

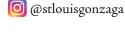
# Saint Louis Gonzaga Church

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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 – 10:30 AM Saint Sharbel Devotion: 22nd of each month after Divine Liturgy Saint Joseph Devotion: 4th Saturday at 3:40 PM

14-15 DECEMBER 2024



#### **FEASTS AND READINGS**

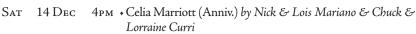
Sun 15 Dec Revelation to Joseph St. Eleutherius and His Mother Eph 3:1-13/Mt 1:18-25 Mon 16 Dec Haggai the Prophet Rom 10:14-21/Jn 7:1-10 Tue 17 Dec The 3 Young Men: Ananias, Azarias, and Misael Rom 11:1-12/Jn 7:11-18 WED 18 DEC Daniel the Prophet Rom 11:13-24/Jn 7:25-30 THU 19 DEC St. Athenodorus Rom 11:25-36/Jn 7:31-36 20 DEC St. Ignatius of Antioch Rom 12:1-8/Jn 7:37-44 21 Dec St. Julian Sat Rom 12:9-21/Jn 7:45-53 Sun 22 Dec Genealogy Sunday St. Anastasia of the Balkans Rom 1:1-12/Mt 1:1-17



#### CONTACTS

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Maronite Youth Organization: Lisa Barkett
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS



- + Stephen J. Powers by Joyce Astafan
- John Nehme, Sr. by Kathi Tamer
- Goldie Faris by Parishioners of Saint Louis Gonzaga Church and Abouna Boutros
- + Doris A. LaFountain by Nick & Lois Mariano
- Bobby Joseph by Lou Raya
- Andrea Hobika Petrone (10th Anniv.) by Loving Family

Sun 15 Dec 10am • The Family of Louis Albert & Helen Theresa Abdoo & their Children, Gloria, Ron, Louis, Anita & Anne by the Abdoo Family

- Fred Sageer (Birth.) by Mona Sageer & Family
- + Donna Yagey by Deacon Paul Salamy
- Jacqueline Albright by Marcel Rawda & Family
- +John Nehme, Sr. by Nancy Eannace & Michael Viti
- George Mahana (Son of Abdoo and Emily Sfeir Mahana) by Wife Jan and Gail Ann Sfeir
- James Peters (3rd Anniv) by Wife Bernadette, Children,
   Grandchildren

Mon	16 Dec	9Aм • Special Intention by Abouna Boutros
Tue	17 Dec	9Aм +Sadie Koury by Sadie Koury's Will

WED 18 DEC
 THU 19 DEC
 FRI 20 DEC
 SAT 21 DEC
 YAM • Anthony K. Sfeir, Jr. by Deacon Paul Salamy
 FGI Gianluigi Bertolone by Abouna Boutros
 FRI 20 DEC
 YAM • Boyd & Rose Crigger by Boyd Crigger's Will
 YAM • Mae & Louis Astafan Sr. by Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan

• Fannie Tamer by Don & MaryJo Brown

- Nicholas Mariano, Sr. (Anniv.) by Nick & Lois Mariano
- + Louise (Sitto) Roy (Birth.) by Nick & Lois Mariano
- Madeline Elley Hiffa (10th Anniv.) by Family
- + Louis A. Joseph Jr. Love, Mom, Dad & Family
- Anthony J. George (5th Anniv.) by Niece, Leila Bjornland

Sun 22 Dec 10AM + Sarah Abraham (Anniv.) by Sarah Abraham's Will

- + Dr. Joseph B. Hobaica by Don & MaryJo Brown
- John Nehme, Sr. by MaryAnn Tanoury-Loy & Family
- Joseph Sageer by Children
- · Dorothy Sageer by Children
- James Sageer by Family



#### **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Sun	15 Dec	9ам	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
Sun	15 Dec	11ам	Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) Meeting
Sun	15 Dec	11ам	Christmas Gift Sale
Sun-Mon 15-23 Dec		B Dec	Christmas Novena
$W_{ED}$	18 Dec	9:30ам	Mercy Group
Тни	19 Dec	9:30ам	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	21 Dec	3рм	Christmas Concert, Divine Liturgy, and
			Christmas Gathering
Sun	22 Dec	9ам	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes
Tue	24 Dec	4рм	Christmas Divine Liturgy
Tue	24 Dec	10рм	Christmas Divine Liturgy
$W_{\text{ED}}$	25 Dec	10ам	Christmas Divine Liturgy
Тни	1 Jan	11ам	Holy Day Divine Liturgy
Mon	6 Jan	9ам	Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy
		6:30рм	Epiphany Holy Day Divine Liturgy
Sun	12 Jan	9ам	Maronite Christian Formation (MCF) Classes



#### **POINTS OF INTEREST**

Saint Nemtallah El-Hardini. On 14 December the Maronite Church honors Saint Nemtallah. He was born Youssef Kassab in 1808 in Hardin, Lebanon to a pious family. He is associated with the name of his home village. He entered the Lebanese Maronite Order in 1828 and was given the name Nemtallah, meaning the grace of God. He was ordained a priest on 25 December 1833 and led the formation of new monks. One of his students was Saint Sharbel. In 1845 he became the Assistant General of the Order, serving two terms. He was known for his love of the Eucharist. He was often found in the chapel on his knees with his arms raised in the form of a cross and his eyes fixed on the Most Blessed Sacrament. He was also known for his asceticism, humility, charity towards others, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He died on 14 December 1858. He was beatified on 10 May 1998 and canonized on 16 May 2004 both by Pope John Paul II. May the prayers of Saint Nemtallah be with us.

**Thank you.** We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who helped to decorate and prepare the Church for Christmas.

**Giving Tree.** The Saint Mary's Guild is sponsoring a Giving Tree to provide items necessary for the children at the House of the Good Shepherd. The tree is located on the altar. Please place your unwrapped gift(s) in the box near the tree **no later than this Sunday 15 December.** The Saint Mary's Guild and the staff and children at the House of the Good Shepherd thank you for your generosity this Christmas season!

Christmas Gifts. After the 10AM Divine Liturgies this Sunday, 15 December, the Saint Mary's Guild will be offering Saint Sharbel Candles and Sitto's Legacy: A Lebanese Cookbook. This cookbook is from our parish and makes an excellent Christmas gift for your family and friends.

Maronite Youth Organization (MYO). The MYO will meet this Sunday, 15 December, at 11AM, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

Christmas Novena. As a spiritual preparation for Christmas, the Maronite Church prays the Christmas Novena for 9 days before Christmas, beginning this Sunday, 15 December through 23 December. We shall pray the Christmas Novena at Church each day beginning this Sunday through 23 December after the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgies. If you would like Father Boutros to pray the Christmas Novena at your home in the evening, please contact the Parish House during office hours to schedule a date and time from 15 to 23 December. Please make every effort to join us in prayer before the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

**Father Boutros.** On Monday 16 December Father Boutros will celebrate his birthday. We assure Father Boutros of our prayers and wish him many happy, healthy, and blessed more years of priestly service.

Christmas Concert and Gathering. Next Saturday, 21 December at 3PM there will be a concert of traditional Christmas Carols preceding the 4PM Divine Liturgy. Immediately following the 4PM Divine Liturgy there will be a Christmas Gathering in the George Sfeir Parish Hall. Please bring a dish to share and join us to celebrate the Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord.

Christmas Divine Liturgies. The Divine Liturgy for the Glorious Birth of Our Lord will be celebrated on Tuesday, 24 December at 4PM and 10PM and on Wednesday, 25 December at 10AM. Please make every effort to join us in prayer for the Birth of Our Lord.

1 Banns of Marriage: Georganne Jadhon and Christopher DeGrace



#### **ALTAR MEMORIALS**

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

- SANCTUARY PLANTS & FLOWERS In Memory of Louis Sr. & Mae Astafan by Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr. & Diana Astafan
- Incense & Charcoal In Memory of Liam Zoghby by Brahim Zogby & Kim Stoffle
- Candles For the Living and Deceased Members of the Monahan and Murad Families by Jacquelyn Murad
- 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**

14 Dec	4рм	Joe Saba
15 Dec	10ам	Norma Tehan
		3 T. 1 T. 17 T. 1.
21 1 1 2 2		
ZI DEC	4рм	Nicole DelVecchio
		Nicole DelVecchio Nate Hanna

#### **HOSPITALITY**

15 Dec	Samantha Ionta Team
22 Dec	No Dough — Merry Christmas
29 Dec	New Year's Hospitality
5 Jan	Fish Fry Team



#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 1 December
1st Collection \$1,985
2nd Collection—Eparchial Support \$327
Christmas Flowers \$30
Fuel & Heat
Renovations
Snow Removal
Needy \$25
Online Donations for the Month
of November\$3,234
Total \$5,741

This Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal Next Week's Second Collection: Church Renovation and Repair



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