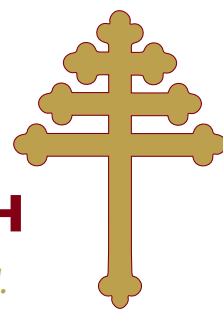




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 9 St. Matthias, Ap
- 10 St. Lawrence, M
- 11 St. Clare of Assisi, V
- 12 St. Shaina, C
- 13 St. Hippolytus of Rome, M
Bl. Michael McGivney (USA), C
- 14 Micah the Prophet
- 15 The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

Rosary at 8:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:21-28



Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.



THE CANAANITE WOMAN ASKS FOR HEALING FOR HER DAUGHTER. Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib (most likely a Coptic monk in the late 17th century in Egypt). 1684. Baltimore: Walters Art Museum.

The Canaanite woman came to Jesus because her daughter was very sick. She believed that Jesus could help her. Let us trust Jesus, pray for our families, and never give up hope.

Father will pray the
THE ANAPHORA OF SAINT SIXTUS
beginning on page 856

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime
Requested by his sisters Dulce, Lili and Jemeli

Sunday, August 9 at 9:00 a.m.

In memory of Mary Peters Dreisbach and
the deceased members of the Namtella and Rachel
Peters family.
Requested by Rae Cameron

Saturday, August 15 at 4:30 p.m..

In memory of Egidio Mainella
Requested by Deacon Steven

Sunday, August 16 at 9:00 a.m.

In memory of Fr. Terence Kristofak
Requested by Sub Deacon Mike Soliani

Saturday, August 22 at 4:30 p.m..

Available

Sunday, August 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, August 29 at 4:30 p.m..

Available

Sunday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m.

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Saturday, September 5 at 4:30 p.m..

In memory of Dona Spino
Requested by her husband Nick and family

Sunday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Robert Thomas Simon
40 day memorial
Requested by his wife, Jenn and Sons Colton
and Beckett

It was great to see Sub Deacon Paul and Chris Comeau on Saturday at the Divine Liturgy. Sub Deacon Paul proclaimed the reading and it was lovely to visit with them both after Mass. Paul and Chris - Saint Maron's loves you both very much. God bless you and hurry back for another visit!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of August 1/2

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Attention Local Crafters!

St. Maron Church is hosting a
CRAFT FAIR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Vendor registration for artisans is still open and we are looking for talented, creative people to showcase their work. The cost is \$25 for a 6' table and 2 chairs. Don't wait to sign up as tables are going fast! For more information contact Danata at (860) 940-5182 or danataj@yahoo.com.



There are 14 tee shirts size XL remaining from the Maasser El Chouf picnic and reunion from last Sunday.

If you would like to purchase one please call Richie Noujaim at 860-689-5952. The tee shirts are \$20.00.



It is a great way to support the reunion and our Lebanese heritage. God bless you.



MAASSER EL CHOUF REUNION

Richie and Toni greeted over 400 people who celebrated the annual outing in Colebrook last Sunday. It was a joyous and festive day as people from all over the United States and Canada came to celebrate their Lebanese heritage and traditions.



EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 3:1-13

Because of this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ (Jesus) for you Gentiles-- if, as I suppose, you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, (namely, that) the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly earlier. When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to human beings in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this I became a minister by the gift of God's grace that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his power. To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light (for all) what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens. This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over my afflictions for you; this is your glory.

WISDOM FROM THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.

St. Clare of Assisi Feast day August 11

August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart of Mary invites us to reflect on Mary's pure love for God and her faithful "yes" to His will. In art her heart is shown with:

A sword – symbolizing Simeon's prophecy in Luke 2:34-35: *and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*

Flames – representing her burning love for God and all people

Roses – reminding us of her purity, beauty and grace.

May this month of August inspire us to draw closer to Jesus through the loving heart of his blessed Mother.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Why not?

I invite everyone to take some time to reflect and pray.

- *Why not* make your home a place of prayer?
- *Why not* read a book or watch a movie about the life of a saint this month?
- *Why not* invite a friend to join you at Church?
- *Why not* let our Beloved and Good Lord Jesus Christ heal your heart?
- *Why not* pause for one minute today and thank God for the gift of life?

I wish you all a blessed week and blessed August.

Fr. Fadi

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THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

I would like to share the lives of the Saints with you, to remind us that we, too, are called to become saints through our simple daily lives. Today, I will talk about **Saint John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars**.

Saint John Vianney was a humble priest with a heart full of love for God and for every person he met. In the small village of Ars, he welcomed people with kindness, listened to their struggles, and guided them closer to Jesus. He loved teaching children and helping them discover the beauty of faith.

He spent many hours in prayer, celebrating the Eucharist, and hearing confessions because he wanted every soul to experience God's mercy.

His simple life reminds us that a person who loves God sincerely can bring great light and hope to others. How does this work?

By our daily blessed actions, we can bring everyone we meet closer to Jesus.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS A PRAYER FOR PEACE

My Beloved Lord, grant us your peace in our heart so that our life will never be lost. May your precious presence fill our life with joy and happiness. Amen.



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