

SAINT LOUIS GONZAGA CHURCH

MARONITE CATHOLIC


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday — 4 PM, Sunday — 10 AM
Monday-Wednesday, Friday — 9 AM, Thursday 6:30 PM
Holy Days of Obligation — 9 AM and 6:30 PM

CLERGY

Chorbishop John D. Faris: 315-628-1281

Father Aaron Sandbothe: 315-790-0059

Father Alaa Issa: 561-273-5867

Deacon Paul A. Salamy: 315-732-5241

Deacon Peter M. Hobaica: 315-797-5464

PARISH HOUSE OFFICE HOURS

9 AM to 4:30 PM



BAPTISMS & CHRISMATIONS: Preparation is required.
We encourage this to happen before the birth of your child.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements six (6) months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our parish family. May you find spiritual nourishment among us. Please be sure to register by calling the Parish House.

HOSPITAL, SICK CALLS & SHUT-INS: If a loved one is hospitalized, ill or unable to leave home, please call the Parish House office.

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Classes 1-6 meet weekly on Sunday morning at 9AM.

Classes 7-12 meet bimonthly on Sunday morning at 9AM.

Please see the calendar published in the bulletin and on the Website for dates.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:15-3:45PM; Sunday 9:15-9:45AM
and by appointment.

DEVOTIONS:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays 9:30 – 10:30AM

Saint Sharbel Devotion: 22nd of each month after Divine Liturgy

Saint Joseph Devotion: 4th Saturday at 3:40PM

23-24 DECEMBER 2017



FEASTS FOR 24 DEC – 31 DEC 2017

SUN 24 DEC	Genealogy Sunday
MON 25 DEC	The Glorious Birth of Our Lord
TUE 26 DEC	Felicitations to the Virgin Mary
WED 27 DEC	St. Stephen, the First Martyr
THU 28 DEC	The Adoration of the Magi
FRI 29 DEC	Flight into Egypt and the Killing of the Holy Innocents
SAT 30 DEC	The Return from Egypt to Nazareth
SUN 31 DEC	The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

CONTACTS

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<i>Finance Council:</i>	
Chair: Louis Raya.....	315-794-1418
Assets Oversight: David Sageer.....	315-734-1040
Special Events: Betty Karrat.....	315-736-1615
<i>Kitchen & Hall:</i>	
Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy.....	315-790-3307
<i>Family Giving Committee:</i>	
George Nehme.....	401-742-5841
Buildings: Andrew Aery.....	315-525-8374
Byron Elias	
<i>Pastoral Life Council:</i>	
Chair: Deacon Paul Salamy.....	315-732-5241
Communications: Glory Rasi.....	315-794-4242
Family Life: Deacon Peter Hobaica ..	315-797-5464
Liturgy: James Salamy.....	315-723-3776
Faith Formation: Kate Miller.....	315-796-1910
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Lisa Barkett.....	315-737-5162
Roseanne Ciaccia.....	315-736-5377
<i>Maronite Young Adults:</i>	
John Paul Salamy.....	315-732-5241
Joshua Lewis.....	315-853-4500
Saint Mary's Guild: Cathy Karam....	315-527-1519
Holy Name Society: Rick Blank.....	315-525-3221
Lou Lewis.....	315-737-3950
Saint Joseph Society: George Sfeir ...	315-733-8357
Acolytes: Nathan Hanna.....	315-939-8219
Robert Tehan.....	315-240-8819
Daughters of Mary: Julie Adamo....	315-404-1959
Lectors: Lois Mariano.....	315-732-3402
Sacristan: Andrew Rahme.....	315-264-8652

BULLETIN DEADLINE

If you would like anything published in the weekend bulletin, you must submit it as you want it published to Anne Lewis no later than 5 PM Friday, 8 days before publication via e-mail at saintlouisbulletin@gmail.com or by calling 853-4500. Thanks.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT 23 DEC	4PM	• Louise "Sitto" Roy (Birthday) by Nick & Lois Mariano
		• Mae & Louis Astafan, Sr. by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan
		• Kim Marie Shaheen by Martin Capra
		• Marion Jabour Kempf by Kathi Tamer
		• Joseph Tahan by His Wife & Family
		• Yvette Katrajian by Violette Tahan & Family
		• Walter Marrotta by Wife, Son & Daughter-in-law & Grandson
SUN 24 DEC	10AM	• Sarah Abraham (Anniversary) by Sarah Abraham's Will
	4PM	• Living & Deceased Members of Saint Louis Gonzaga Church by Chorbishop John
	10PM	• Living & Deceased Members of Saint Louis Gonzaga Church by Chorbishop John
MON 25 DEC	10AM	• Caroline & John Harp & Carol (Harp) Bechtold by Daughter/Sister & Family
TUE 26 DEC	9AM	• Rose Crigger by Rose Crigger's Will
WED 27 DEC	9AM	• Abraham & Mary Saba Family by Sadie Koury's Will
THU 28 DEC	6:30PM	• Thanksgiving for a Favor Received by Deacon Paul
FRI 29 DEC	9AM	• Robert & Leslie Monahan by Their Daughter, Roberta Murad
SAT 30 DEC	4PM	• Rosalie Barclay (Anniversary) by Her Children & Grandchildren
		• Albert & Louise Roy by Nick & Lois Mariano
		• Salwa Hamati by Family
		• Kim Marie Shaheen by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan
SUN 31 DEC	10AM	• Tofik & Tamar Sfeir by Family
	4PM	• Caroline & John Harp & Carol (Harp) Bechtold by Daughter/Sister & Family
MON 1 JAN	10AM	• Jayne Sandbothe by Father Aaron

MEETINGS & EVENTS

WED 3 JAN	9:30AM	Mercy Group
WED 3 JAN	6:30PM	Pastoral Life Council Meeting
SAT 6 JAN	10AM-2PM	MYA Day in the George Sfeir Parish Hall
SAT 6 JAN	10:30AM&4PM	Epiphany Holy Day Liturgies
SUN 7 JAN	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (Gr.1-12)
SUN 7 JAN	9AM	Adult Bible Study
SUN 7 JAN	11AM	Daughters of Mary
SAT 13 JAN	9AM	Liturgy Committee Meeting
SUN 14 JAN	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (Gr.1-12)
SUN 14 JAN	9AM	Adult Bible Study
SUN 14 JAN	11AM	Holy Name Society Meeting
SUN 14 JAN	11AM	Saint Mary's Guild Meeting
WED 17 JAN	9:30AM	Mercy Group
SUN 21 JAN	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation (Gr.1-6)
SUN 21 JAN	9AM	Adult Bible Study
SUN 21 JAN	11AM	Maronite Young Adults (MYA) Meeting
SAT 10 FEB	6PM	Saint Maron Hafli at the Yahnundasis



POINTS OF INTEREST

Blessed be that Child, Who gladdened Bethlehem today! Blessed be the Babe Who made manhood young again today! Blessed be the Fruit, Who lowered Himself to our famished state! Blessed be the Good One, Who suddenly enriched our necessities and supplied our needs! Blessed He Whose tender mercies made Him condescend to visit our infirmities!

—Saint Ephrem

Chorbishop John, Father Aaron, Deacon Paul and Deacon Peter extend prayerful best wishes to the entire parish family of Saint Louis Gonzaga.

Merry Christmas!

1 January. On **1 January** the Church celebrates the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord. Because of the importance of this feast, the faithful are bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Therefore, we shall celebrate the Divine Liturgy at **4PM** on **31 December** and **10AM** on **1 January**. Please make every effort to attend.

6 January. On **6 January** the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany—The Baptism of Our Lord. Because of the importance of this feast, the faithful are bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Therefore, we shall celebrate the Divine Liturgy at **10:30AM** and **4PM** on **Saturday 6 January**. Please make every effort to attend.

Thursday Divine Liturgies. Beginning on **Thursday 4 January**, the time of the Thursday Divine Liturgies will be moved to **9AM** from **6:30PM**.

Flocknote. We have begun to implement our parish email communication system **Flocknote** throughout the various organizations of our parish. If you have not yet, please take the time to sign up so we can get the latest information in the parish to you efficiently and quickly. Sign up is easy! Either go to: flocknote.com/saintlouisgonzaga OR Text: **SLG520** to the number **84576**.

FORMED. As we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord, it is a great time to set aside some time to contemplate these sacred mysteries of our faith. FORMED is a great tool to help in focusing on specific aspects of the Christmas season. If you haven't taken a look yet, go to www.formed.org and use the parish code: **GJ8CY7**. It is free and a great treasury of Catholic entertainment!

MYA Day. On **Saturday, 6 January** the Maronite Young Adults will host their Second Annual MYA Day. This is a spiritual retreat day for all young adults in the parish and the community. It will be from **10AM to 2PM** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. The guest speakers will be Father Jason Hage and Mr. George Nehme. Please plan to join us and invite your family and friends!

Saint Maron Hafli. The Annual Saint Maron Hafli will be held on **Saturday, 10 February** beginning at **6PM** at the Yahnundasis Club in New Hartford. There will be a full Lebanese meal and appetizers served family style and live Arabic entertainment. Tickets are now on sale and are \$55 per person.



MEMORIALS

ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

Through our gifts at the altar we remember our loved ones:

- SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS—In Memory of Fred Sageer by *Wife & Family*
- CANDLES—In Memory of Mary Raya by *Patricia Ferrone & Lynarda Girmonde*
- INCENSE & CHARCOAL—In Memory of Anthony Murad by *His Wife & Family*
- BREAD & WINE—In Memory of Mae & Louis Astafan, Sr. by *Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan*
- SANCTUARY LAMP—In Memory of Fred J. Mazloom by *Wife, Mary & Children*

A contribution of \$10.00 will memorialize a loved one for the entire week.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Lectors

23 DEC	4PM	Lois Mariano
24 DEC	10AM	Jacque Murad
	4PM	Joe Saba
	10PM	Nathan Hanna
25 DEC	10AM	Daniel Hebert
30 DEC	4PM	Louis Astafan
31 DEC	10AM	Jacque Murad
	4PM	Lou Raya
1 JAN	10AM	George Mitchell

Hospitality

24 DEC	NO HOSPITALITY
31 DEC	NO HOSPITALITY
7 JAN	Tony Nackley 315-724-3579
14 JAN	Mike Mitchell 315-723-3701
21 JAN	Massoud's Cafe 315-734-0829
28 JAN	Phoenician Restaurant/Karam's Bakery 315-725-9617



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 17 Dec 2017
Please see next week's bulletin.

This Week's Second Collection: Pastoral Programs
Christmas Second Collection: In Appreciation for Ministry
Next Week's Second Collection: Fuel & Heat
1 January Second Collection: Initial Offering