

# SAINT LOUIS GONZAGA CHURCH

MARONITE CATHOLIC


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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday — 4 PM, Sunday — 10 AM

Tuesday-Friday — 9 AM

Holy Days of Obligation — 9 AM and 6:30 PM

## CLERGY

Father Boutros El Hachem: 315-732-6019

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  
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

**21-22 DECEMBER 2019**



## FEASTS FOR 22 DEC – 29 DEC 2019

- SUN 22 DEC **Genealogy Sunday**  
Rom 1:1-12/Mt 1:1-17
- WED 25 DEC **The Glorious Birth of Our Lord** (Holy Day of Obligation)  
Heb 1:1-12/Lk 2:1-20
- THU 26 DEC Felicitations to the Virgin Mary
- FRI 27 DEC St. Stephen, the First Martyr
- SAT 28 DEC The Adoration of the Magi
- SUN 29 DEC **Sunday After the Birth of Our Lord**  
Flight into Egypt and Killing of the Holy Innocents  
Heb 11:23-31/Mt 2:13-18

## CONTACTS

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Kitchen & Hall:  
Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy.....315-790-3307  
Family Giving Committee:  
George Nehme.....401-742-5841  
Buildings: Andrew Aery.....518-528-1162  
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### Pastoral Life Council:

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Lou Lewis.....315-737-3950  
Saint Joseph Society: Kamil Rahme...315-768-3837  
Acolytes: Nathan Hanna.....315-939-8219  
Robert Tehan.....315-240-8819  
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## 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](mailto:saintlouisbulletin@gmail.com) or by calling 853-4500. Thanks.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- SAT 21 DEC 4PM +Mae & Louis Astafan, Sr. by Joyce, Scander, Louis, Jr. & Diana Astafan  
+Nick Mariano, Sr. (Anniversary) by Nick & Lois Mariano  
+Louise "Sitto" Roy (Birthday) by Nick & Lois Mariano  
+Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mardenly by Anonymous  
+Robert Tehan (Birthday) by David, Norma, Mary Magdelene & Robert
- SUN 22 DEC 10AM +Kamal El Hachem (40 Day) by Nephew, Father Boutros El Hachem  
+Sarah Abraham (Anniversary) by Sarah Abraham's Will  
+Ed Jennings, Sr. by Joyce Tencza & Jacque Murad  
+Amelia Zogby by Mary Mazloom
- MON 23 DEC 9AM +Peace in Lebanon by Maureen Ginsberg
- TUE 24 DEC 4PM +Living & Deceased Members of Saint Louis Gonzaga Church by Father Boutros El Hachem  
10PM +Edward & Sadie Koury by Sadie Koury's Will
- WED 25 DEC 10AM +Deceased Members of the Moses & Koury Families by John Moses' Will
- THU 26 DEC 9AM +NO LITURGY
- FRI 27 DEC 9AM +NO LITURGY
- SAT 28 DEC 4PM +Harry E. Smith by Mr. & Mrs. James Connors
- SUN 29 DEC 10AM +Louis & Gatha Moses by Sharon Halpin

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

- SUN-MON 15-23 DEC Christmas Novena after Liturgy
- SUN 22 DEC 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (All Grades)
- SUN 22 DEC 9AM Bible Study
- SUN 22 DEC 11AM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- TUE 24 DEC 4PM Christmas Divine Liturgy
- TUE 24 DEC 10PM Christmas Divine Liturgy
- WED 25 DEC 10AM Christmas Divine Liturgy
- TUE 31 DEC 4PM Holy Day Divine Liturgy
- WED 1 JAN 10AM Holy Day Divine Liturgy
- SUN 5 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (All Grades)
- SUN 5 JAN 9AM Bible Study
- MON 6 JAN 9AM&6:30PM Epiphany Divine Liturgies
- WED 8 JAN 9:30AM Mercy Group
- SUN 12 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (All Grades)
- SUN 12 JAN 9AM Bible Study
- SUN 12 JAN 11AM Saint Mary's Guild Meeting
- WED 15 JAN 9:30AM Mercy Group
- SUN 19 JAN 9AM Maronite Christian Formation (Grades 1-6)
- SUN 19 JAN 9AM Bible Study



## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Christmas Novena.** The Christmas Novena, nine days of prayers in preparation for Christmas has begun. It will be prayed each day **following** the regularly scheduled **Divine Liturgy** in the Church or Chapel. It will **conclude** on **Monday, December 23**. It will also be prayed in private homes in the evening by invitation from the host family.

**Condolences.** We offer our sincere condolences to Father Boutros on the passing of his uncle in Lebanon. We shall offer a Forty Day Memorial Divine Liturgy for the repose of his uncle's soul next **Sunday, 22 December** at **10AM**.

**Thank you.** We offer our sincere thanks to Massoud's Tree Farm for donating the Christmas tree in Church.

**Thank you.** Father Boutros offers his sincere thanks to the Saint Mary's Guild and all those who remembered him on his birthday. Thank you very much!

**Christmas Liturgies.** The Divine Liturgy of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord will be celebrated on **Tuesday, 24 December** at **4PM** and **10PM** and on **Wednesday, 25 December** at **10AM**. The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Tuesday, 24 December at 4PM.

**1 January.** On 1 January, the Maronite Church celebrates the **Circumcision of Our Lord**, seven days after His Birth. Because of the importance of this feast, the faithful are bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** at **4PM** on **Tuesday, 31 December** and at **10AM** on **Wednesday, 1 January**. Please make every effort to join us in prayer.

**6 January.** On 6 January, the Maronite Church celebrates the **Epiphany**, the **Baptism of Jesus** in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Because of the importance of this feast, the faithful are bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy** and the **Blessing of Water** at **9AM** and **6:30PM** on **Monday, 6 January**. Please make every effort to attend.

**Giving.** If you have not done so already, we would ask that you please consider making an end of year gift to Saint Louis Gonzaga Church. You may go online to <https://saintlouisgonzaga.org/giving/> or simply write a check and designate your contribution as an end of year gift. We would also ask that you please consider setting up a recurring gift on the same website for your regular contribution. It is simple, safe, and secure. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Memorials.** Memorials for the offerings regularly used in the Sanctuary as part of the Divine Liturgy are available for a week, a month, or a year. The Candles, the Bread and Wine, and the Sanctuary Plants & Flowers, are available for a donation of \$10 per week to memorialize or honor a loved one. You can arrange for a memorial by contacting the Parish House.

**Divine Liturgy Intentions.** If you would like to schedule a Divine Liturgy in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the parish house during office hours, there are days available in 2020 to schedule intentions.



## MEMORIALS

### ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS — Available
- CANDLES — Available
- BREAD & WINE — Available
- INCENSE & CHARCOAL — In Memory of My Parents, Joseph & Sophie by Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Jadhon
- 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

21 DEC	4PM	Lou Raya
22 DEC	10AM	Jim Salamy
24 DEC	4PM	Norma Tehan
24 DEC	10PM	Lou Raya
25 DEC	10AM	George Mitchell
28 DEC	4PM	Joe Saba
29 DEC	10AM	Nathan Hanna



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 8 Dec 2019	
1st Collection	.....\$1,173
2nd Collection: Fuel & Heat	..... \$338
Giving Tuesday: Collected in Parish Office	..\$2,450
Contributions	..... \$110
Hospitality	..... \$84
Hall Rental	..... \$100
Memorials: Incense & Charcoal	..... \$70
Candles	.....\$33.01
Needy	..... \$82
Total	.....\$4,440.01

Collections for the week ending 15 December 2019  
Please see next week's bulletin.

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