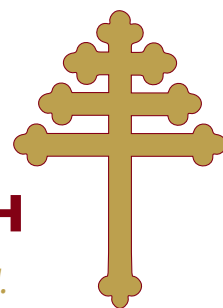




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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Maronite News*, pictures of parish events and  
other announcements!

## **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

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**SATURDAY, JULY 26**

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 27**

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

## **GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 12:14-21



But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against him to put him to death. When Jesus realized this, he withdrew from that place. Many (people) followed him, and he cured them all, but he warned them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through

Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom I delight; I shall place my spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope."



THE PHARISEES AND THE HERODIANS CONSPIRE AGAINST JESUS (LES PHARISIENS ET LES HÉRODIENS CONSPIRENT CONTRE JÉSUS) From the series LA VIE DE NOTRE-SEIGNEUR JÉSUS-CHRIST 1886-1894 by James Tissot. The Brooklyn Museum.

The theme of this week's Gospel is: "But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against him to put him to death." (12/14)

Even when we do good, not everyone will accept it. Jesus faced rejection too. Do I stay peaceful when others hurt me?

Father will pray the  
**ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES**  
beginning on page 754

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 26 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

**Sunday, July 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

**Saturday, August 2 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

**Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 a.m.**

In memory of Thomas E. Cahill Jr.

and Maureen C. Rushlow

Requested by The Piechocki family

**Saturday, August 9 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime

Requested by his sisters Dulce, Lili and Jemeli

**Sunday, August 10 at 10:00 a.m.**

For the repose of the souls of

Mary Peters Dreisbach and the deceased members  
of the Namtella and Rachel Peters Family

Requested by Rae Cameron

**Saturday, August 16 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

**Sunday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

**Saturday, August 23 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

**Sunday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

## 8 MEANINGFUL THINGS

### A RETIRED CATHOLIC CAN ASPIRE TO DO

Retirement offers Catholics the gift of time – to serve, reflect, and embrace the deeper call of faith and family. Here are eight beautiful ways to embrace this season of life

**1 MAKE A PILGRIMAGE** There's something profoundly moving about stepping into the places where saints once lived, prayed, and suffered. Even if travel is limited, and an overseas trip is not possible, there are sacred sites nearby – local shrines or monasteries – that can provide a deep sense of renewal and presence.

**2 INVEST IN FAMILY** Remember all those times you wished you had more hours to spend with your kids and grandkids? Well, here's your golden ticket. Retirement is your chance to be a warm, guiding presence in their lives.

**3 REENGAGE WITH PARISH LIFE** Your parish needs you – your wisdom, your time, your prayers. Many parishes are looking for mentors, prayer warriors, and spiritual "elders" – and your lived faith is a gift worth sharing.

**4 TAKE UP A HOBBY ... WITH A HOLY TWIST** Always wanted to paint? Knit? Play the ukulele? Now's the time – and don't be afraid to let your faith shine through it. Perhaps knitting baby hats for your parish's baptism ministry, or painting icons (or at least trying to). Who says a retired Catholic can't become the next Michelangelo?

**5 WRITE YOUR MEMOIRS** Your life is full of stories. God has been at work in your life in ways that could inspire your children, your grandchildren, even total strangers. Why not write them down? Your reflections on faith,

love, loss, and laughter might be the most precious gift you leave behind.

**6 START A "SPIRITUAL BUCKET LIST"** Make a list of things you've always wanted to do to deepen your relationship with God. Maybe it's reading the entire Bible or praying a novena for each family member. Spiritual growth doesn't retire – and neither does joy.

**7 BE A MENTOR** Young people today are navigating a whirlwind of confusion. You, with your hard-won wisdom, can be a steady voice of truth and compassion. Whether it's mentoring young parents, helping at youth group (even if you have no idea what TikTok is), or simply being a calm listener, your presence is a quiet ministry.

*Retired... continued on page 3*

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Numbers for July 19/20 will be reported next week.

### MAASSER EL CHOUF REUNION

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## EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:1-11

Hence, now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has freed you from the law of sin and death. For what the law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh but according to the spirit. For those who live according to the flesh are concerned with the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit with the things of the spirit. The concern of the flesh is death, but the concern of the spirit is life and peace. For the concern of the flesh is hostility toward God; it does not submit to the law of God, nor can it; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Retired, continued from page 2*

**8 EMBRACE THE GIFT OF HOLY REST** Our culture often praises constant productivity, but Scripture reminds us that rest is sacred. So go ahead and take that nap in the sun, have slow mornings with your Breviary and a cup of tea, or watch the birds while praying the Rosary. These moments of peace are holy. Often, God speaks loudest in the stillness.

It's important to remember that retirement is not a closing – it's an unfolding. It is a sacred season in which God continues to write your story, one page at a time. Whether your days are filled with grand adventures or gentle rhythms, they can be deeply rooted in grace, service, and joy.

So take a breath. Take a step. And trust that even now, God is calling you – perhaps more tenderly than ever before – to live fully, love deeply, and walk faithfully.

*[Adapted from an article by Cerith Gardiner for Aletheia]*



## The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

The second letter of Saint John is a very brief letter. It is only one chapter, but full of meaning and reflection.

- Walk in truth and love *For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, as you heard from the beginning, in which you should walk.* (2John 1:1-6)
- Beware of deceivers *Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh; such is the deceitful one and the Antichrist.* (2John 1:7-9)
- Remain in Christ's teaching *Whoever remains in the teaching has the Father and the Son.* (2John 1:10-13).

I pray that you will have a peaceful and blessed week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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### PROVERBS CHAPTER 22 : 1 - 5

- 1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.
- 3 The clever see danger and hide; but the simple go on, and suffer for it.
- 4 The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.
- 5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse; the cautious will keep far from them.

*Texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Bible.*

### OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IS FOR ALL LAY SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH, LIVING AND DECEASED

*Loving Father, we thank you for the many lay people from our parish who have faithfully served Your Church and those who have gone home to You. Bless those who continue to give their time, talents and hearts to build up Your Church. Our beloved Lord, inspire all of us to follow their example of selfless service. And through their generosity, let Your light shine in our community. Amen.*

### WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

*If you are angry at your neighbor, you are angry at God. Honor your neighbor and you have honored God.*

-- St Ephrem the Syrian





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