

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: 315-723-0109

Deacon Peter M. Hobaica: 315-797-5464

PARISH HOUSE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday — 9 AM to 1 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 Most Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30AM

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

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

18-19 MARCH 2023



FEASTS FOR 19 MAR - 26 MAR 2023

SUN	19 MAR	St. Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25 Healing of the Paralytic 1 Tim 5:24-6:5/Mk 2:1-12
MON	20 MAR	St. Photina the Samaritan Woman Eph 5:3-13/Mk 5:1-20
TUE	21 MAR	St. Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais 1 Tim 1:1-8/Mk 6:47-56
WED	22 MAR	St. Sergius Paulus Eph 6:1-9/Lk 7:11-17
THU	23 MAR	St. Rafka 2 Cor 1:1-7/Lk 10:38-42
FRI	24 MAR	St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia Phil 2:12-19/Lk 4:31-44
SAT	25 MAR	The Annunciation to the Virgin Mary Gal 3:15-22/Lk 1:26-38
SUN	26 MAR	Healing of the Blind Man St. Gabriel the Archangel 2 Cor 10:1-7/Mk 10:46-52

CONTACTS

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George Nehme 401-742-5841
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Buildings: Byron Elias 315-737-7803
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Holy Name Society: Rick Blank 315-525-3221
Lou Lewis 315-737-3950
Saint Joseph Society: Kamil Rahme 315-768-3837
Acolytes: Nathan Hanna 315-939-8219
Lectors: Lois Mariano 315-732-3402
Sacristan: Harrison Zogby 315-749-6399

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SAT	18 MAR	4PM	+ Albert Tamer (Birth.) by <i>Wife & Family</i>
SUN	19 MAR	10AM	+ Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel & Richard Hickel by <i>Linda Hickel & Family</i> + Betty Tanoury by <i>Family</i> + Rosalie Nicoletta by <i>Wednesday Mercy Group</i> + Habib & Mary (Sageer) Abraham & Son, Michael by <i>Daughter, Mary Ann & Family</i> + Daniel Zegibe by <i>Brother, Frederick & Family</i> + Deceased Members of the St. Joseph Society by <i>The St. Joseph Society</i>
MON	20 MAR		+ NO LITURGY
TUE	21 MAR		+ Brian Browne by <i>James & Reem Salamy</i>
WED	22 MAR		+ Louis A. Joseph, Jr. by <i>Deacon Paul Salamy</i>
THU	23 MAR	9AM	+ Paul Baccaro by <i>James & Reem Salamy</i>
FRI	24 MAR	9AM	+ Eli Shaheen by <i>The Dowe Family</i>
SAT	25 MAR	4PM	+ John E. Cornmire (4th Anniv.) by <i>Wife, Children and Grandchildren</i> + For the Living Intentions of Richard & Margaret Ingraham & Family by <i>Margaret Ingraham</i>
SUN	26 MAR	10AM	+ Charles & Agnes Hickel, Richard & Mary Hickel & Richard Hickel by <i>Linda Hickel & Family</i> + Louis & Helen Abdo, Anne Abdo Kuenzli, Gloria (Abdo) & Ron Campbell, & Anita Abdo by <i>Abdo Family</i> + Little Louie Joseph by <i>Joe & Rosanne Hebert & Family</i> + Lamy Shaheen Stowens by <i>Joyce Astafan</i> + Salim El Khoury & Costa Costa by <i>Dr. Naji El Khoury & Family</i> + Shirley Abounader (1st Anniv.) by <i>Daughter, Regina & Family</i>

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SAT	18 MAR		Saint Joseph's Society Bake Sale
SUN	19 MAR	9AM	Maronite Christian Formation Classes (Gr. 1-6)
SUN	19 MAR		Saint Joseph's Society Bake Sale
SUN	19 MAR	11AM	Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting
WED	22 MAR	9:30AM	Mercy Group
THU	23 MAR	9:30AM	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
FRI	24 MAR	4-7 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
FRI	24 MAR	6:30PM	Stations and Benediction of the Cross
FRI	31 MAR	4-7 PM	Lenten Fish Fry
FRI	31 MAR	6:30PM	Stations and Benediction of the Cross
SUN	21 MAY	11:30AM	Saint Mary's Guild Communion Breakfast
TUE	27 JUN-SAT	1 JUL	National Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Conference, Walsh University, North Canton, OH
FRI-SUN	21-23 JULY		Taste of Lebanon
SUN	5 NOV		Festival of Baskets



POINTS OF INTEREST

Saint Joseph. On **19 March** the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Joseph. We wish a blessed feast day to all those named in honor of Saint Joseph and all those who have special devotion to him. May his prayer be with us all.

Saint Joseph was the chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was a carpenter from Nazareth and a descendant of King David. He brought Mary to Bethlehem where Jesus was born and to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days later. Joseph led the Holy Family to safety in Egypt during the persecution of King Herod. He also brought them safely back to Nazareth where they lived and worked. He led Mary and Jesus to and from the Temple in Jerusalem for the Passover when Jesus was twelve years old and temporarily remained behind, teaching in the Temple. This is the last time Joseph is mentioned in Sacred Scripture. Because Jesus entrusted His mother to Saint John upon the cross, it can be inferred that Joseph had died by the time Jesus began his public ministry.

Saint Rafka. On **23 March** the Maronite Church celebrates Saint Rafka. She was born on 29 June 1832 in Himlaya, Lebanon. Against her family's wishes she entered religious life and became a religious sister and teacher. In 1871, she entered the Lebanese Maronite Order and became a cloistered nun. In 1885 she asked Jesus to allow her to suffer, and for the next 29 years she suffered greatly eventually becoming blind and paralyzed. She spent the last 17 years of her earthly life at Saint Joseph Monastery in Jrabta, Lebanon where she passed to eternal life on 23 March 1914. She was beatified in 1985 and canonized in 2001. May her prayers be with us.

Saint Joseph Society Bake Sale. The Saint Joseph Society will hold their Annual Bake Sale this weekend on **Saturday 18 March** and **Sunday 19 March** in the **George Sfeir Parish Hall** before and after the Divine Liturgies. Please support them. They will also be collecting annual dues.

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Fundraiser. On **Fridays** at the **Fish Fry** and on **Sundays** after the **Divine Liturgy** the **MYO** will be selling olive oil, tea and soap in the **George Sfeir Parish Hall** as a **fundraiser** to support their attendance at the National MYO Conference, 27 June to 1 July, at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio. Thank you in advance for your continued generous support of our youth, they are our sons and daughters.

Fish Fry. Our Annual Lenten Fish Fry will continue on the **Fridays** of **Great Lent**, through **7 April**, from **4-7PM** in the George Sfeir Parish Hall, Dine-In or Take-Out. \$15 for adults and \$6 for children (10 and under). Please join us in fellowship. If you would like to donate baked goods for a Friday, please contact Mary Ann at 315-790-3307.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross. On the **Fridays** of **Great Lent** (through **31 March**) at **6:30PM** we will celebrate the Stations and Benediction of the Cross in the **Church**. Please make every effort to attend these important Lenten prayers.

Lebanon. During Great Lent, until Hosanna **Sunday, 2 April**, we will be collecting **monetary donations** to **support** the **priests** of the **Maronite Eparchy of Saida, Lebanon**. Their current salary is only \$60 US dollars a **month**.

The donations can be made to Saint Louis Gonzaga Church and will then be forwarded to the Maronite Eparchy of Saida, Lebanon after Hosanna Sunday. Thank you in advance for continued generosity in support of the Maronite priests in Lebanon who are continuing to serve the people of God, each and every day, despite struggling to meet their own most basic financial needs each month.

Saint Mary's Guild. The Saint Mary's Guild will have their **Communion Breakfast** on **Sunday, 21 May**, immediately following the 10AM Liturgy at Monarch Banquets. Deacon Paul will be the guest speaker. The Cost is \$23 per person. Guests are welcome. Please contact Rosanne Hebert at 315-601-4785 or Mary Lynn Klymkow at 315-727-6899 no later than **7 May** to make your reservation.



MEMORIALS

ALTAR MEMORIALS ...

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

- **CANDLES** — Available
- **INCENSE & CHARCOAL** — In Memory of Joseph Hanna, Sr., Karen, Howard, Joseph, & Gregory Hanna by *Danese Hanna*
- **SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS** — In Memory of Monet Shaheen & Lamya (Shaheen) Stowens by *Family*
- **BREAD & WINE** — In Memory of Fred, Florence & Lorri Nackley by *Fred Nackley & Family*
- **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

18 MAR	4PM	Lois Mariano
19 MAR	10AM	James Salamy

25 MAR	4PM	Lou Raya
26 MAR	10AM	Norma Tehan

HOSPITALITY

19 MAR	St. Joseph's Society
26 MAR	MYA
2 APR	Palm Sunday—No Hospitality
9 APR	Easter Sunday—No Hospitality
16 APR	Holy Name Society
23 APR	MYO



PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 12 March
Please see next week's bulletin.

This Week's Second Collection: Easter Flowers
Next Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal