



# Our Lady of Purgatory



## Maronite Catholic Church

JUNE 20 -21, 2026

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Today we celebrate Father's Day. We think of the strength of a father, his guiding hand, his wisdom, his help. God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him.

He provides an example of the very vocation of fatherhood.

Fathers are to sacrifice their lives for their families.

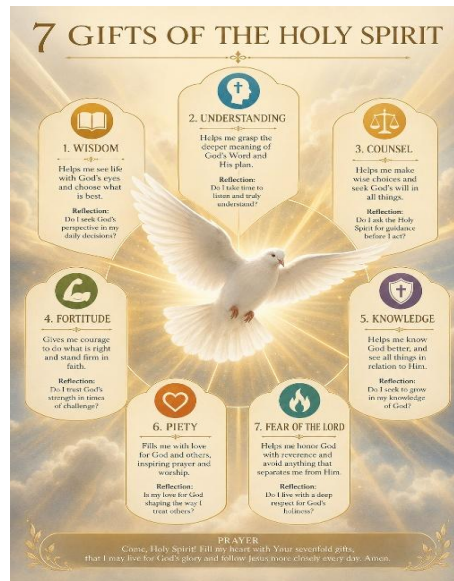
They do this by:

- Being the spiritual leader and guardian of their families.
- Praying for and with their families.
- Being a courageous witness to the Gospel.
- Providing care and support for their families.
- Serving as an example of goodness and truth.
- Leading with courage and accountability.
- Laying down one's life for another.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- Our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life.
  - Our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life.
  - And God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.
- Thank you to all the fathers and men in our lives who encourage and strengthen us in our faith and our daily lives. May God bless all of you and your families and reward you with many blessings.

**Happy Father's Day!**



As we continue the celebration of the Pentecost Season, this week, we will focus on the first four of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

### 1. Wisdom "Seeing life through God's eyes."

Wisdom is not simply intelligence or knowledge. It is the gift that allows us to see beyond the surface of things and recognize God's presence and purpose in every circumstance. Wisdom helps us choose what truly matters—not what is popular, profitable, or easy, but what leads us closer to Christ.

In a world that often values success over holiness, wisdom teaches us to ask not, "What do I want?" but "What does God desire for me?" It helps us recognize that faith, family, love, and virtue are treasures that outlast every earthly achievement.

**Reflection Question:** When making important decisions, do I seek God's perspective before my own?

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, grant me the wisdom to recognize Your will and the courage to follow it.

### 2. Understanding "Opening our hearts to the mysteries of God."

Understanding deepens our grasp of the truths of faith. It allows us to move beyond merely knowing about God to truly knowing Him. Through this gift, Scripture becomes alive, prayer becomes more meaningful, and God's plan becomes clearer.

Understanding does not answer every question we have, but it gives us confidence that God is present even when we cannot see the whole picture. It teaches us to trust when life is difficult and to recognize God's hand in both joys and struggles.

**Reflection Question:** Do I take time to listen to God's Word and allow it to shape my life?

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, open my mind and heart to understand Your truth more deeply.

### 3. Counsel "The gift of holy guidance."

Counsel helps us make good and holy decisions. It is the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit directing us toward what is right and away from what is harmful. Through counsel, we learn to discern God's will amid the many voices competing for our attention. When faced with difficult choices, counsel reminds us to pray before acting, to seek wise advice, and to trust God's guidance. It helps us become instruments of God's wisdom for others as well.

**Reflection Question:** Do I invite the Holy Spirit into my decisions, or do I rely only on myself?

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

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, guide my thoughts, words, and actions so that they may always reflect Your will.

**4. Fortitude** “Strength to remain faithful.” Fortitude is the courage to stand firm in faith, even when the path is difficult. It gives us strength to persevere through trials, resist temptation, and remain faithful to Christ in a world that often challenges Christian values. The saints were not fearless; they were filled with fortitude. They trusted that God's grace was greater than their fears. The same Spirit who strengthened the apostles at Pentecost strengthens us today.

**Reflection Question:** When challenges arise, do I trust in God's strength or rely only on my own?

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, fill me with courage to remain faithful to Christ in every circumstance.

### 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.

### SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SACRED HEART OF JESUS PRAYER SERVICE



The last prayer service for the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held on **Tuesday, June 23**, following Eucharistic Adoration at **7:00 PM**. This change is necessary due to schedule issues. Please join us as we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

### 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.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"I vow and consecrate to God all that is in me: My memory and my actions to God the Father; My understanding and my words to God the Son; My will and my thoughts to God the Holy Spirit."*  
*St. Francis de Sales*



### KIBBEE PRE-ORDER

Baked Kibbee pre-sale is now available. **The kibbee trays are \$35.00 each.** You may order by using the order forms or contact **the Church office at:**  
[officeolop@gmail.com](mailto:officeolop@gmail.com)  
or (508) 996-8934.

### 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.

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**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.

**Tuesday, June 23, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Agrippina, Feast of the Council of Ephesus).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Helen and Anthony Buaiz and their grandson (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.**

**Wednesday, June 24, 9:00 AM, (Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Radha Peter J. David and her father requested by the Family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**At 7:00 PM, Prayer Service for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**Thursday, June 25, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Zechariah and Elizabeth, Parents of Saint John the Baptist).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Ruth David requested by Annie Costa (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

**Saturday, June 27, 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Samson the Hospitable).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Jeanne A. Twomey requested by Rick and Rosemarie Twomey. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, June 28, 10:30 AM, Celebration of Saints Peter and Paul, (Feast of Saint Irenaeus of Lyons, Doctor of the Church). Remember Me In Your Kingdom Liturgy.** Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in the Book of Life. May all the souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Josephine Chedid requested by the Family. May her soul rest in peace.

## 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.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for Ivone Choubah. 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.

## 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.

## LECTORS FOR JUNE, 2026

**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



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

## WEEK OF JUNE 13 -14, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,541.00
Lebanese Market	\$ 20.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,596.00</b>

**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.**

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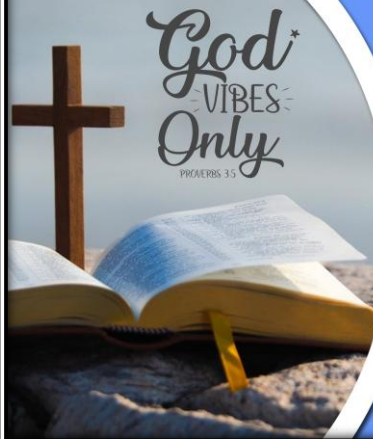


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