



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

JUNE 13 -14, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



REFLECTION ON THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The month of June invites us to contemplate the loving Heart of Jesus and the heart of His Blessed Mother (celebrated this coming Saturday June 13th). These two hearts are distinct, yet they beat in perfect harmony with God's plan of salvation.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals the very heart of God. It is a heart that burns with love for humanity, a heart wounded by our sins yet never closed to us. When we look at the Sacred Heart, we see mercy stronger than our failures, compassion deeper than our wounds, and love that never gives up. As Jesus says in the Gospel:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

The Sacred Heart reminds us that God is not distant. He knows our struggles, disappointments, fears, and sorrows. The pierced Heart of Christ tells us that no suffering we experience is foreign to Him. The Immaculate Heart of Mary reflects this divine love perfectly. Mary's heart

was completely open to God from the moment of her conception. She treasured God's word, pondered His mysteries, and remained faithful beneath the Cross when many others fled.

When we look at Mary's heart, we see what a human heart becomes when it fully trusts God. Her heart teaches us humility, obedience, patience, and unwavering faith.

The two hearts meet most profoundly at Calvary. Jesus offers Himself for the salvation of the world, while Mary stands beside Him, sharing spiritually in His suffering. The sword foretold by Simeon pierces her heart, yet she remains faithful. The Sacred Heart says: **"This is how much God loves you."**

The Immaculate Heart answers: **"This is how a disciple loves God."**

Together they teach us the great secret of holiness: receive the love of Christ and respond with the trust of Mary.

A PRACTICAL REFLECTION

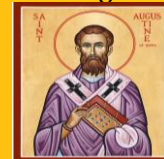
Many people today carry heavy burdens, family concerns, health challenges, loneliness, disappointments, or worries about the future. The Sacred Heart invites us not to carry these burdens alone. Jesus

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to guard me, then, O holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.*

Amen

Saint Augustine



asks us to place them in His Heart. Mary, as our mother, gently leads us there. She never keeps attention on herself; she always points to her Son, just as she did at the wedding feast of Cana: "Do whatever He tells you." When life becomes difficult, imagine placing your heart between the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There you find mercy, protection, strength, and peace.

PRAYER

Sacred Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of divine love, make my heart like Yours, merciful, forgiving, and generous. Immaculate Heart of Mary, faithful Mother and perfect disciple, teach me to trust God in every circumstance and to treasure His word in my heart.

May the Heart of Jesus be my refuge, and may the Heart of Mary be my guide, so that one day I may rejoice with them forever in the presence of God.

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS PRAYER SERVICE



We will have a prayer service every **Wednesday evening, during the month of June, at 7:00 PM**, for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join us for this special service as we thank our Lord for His mercy and forgiveness.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome Theodore Raymond Hojeily to the flock of Christ as he was baptized on Sunday, June 7, 2026. Congratulations to his parents Jonathon and Allesandra Hojeily, his Godparents Adele Hojeily and Dalton Soares, his grandparents, and to his entire family. May Almighty God keep Theodore in His loving arms and protect him always. Mabrook!!

A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to thank Fawzi and Carol Assaf for their generous donation of carpet for the church, hall, and staging in the hall. This donation has helped us to update the newly renovated hall for future parties. God bless you and your family.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The Education Foundation is sponsoring **Father's Day Raffle**. You can enjoy: **A bottle of Jameson's 18-year-old Irish Whiskey (\$150.00 value) or \$150.00 or Lowe's gift certificate. Tickets are \$20.00/each- 3 for \$50.00.** All the proceeds will benefit the Education Foundation Scholarship program. This will allow this foundation to continue to offer scholarships to our high school seniors and undergraduate college students to help with their education. Please support their effort. God bless.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Calling all women, mothers, wives, daughters and sons who would like to help. We will have a special Father's Day Brunch on **Sunday, June 21**, immediately following Divine Liturgy. This is our way of saying thank you to all the men in our lives. I hope you will join us on this special day honoring our Fathers.

ORDINATION OF DEACON JEAN MATTAR

Deacon Jean will be ordained on July 25, 2026, at 5:00 PM, at Our Lady of Purgatory Church. You may have already received your invitations in the mail. **Due to a printing error, please note that there will be a dinner reception immediately following the Ordination of Deacon Jean in the Church Hall.** Everyone in the parish is invited and we ask that you RSVP so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding.

2026 GRADUATES

As we come closer to graduation day, I would like to congratulate our 2026 graduates. We are very proud of all our young adults and wish you all the best in the future. May God continue to bless you and hold you in His loving arms.

Rapheal Yazbeck graduated from Bishop Stang High School and will be attending University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, majoring in Health Science and Philosophy/Pre-Dental.

Anna Higgins graduated from Bishop Stang High School and will be attending Pace University in New York City majoring in Biology.

Jacob House will be graduating from BCC, receiving his associate's degree in culinary arts. He is currently working in his field at St Luke's hospital.

Genevieve Chedid graduated with a BA in Criminology from Stonehill College.

Joseph Chedid graduated with a BA in Finance from Bryant University.

Sophia Thomas graduated with a BA in Communications and minored in Journalism and Digital Media Production from Stonehill College.

Sara Chedid received her PhD in Chemistry from University of Pittsburgh. She will be relocating back to Massachusetts.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the deceased members of the David, Daher, Fares and Abi Ramia Families by Mariam David and Family. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

PREP DAY FOR DEACON JEAN ORDINATION DINNER AND FESTIVAL

We will be preparing **kibbee** for the banquet dinner for Deacon's ordination reception and for the Festival on **Tuesday, June 23, at 10:30 AM**, in the Church Hall. Your help is greatly appreciated.

GET READY FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

It may seem like it is too early to even think about the Lebanese Festival, but we are not! Every year our festival keeps getting bigger and better and that is because of you! After Mother's Day, we will begin preparing for this event and I am calling upon all of you. It is my hope that many of you will help in different ways, including our youth and young people. I ask you to think about how you can assist in making this festival the best one ever. The tents have been reserved and the stage is set.

The festival will take place on:

**Friday, September 11,
from 5-11 PM,**

**Saturday, September 12,
from 12-11PM,**

**and Sunday, September 13,
from 12-5PM.**

Our first meeting will be held on Monday, June 29, at 6:30 PM, in the Church Hall.

It is important that you attend this meeting as we will go over the new set up and new service plans. This will make things run more smoothly and efficiently.

I hope you are as excited as I am to host our brothers and sisters from around the area and beyond. I thank you in advance for your help and commitment to our Church. Blessings.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of June is offered in memory of Abraham and Amelia Sarkes and Joann Sarkes Yozfek requested by the Family.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 13, 4:30 PM, (Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Feast of Saint Aquilina of Jbeil, Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Alfred Dellaire requested by Norma Jean Barbour and Family. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Kenyon and Daher Families. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 14, 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Elisha the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Hiam Chaib requested by the Family. May her soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, June 16, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Hosea the Prophet). NO LITURGY. From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesday, June 17, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Amos the Prophet). NO LITURGY. At 7:00 PM, Prayer Service for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Thursday, June 18, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Leontius of Tripoli). NO LITURGY.

Saturday, June 20, 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Silverius). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Donald Piva requested by Rose Dupre. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of TufEEK and Mary David and their children requested by the Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, June 21, 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Elisha the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for all the fathers living and deceased. Liturgy is being offered for all our graduates. May God bless you all.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Denise Denault, Theresa Saab, Reggie Thomas, Beverly Landreth, Michael Morad, David Matos, Gayla Matos, Genevieve Tayeh, Nayeli Nassif, Maria Baptista, Sophie Correa, Stephen DaCosta, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Debbie Freedenberg, Efrangieh Daou, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Theresa John, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing, please contact the office.

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LECTORS FOR JUNE,

Saturday, June 13,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, June 14,

Ann Dupre / Elie Abou Kheir

Saturday, June 20,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, June 21,

John Barbour / Jano Baroody

Saturday, June 27,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, June 28,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Save the Date

October 2, 2026

2ND ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER FOR THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

LOCATION:
ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT IN FALL RIVER, MA

WITH BISHOP GREGORY MANSOUR IN ATTENDANCE.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.
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WEEK OF JUNE 6 -7, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,338.00
Wine and Host	\$ 75.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 15.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 1,438.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Young Adult Workshop & Networking

MEN AND WOMEN MADE FOR LOVE

Discovering God's Design for Love...

Exploring the deepest longing of the human heart - to love and to be loved through:

- Theology of the Body
- The Song of Songs
- Wholeness & Healing in Christ
- Masculine and feminine spirituality
- Christ's model of sacrificial love
- Ignatian meditation & imaginative prayer

Participants will discover:

- What it means to love authentically
- How divine love restores and heals the human heart
- The beauty of communion and self-giving love
- The call to become fully alive in love

Speaker: Adeline Khoury

30 July 2026
10:00 - 5:00 PM - Workshop
5:00 - 9:00 PM - Fellowship

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"Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come." Song of Songs 2:10

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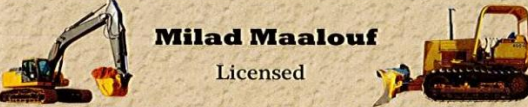


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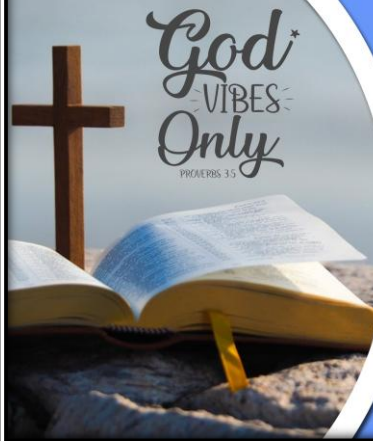
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Our Lady of Purgatory Church

Profit & Loss

06/08/26

January through December 2025

Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 25
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Auxiliary Receipts	
Candles & Other Devotional Item	3,192.00
Coffee Hour	2,135.00
Fuel	829.00
Interest & Dividends	3.52
Memorial Donations	4,904.48
Miscellaneous (SPECIFY)	172.83
Publication Income	800.00
Total Auxiliary Receipts	12,036.83
Extraordinary Income	
Altar Wine & Bread Donation	600.00
Bishop's Appeal Collection	3,833.19
Building Insurance	565.00
Calendar Income	262.50
Church Hall Rental	400.00
Decorations and Flowers	775.00
Dedication of Church	29.49
Donations from Individuals	56,616.38
Education Foundation Income	410.00
Eparchial Assessment	590.00
Grants	14,160.00
Lebanese Market Income	316.00
Matching Grant Parking Lot	4,500.00
OLOF Building Account Fund	7,456.78
Rice Bowl Donations	114.00
St. Joseph Sodality Dues	410.00
Total Extraordinary Income	91,038.34
Ordinary Income	
Regular Collections	94,226.30
Total Ordinary Income	94,226.30
Parish Programs	
Junior MYO	110.00
MYO	4,140.00
Religious Education Income	75.00
St. Joseph Sodality Fundraising	4,178.00
Total Parish Programs	8,503.00
Special Events (Specify)	
Christmas Angel Program	540.00
Christmas Bazaar Income	23,759.69
Festival	80,359.80
Haflls	28,320.87
Ham and Bean Dinner	794.68
Lenten Fish Fry	8,709.91

Our Lady of Purgatory Church
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Palm Sunday Bakesale Sales	3,714.06
Saj Sunday	1,190.09
Shawarma Sunday	1,445.42
Square Income	71.32
Total Special Events (Specify)	148,905.84
Total Income	354,710.31
Expense	
Benefits	
Clergy Disability	1,200.00
Clergy Medical Insurance	15,000.00
Clergy Medical Reimbursements	1,705.55
Clergy Retirement	7,200.00
Pension Plan Contribution Eparc	1,000.00
Social Security Reimbursement	1,571.00
Total Benefits	27,676.55
Coffee Hour Expense	293.59
Extraordinary Expenses	
Calendar Expense	262.50
Dedication Expenses	2,765.02
Donations to Others	10,557.50
Education Foundation Expense	2,250.00
Rice Bowl Donations Forwarded	114.00
Small Tools and Equipment	177.01
Special 2nd Collection Forward	284.00
St Joseph Fund Raising	1,985.50
Extraordinary Expenses - Other	877.05
Total Extraordinary Expenses	19,272.58
Household	
Rectory Supplies	1,920.32
Total Household	1,920.32
Interest Expense	
KoC Loan Interest Expense	23,007.61
Total Interest Expense	23,007.61
OLOF Expenditures	
Legal & Pro Fees OLOF	14,256.91
OLOF Church Renovation	0.00
Total OLOF Expenditures	14,256.91
Ordinary Expenditures	
Salaries	70,870.00
Total Ordinary Expenditures	70,870.00
Other Ordinary Expenses	
2nd Collection Forward Eparchy	1,507.00
Bishop's Appeal	3,500.00
Building Insurance Expense	17,384.00
Church Supplies	4,779.37
Conferences and Meetings	5,065.66
Decorations & Flowers	2,141.75

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January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
Eparchial Assessment	10,000.00
Office Supplies	4,505.63
Utilities	46,160.94
Total Other Ordinary Expenses	95,044.35
Parish Office Administration	
Advertising & Public Relations	4,332.02
Bank Service Charges	1,025.68
Books, Periodical, Subscription	2,076.44
Copier Lease	1,558.78
FOCUS Fee	35.00
Servant Keeper	659.89
Total Parish Office Administration	9,687.81
Parish Programs	
MYA	239.11
MYO	5,992.31
Religious Education Expense	
CCD 1st Communion Fees Expenses	273.47
Religious Education Expense - Other	202.70
Total Religious Education Expense	476.17
Total Parish Programs	6,707.59
Repairs and Maintenance	
Church Maintenance & Repairs	28,134.60
Hall Maintenance & Repairs	9,470.50
Janitorial Supplies	7,226.32
Landscaping Expenses	5,334.89
Pest Control	1,350.00
Plowing Expense	6,660.00
Rectory Maintenance & Repairs	619.62
Repairs and Maintenance - Other	753.55
Total Repairs and Maintenance	59,549.48
Special Events Expense(Specify)	
Christmas Bazaar Expense	3,941.18
Feast of Saint Sharbel	195.01
Festival	
Festival Dessert Expense	318.29
Festival Entertainment Expense	4,650.00
Festival Equipment Expense	273.00
Festival Food Expense	4,562.72
Festival Licenses and Permits	300.00
Festival Printing & Advertising	1,318.30
Festival Raffle Expense	1,600.00
Festival Rental Expense	13,057.00
Festival Security	2,882.40

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	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>
Festival Starting Cash	0.00
Festival Supplies Expense	1,801.68
Kids Games Party Rentals	306.00
Lebanese Gift Shop	252.69
Total Festival	31,322.08
Fish Fry Expenses	4,431.65
Hafli Expense	7,251.82
Ham and Bean Dinner Expenses	451.63
Palm Sunday Bakesale	1,017.31
Saj Sunday Expense	231.34
Shawarma Sunday	490.08
St. Joseph Sodality Breakfast	800.90
Total Special Events Expense(Specify)	50,133.00
Total Expense	378,419.79
Net Ordinary Income	-23,709.48
Net Income	-23,709.48