



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



August 1-2, 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

BLESSINGS TO REVEREND JEAN MATTAR

This past weekend, the Church has gained a good and faithful servant. Congratulations to Abouna Jean Mattar and his family as well as to the community of Our Lady of Purgatory Church. Fr. Jean has committed himself to this community for over 40 years. This was a grace-filled weekend and one all will remember for years to come.

As you begin this new chapter, know that our prayers go with you Fr. Jean. May your love for Christ continue to deepen each day. May your love for your wife and family remain a beautiful witness to the sacrament of marriage and may your priesthood be marked by compassion, courage, zeal, and joy.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of his divine majesty, and to procure the salvation of souls."
St. Alphonsus Liguori



Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Jean Mattar

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

WITH THANKS AND GRATITUDE

With hearts full of gratitude, I thank Almighty God for the beautiful gift of my priestly ordination.

To everyone who attended, whether you came from near or far, thank you for honoring me with your presence and prayers. My deepest appreciation goes to our bishop, Chorbishops, my pastor, clergy, religious, altar servers, choir, volunteers, and every person who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this day so beautiful. To my beloved family and friends, and parishioners, your love, sacrifices, and unwavering support have carried me to this moment.

I am truly humbled by your kindness, generosity, and encouragement. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I begin this sacred ministry, that I may always serve God and His people with humility, faithfulness, obedience and love.

**With heartfelt gratitude,
Abouna Jean Mattar**

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! 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.**

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.

SAVE THE DATES FESTIVAL PREP DAYS

**Tuesday, August 21,
Grape leave day
starting @ 10:30 AM.
Thursday, September 3
Maamoul day
Starting @ 10:30 AM**

FESTIVAL BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

Once again, we will be having our Basket Raffle at the festival this year. This has been a great success for us and every year, because of you, our basket selection increases. If you can donate any theme baskets this year, please let Smitty Cabral or Lorraine David know. If you are unable to make one but would like to donate to have one made, we can do this as well. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY (EID ALSAYDEE)

We will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on Friday, August 14, at 7:00 PM. Weather permitting, we will celebrate this Divine Liturgy outside in the Saint Sharbel Shrine. There will be dinner immediately following Divine Liturgy. The Social Committee is organizing this dinner which will be "bring a dish to pass." Please see Deacon Jean or Hiba Chdid if you would like to bring a dish to pass. Drinks and Coffee will be provided

LUMINARIES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY

Our parish is pleased to continue the beautiful tradition of Luminaries for Mary for a second year. You are invited to purchase a luminary in honor of someone special or in memory of a loved one. The luminaries will be displayed near the St. Charbel Shrine during the Vigil Liturgy on August 14, serving as a beautiful tribute to Our Blessed Mother and to those who hold a special place in our hearts.

Cost: \$10.00 per luminary

To purchase a luminary or for more information, please contact:

Jacques Barbour – (508) 725-6705

Amal Barbour – (508) 801-9685

Parish Office – (508) 996-8934

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing this meaningful tradition with our parish family once again.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of August is offered for Charbel Baroody requested by Philip and Jano Baroody.



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27 July 2026

Prot. No. 205/1/26

Reverend Jean E. Mattar
15 Randall Road
Rochester, MA 02770

Dear Fr. Jean,

By virtue of this letter I appoint you as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Purgatory Maronite Church in New Bedford, Massachusetts. You are asked to exercise your new office under the direction of Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor. He will, as Protopresbyter, also discern how best to assist Fr. Christian Hbaiter, in his role as Pastor of St. Theresa Brockton, and as Eparchial MYO Director. This appointment is effective August 1, 2026 and will remain in effect until revoked by me or by my successors.

You are asked to exercise your new office in accordance with all of the provisions of Ecclesiastical laws and Statutes and in compliance with the applicable civil laws in force.

Thank you for your willingness in your first assignment as priest to lay down your life for Christ's flock.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+Gregory John Mansour

GJM/ac

cc: Chorbishop James A. Root, Vicar General
Reverend Vincent Farhat, Pastor
Reverend Christian Hbaiter

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1, 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Shmouni and Her Seven Sons). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael David requested by Robert Macedo (FM). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 2, 10:30 AM, (Feast of the Translation of the Relics of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Charbel Baroody requested of Charles Baroody. May his soul rest in peace.

Tuesday, August 4, 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint John Vianney, the Curé d'Ars). From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 PM, The Transfiguration of Our Lord Vigil, (Feast of Moses the Prophet).

Thursday, August 6, 9:00 AM, (Feast of The Transfiguration of Our Lord).

Saturday, August 8, 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Steven Espindola requested by Annemarie Espindola. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, August 9, 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Matthias). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Mansour Barbour requested by Norma Barbour and Family. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for the Baroody family by Gaby and Amal Baroody. 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, 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, Mariam David, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing, please contact the office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

LECTORS FOR AUGUST, 2026

Saturday, August 1,

Racheal Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, August 2,

Ann Dupre / Joumana Chedid

Saturday, August 8,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, August 9,

John Barbour / Elie Abou Kheir

Friday, August 14,

Vigil of the Assumption

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, August 15,

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

Sunday, August 16,

Cayla Barbour / Jano Baroody

Saturday, August 22,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, August 23,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, August 29,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Mae Dickinson

Sunday, August 30,

Rana Choubah / Halim Choubah

(If you are unable to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

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WEEK OF JULY 25-26, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,048.00
Donations	\$ 12,500.00
Festival Raffle Tickets	\$ 140.00
Donations	\$ 194.00
Jet Ski Raffle Tickets	\$ 100.00
Luminaries	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 60.00
Total	\$ 17,052.00

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.

All are invited to come and join us
Festivities will go on come rain or shine!
Under the tents or in the open air!

Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA

Fri, Aug 7th ~ 5pm to 10pm
Sat, Aug 8th ~ Noon to 11pm
Sun, Aug 9th ~ 11am to 5pm

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Fri. 6pm-7:30pm & 7:45pm-10pm
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MYO DANCE TROUPE
Fri. 7:30pm-7:45pm
Sat. 6:15pm-6:30pm & 8pm-8:15pm
Sun. 1pm-1:15pm

Basket Raffles

DJ, ERIC
Fri. 5pm-6pm
Sat. 4pm-6pm
Sun. 11am-1pm & 1:15pm-4pm

THROWBACK
Sat. 12:30pm-3:30pm

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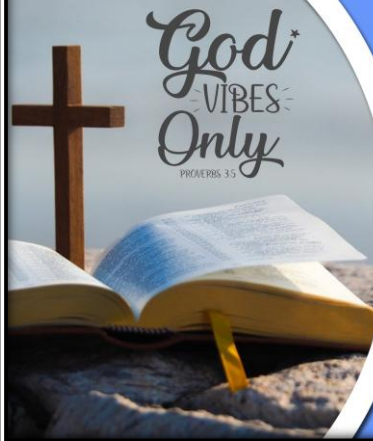
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