

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

28-29 November 2026

FEASTS AND READINGS

Sun 29 Nov **Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth**
Sts. Saturninus and Sisinius
Eph 1:1-14/Lk 1:39-45
Mon 30 Nov St. Andrew
St. Bishoy (Pishoy)
Eph 1:15-23/Lk 1:46-56
Tue 1 Dec Nahum the Prophet
St. Charles de Foucauld
Eph 2:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wed 2 Dec Habakkuk the Prophet
Eph 2:11-16/Lk 19:1-10
Thu 3 Dec St. Francis Xavier
Eph 2:17-22/Jn 4:39-42
Fri 4 Dec St. Barbara
St. John of Damascus, Doctor of the Church
Eph 3:14-21/Mk 7:24-30
Sat 5 Dec St. Saba the Hermit
Eph 4:1-7/Lk 5:27-32
Sun 6 Dec **Birth of John the Baptist**
St. Nicholas (Zakhia)
Gal 4:21-5:1/Lk 1:57-66

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sat 28 Nov 4pm
- Melvin Marriott (Birth.) *by Nick and Lois Mariano & Chuck and Lorraine Curri*
- Louis Roy (Birth.) *by Nick and Lois Mariano*
- Joseph Valencourt *by Family*
- Dorothy, Mitchell Sr, and Jenny Amado and the Deceased Members of the Amado Family *by the Buono Family*

Sun 29 Nov 10am
- Laurice Moses *by Barbara and Patrick LaPorte*
- Maggie Timian *by George, Jackie, and Julia Mitchell*
- Leocadia Ruffule *by Frank Calaprice*

Mon 30 Nov
- No Liturgy

Tue 1 Dec 9am
- Richard Mazloom by *Deacon Paul Salamy*

Wed 2 Dec 9am
- Mark Zogby and Family *by Selwa Stemmer*

Thu 3 Dec 9am
- Ronny Scamardo *by Deacon Paul Salamy*

Fri 4 Dec 9am
- The Good Health of Evan *by Deacon Paul Salamy*

Sat 5 Dec 4pm
- Louis Astafan Sr (11th Anniv.) *by his Children*
- George J. Massoud Sr (15th Anniv.) *by Family*
- Zakia Mansur *by Nick and Lois Mariano*

Sun 6 Dec 10am
- Betty and Nazih Karrat *by Family*
- Winifred Mitchell (40 day) *by Children and Grandchildren*
- Deputy Sheriff Yvonne D. Petit (Anniv.) *by Jacque Murad*
- Mary Pezzulo *by Family*
- Anne Pape (Anniv.) *by George and Christine Massoud*
- Nancy Bouziden (1st Anniv.) *by her Family*
- John Barnier *by Family*
- Laurice Moses *by Lori and Mike Miller*
- Fred Sageer (Birth.) *by Mona Sageer and Family*

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Wed	2 Dec	9:30am	Mercy Group
Thu	3 Dec	9:30am	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Tue	8 Dec	9am	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgy
Tue	8 Dec	6:30pm	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Liturgy
Sun	13 Dec	9am	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
Sun	13 Dec	2pm	Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party
Tue-Wed	15-23 Dec		Christmas Novena
Sat	19 Dec	3pm	Christmas Concert, Divine Liturgy, and Christmas Gathering
Sun	20 Dec	9am	Maronite Christian Formation Classes
Thu	24 Dec	4pm	Christmas Divine Liturgy
Thu	24 Dec	10pm	Christmas Divine Liturgy
Fri	25 Dec	10am	Christmas Divine Liturgy

POINTS OF INTEREST

Immaculate Conception. On **8 December** the Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann. The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States. Because of the **importance** of this feast and to **pray for our country,** the faithful are bound to participate in the Divine Liturgy on this day. Therefore, we shall celebrate the **Divine Liturgy next Tuesday, 8 December at 9AM and 6:30PM.** Please make every effort to join us in prayer.

Christmas Giving Tree. The Saint Mary's Guild is once again sponsoring a Giving Tree and invites you to share the spirit of the Christmas season by supporting the children and families of The Thea Bowman House. The tree, located near the Altar, has tags suggesting gifts valued between **$10 and $35.** Take a tag, purchase the gift, and return it unwrapped to the collection box by **Sunday, 13 December.** Thank you for your generosity and for bringing joy to those in need this Christmas season!

Saint Mary's Guild Christmas Party. The Saint Mary's Guild will have their annual Christmas Party on **Sunday, 13 December at 2PM at the Phoenician Restaurant** on French Road in New Hartford. $20 for members. $30 for non-members. For more information or to make your reservation, please reach out to Jamie LaPorte, Lori Wieczorek, or Christine Massoud.

Christmas Novena. As a **spiritual preparation** for Christmas, the Maronite Church prays the Christmas Novena for 9 days before Christmas, from **15 to 23 December.** We shall pray the Christmas Novena at Church each day from 15 to 23 December **after the regularly scheduled Divine Liturgy.** 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.

Christmas Concert and Gathering. On **Saturday, 19 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.** There will be a signup sheet in the George Sfeir Parish Hall, or you can contact Mary Ann Tanoury-Loy directly at 315-790-3307 by Sunday, 13 December. Please 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 **Thursday, 24 December at 4PM and 10PM and on Friday, 25 December at 10AM.** Please make every effort to join us in prayer for the Birth of Our Lord.

Divine Liturgy. The faithful are **invited to Church each week** and on Holy Days to participate in the Divine Liturgy. We look forward to praying with you each week at the Divine Liturgy.

Divine Liturgy Intentions. There are weekday and weekend Divine Liturgies that can be offered for your intentions. To schedule a Divine Liturgy in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the parish house during office hours.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

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

- PLANTS & FLOWERS — Available
- BREAD & WINE — Louis Astafan Sr & Mae Astafan *by Joyce, Scander, Louis Jr & Diana Astafan*
- CANDLES — In Memory of Nyah Mway *by the Sunderlin Family*
- INCENSE & CHARCOAL — In Memory of Liam Zoghby *by Brahim Zogby & Kim Stoffle*
- SANCTUARY LAMP — In Memory of Fred J. and Mary Mazloom *by Family*
- CANDLES – ST. SHARBEL CHAPEL — For the Living and Deceased Members of the Monahan and Murad Families *by Jacquelyn Murad*

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LECTORS

28 Nov	4PM	Richard Koury
29 Nov	10AM	Norma Tehan
5 Dec	4PM	Lois Mariano
6 Dec	10AM	George Mitchell

HOSPITALITY

29 Nov	Thanksgiving Hospitality
6 Dec	Phoenician/Karam's Bakery Team
13 Dec	Holy Name Society
20 Dec	Fish Fry Team
27 Dec	Christmas Hospitality

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collections for the week ending 15 November 2026

1st Collection	$2,388
2nd Collection (Fuel & Heat)	$526
Maronite Patriarchal Charities	$25
World Mission Sunday	$3
Christmas Flowers	$48
Candles	$119
TOTAL	$3,109

This Week's Second Collection: Snow Removal
Next Week's Second Collection: Eparchial Support

Please see next week's bulletin for 22 November collection.

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