (led by Knights of Columbus) will follow immediately after the event. Masks required and social distancing observed.

Learn more about our Respect Life activities and how to get involved at www.judeatl.com/respectlife
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