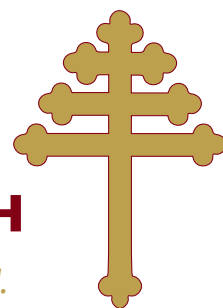




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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 12 Sts. Rufina and Secunda, V, M
St. Susanna of Rome, V, M
- 13 Joel the Prophet
- 14 St. Bonaventure, Doctor of the Church, C
St. Kateri Tekakwitha (USA), C
- 15 Sts. Cyriacus and Julitta, His Mother, M
- 16 The Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 17 St. Marina, Nun of Qannoubine, V
- 18 St. Symphorosa and Her Seven Sons, M

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

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



JAMES TISSOT. THE SICK AWAITING THE PASSAGE OF JESUS (LES MALADES ATTENDANT LE PASSAGE DE JÉSUS), 1886-1894. by James Tissot. The Brooklyn Museum.

Saint Matthew teaches us that Jesus is the humble Servant who brings God's mercy and hope to everyone. He continues His mission with love, gentleness, and faithfulness. For us today, this Gospel invites us to trust Jesus and to follow His example of gentleness and mercy.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Tony (Nico) NeJaime
Requested by Hayat & Jack Comporesi and
Toni & Richard Noujaim

In memory of Angelo Silano
Requested by his wife, Mireille

Sunday, July 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Available

Saturday, July 18 at 4:30 p.m..

Available

Sunday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m.

In memory of Edward A. Piechocki
Requested by his sons Matthew and Michael

In Memory of Elias George Rached Noujaim
Requested by his wife Afaf and his family

Thursday, July 23 at 5 p.m. Feast of St. Sharbel

Available

Saturday, July 25 at 4:30 p.m..

Available

Sunday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m.

For the repose of soul of Keith Thomas Lawson
Requested by Gary and Diane Flynn

In memory of Thomas E. Cahill, Sr.
Requested by the Piechocki family

Saturday, August 1 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Frank Bicio
Requested by his family

Sunday, August 2 at 9:00 a.m.

For the repose of the soul of Mayer J. Slaiby
Requested by Jane and Sam Slaiby

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Thank You!



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

will burn

For the month of July

In memory of

Edward A. Piechocki

Fr. Fadi will celebrate Mass at Litchfield Woods on Saturday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. Please come and join him if you can. It gives such pleasure to the residents to have visitors!



Bishops Gregory Mansour and Elias Zaidan offering Divine Liturgy at NAM.

THE NATIONAL APOSTOLATE OF MARONITES (NAM) 61ST ANNUAL

CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO FROM JULY 2 - JULY 5 was a fantastic, family experience. This is how one attendee described it: Over the four days there were excellent lectures on faith, marriage and spirituality; magnificent July 4th celebration fireworks; a special message from Bishop Gregory about the blessings we have in the USA; a "shark tank" style pitch competition with 10 Maronite entrepreneurs presenting their companies and one walking away with the \$20k prize; Theology on Tap for the young adult group; and special crafts and games for the younger children. The spiritual heart of the experience centered on the liturgical rhythm established by our two Bishops with morning (Safo) prayer, a daily Divine Liturgy and evening (Ramsho) prayers. Those who grew up in a Maronite community might take the closeness and joy at the convention for granted, but for many, especially those of the younger generation, it was new experience of their heritage and one they are looking forward to repeating next year!

Father Fadi also attended the convention and here is his personal report:

My visit to San Diego during my participation in the NAM Convention was a beautiful and enriching experience. I had the opportunity to meet many brothers priests from both Eparchies. I shared moments of friendship with others. I was inspired by many new ideas.

The beauty of the city, the warmth of the people, and the spirit of the convention made our visit memorable.

In addition, after 50 years, I met a woman, who is a relative of my father's family, whom I had not seen for all those years. It was a great time for us, me and my family.

I want to thank everyone who helped us especially Deacon Steve. May our beloved Lord bless him and his beautiful family.

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.

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IS

A PRAYER FOR THE NURSES CARING FOR THE SICK

Lord God,

Bless the nurse who cares for the sick with love and patience.

Give her strength in her tired moments, wisdom in her decisions,
and a gentle heart in all she does.

May she see Your face in every patient she serves, and may her
hands become instruments of Your healing and peace.

Protect her from discouragement and bless her with joy in her
service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop Elias Zaidan and radio personality Timmerie Geagea with the Maronite Young Adult group at Theology on Tap at NAM.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

On Saturday, July 18, I will bless the oil during the Mass which we celebrate for the feast of Saint Sharbel. On Thursday, July 23, which is St. Sharbel's actual feast day, I will celebrate Mass at 5 pm.

Who is Saint Sharbel?

Saint Sharbel Makhoul (1828-1898) was a Maronite monk and priest from Lebanon. He entered the Lebanese Maronite Order as a young man and spent most of his life in prayer, fasting, silence, and hard work. Later, he lived as a hermit near the Monastery of Saint Maron at Annaya, dedicating himself completely to God.

After his death on December 24, 1898, many miracles were reported through his intercession. He was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1977.

Saint Sharbel teaches us that:

- Holiness comes from a deep relationship with God.
- Prayer and silence give us strength.
- Humility and obedience lead us closer to Christ.
- God can do great things through a simple and faithful life.

May his prayers continue to bless us all.

Fr. Fadi

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THE NEW TESTAMENT: REVELATION

The Book of Revelation, Chapter 19 reminds us that God always wins over evil. Heaven is filled with joy and praise because God's justice is perfect. Jesus is shown as the victorious King who comes to save His people. The wedding feast of the Lamb is a beautiful image of the eternal joy prepared for those who remain faithful to Christ.

This chapter encourages us to trust Jesus, stay faithful, and look forward to the happiness of His Kingdom.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

Although you feel tepid, approach with confidence, for the greater your infirmity the more you stand in need of a physician.

Men do not fear a powerful hostile army as the powers of hell fear the name and protection of Mary.

If you learn everything, except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing, except Christ, you learn everything.

St. Bonaventure, Feast day July 14



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