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## WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday at 9:30 am (English)

Sunday at 11:30 am (Arabic)

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Closed on: Fridays, Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays

# REVELATION TO JOSEPH

December 14, 2025

## Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Eph 3: 1-13 Gospel: Mt 1: 18-25

Anaphora: St. Peter

<b>Sat. Dec. 13</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David & Michael Rizk (+) <b>Elias, Sadie &amp; Joseph E. Joseph</b> By The Family (-) <b>50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Edmond &amp; Michelle Boctor</b> By Reggie Joseph
<b>Sun. Dec. 14</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	(-) <b>Children of St. John Maron Church</b> By Father Dany
<b>Sun. Dec. 14</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>	(+) <b>George Mansour</b> By The Family (+) <b>Essa Dabbikeh</b> (+) <b>George Majed</b> By The Family (+) <b>Joseph &amp; Albert Mansour</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Emil Mansour (+) <b>Ferouz Dabbikeh</b> By Betty Assaf (+) <b>Rodrick Khoury</b> By The Family
<b>December 15-23 7 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Novena</b>

(+) =Deceased; (-) = Intention not deceased



**WELCOME!**

If you are a guest or visitor to St. John Maron Church, we are happy to have you. PLEASE make yourself at home. You Are Among Family.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burn this month for the soul of **Souhad Hayek** requested by The Family. May she rest in Peace.



## DONATE USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

In an effort to make it easier to donate to St. John Maron Church, scanning this QR Code leads the mobile camera to our Church's Donate landing site.



## TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

December 7, 2025

Regular Collection: \$3,055.00

Second Collection: \$502.00

Online Collection: \$25.00

Our gratitude to all who are supporting our parish. Your generosity is a blessing.



## REVELATION TO JOSEPH

As we continue through the season of the Glorious Birth in our Maronite Church, also known as the season of announcements, we are introduced to a righteous man in the New Testament whose name is Joseph. Joseph was planning to dismiss a young woman named Mary, who he was betrothed to, because he was told by Mary, that she was to conceive a child not by him, but by the Holy Spirit. And this child will be the Son of God who will become the Savior of the world. Now just stop for a moment and imagine you are Joseph! You are faced with this challenge and can no longer bear the pressures it brings. How would you react to this news? St Joseph is inviting us to take up a radical approach. Bring your fears and doubts to the Lord and take a spiritual nap. Sit uncomfortably in the silence, give the Lord your situation and rest in His love hoping that God would provide you with the wisdom needed to make the right decision.

## PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor	Fr Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
Parochial Vicar	Fr Tony Kairouz	724-732-4064
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Tartick	716-634-0669 EXT 2
Parish Council	Joseph Mahfouz	716-725-3185
Finance Committee	Anthony Habib	716-913-4174
Altar & Rosary Society	Reggie Joseph	716-472-8420
Knights of Columbus	Chuck Mosey	716-228-8313
Religious Education	Christina ElChibani	716-713-4454
Building Committee	Henri Khoury	716-479-9143



## SICK OR IN NEED

If you or someone you know is sick or in need of a visit from clergy, please call the office. 716-634-0669.

## Please pray for those who are sick, homebound or in the hospital.

Theresa Utz, Paula Chameili, John Joseph, Jr., Gregory Joseph, Therese Hayek, Sanaa Abou-Jaoude, and Corky Ferro



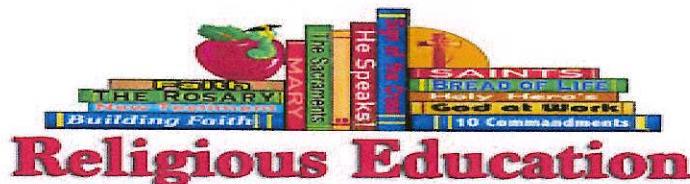
Preparing the Way for the Lord

December 10 - 24

Let's Pray Together



The Christmas Novena (nine consecutive day prayer) is a wonderful way of preparing ourselves for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and getting into the Christmas spirit. Historically, the Christmas Novena was not part of the traditional Maronite Liturgy. It is a tradition that was inherited from the Latin Rite Catholic Church of the West in the 1500's when the Jesuit (Latin) Monks came to Lebanon and influenced the Maronite Church in many ways. Our Maronite Fathers took this tradition and added their own flavor to it so that it became part of our Church's preparation for Christmas and thus our own tradition.



Dec. 14: Regular Class  
Dec. 14: Christmas Pageant after 11:30 Mass  
Dec. 21 & 28: No Class; Christmas Vacation

## COFFEE HOUR:

Dec. 14: Michael & Natalie Khoury  
Jan. 4: Abir & Charbel Ntanios

**All parishioners are welcome to coffee hour between masses at 10:30.**

Dear parishioners,  
Our CCD program is growing, and we are in need of your support to continue forming the next generation of disciples. If you are able, we invite you to make a donation to help us sustain our work. Donations will be used towards our Christmas pageant costumes and materials, first reconciliation celebration, and our end of the year closing program. Your generosity and support to the children of our parish is greatly appreciated. Please mail any donation to St. John Maron and reference: CCD Program.  
God bless,  
Christina ElChibani, CCD coordinator



## CEDARS HALL RENTAL

For information, please contact Michael Khoury or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the [cedarsvenue.com](http://cedarsvenue.com) website for more information.



Cedars Venue presents The Annual NYE Party, December 31, 2025 at 7 PM. Live Entertainment with Maestro Amin and Band. \$120 per adult. Please see the flyers at the entrances of the church.

**Please contact our Parish Council members with any suggestions or issues you might have.**

## Parish Council

Mr. Joseph Mahfouz 716-725-3185  
Dr. Gabriel Chouchani 716-812-0881  
Dr. Naim Dawli 716-982-9411  
Mr. James Issa 716-536-2370  
Mr. Charles Mosey 716-228-8313

## ALTAR BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

Anyone who wishes to sponsor the Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp in Thanksgiving or in memory of deceased loved one(s) for 2026 can call or email the rectory to request a specific month. The months are already filling up so please call the office 716-634-0669 or email [stjmaron@gmail.com](mailto:stjmaron@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.

## MASS INTENTIONS

For your mass intentions, please complete the intention form located near the bulletin in the church. Insert it with the stipend into the blue envelopes available near the bulletin. You can also download the form from our [stjmaron.org](http://stjmaron.org) website located on the main page. Intention forms can be mailed in or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your cooperation. **The 2026 Mass Book is now available to schedule your masses.**

## 2026 WEEKLY ENVELOPES

If you are new to the church or have never contributed using envelopes and would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call or email the office. The envelope list will be updated soon.

Your weekly donation helps defray the costs associated with keeping our beautiful church open.

## PEW RESTORATION !!

Thank you to all those parishioners who purchased pews for our beautiful restoration project. **If you have not already done so, please send an email to the church, [stjmaron@gmail.com](mailto:stjmaron@gmail.com), or call the office, 716-634-0669, to request the proper wording on your plaque.** May God continue to bless our parish family for their contributions of time, talent and treasure.



## December Events

Dec. 13 Christmas Concert (Free) 7 PM in the Church – Sara Badawy performance.  
Dec 14 Christmas pageant following 11:30 Mass at the church. Ann Marie Lattanzio 716-604-6341  
Dec. 15 – Dec. 23 Christmas Novena @ 7PM at the church. Sat/Sun Novena after Masses.  
Dec 20 Living Nativity at the Triple Heart Ranch at 7 PM. Lauren Issa 716-982-9085  
Dec 24 Vigil Mass of the Nativity of our Lord 5 PM and Mass 12 Midnight  
Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass at 11 AM  
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Vigil Mass 5 PM and New Year's Day Mass at 11 AM  
Dec. 31 NYE Party 7 PM Cedars Venue. See contact list on flyers for more information.

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*Let's celebrate!*

# IN LOVING MEMORY of...

Nabih Tablie  
Albert Hanna  
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy

Rose & Jim Abraham  
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Beloved sisters Karema Abraham & Carol Abraham Krestos  
By John & Amy (Abraham) Zavitz

The deceased members of the Nemtala and Jeanette Moses Family  
By the Moses Family

Toufic & Najeeba Karam  
By Michael Karam

Sam & Christine Tartick  
Kitty Champagne  
Adeline Rein & Eugene Musial  
By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick

Isabelle Abraham  
By Mrs. Therese Abraham

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By Mr. & Mrs. Roger Amati

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Theresa & Tom Mosey

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Farid and Angele Aboujaoude  
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Emil & Gloria Rizk  
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By Wife Mary K. Joseph

Katherine Hage  
Antoine & Teresa Hage  
Peter Hage  
By the Family

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Deceased family members of Elias and Rose Attea  
Deceased family members of Andrew & Lena MacDiarmid  
By the Family

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By Thomas J. & Theresa Mosey

Elias & Sadie Joseph  
Joseph E. Joseph  
By the Family

The deceased of the Saffire & Attea families  
By Rosemary Saffire

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Frank & Josephine Baron  
Jabour Anthony Family  
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Felix & Yvonne Labaki  
Paul Labaki  
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Sarkis Abraham & Family  
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By Mrs. Therese Abraham

Rafca Abdallah Boujaoude  
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy

Rima Sayegh Dawli  
By the Family

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PASTORS AND ASSISTANT PASTORS WHO SERVED ST. JOHN MARON PARISH WITH LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, SERVICE AND LOVE...

### PASTORS:

Reverend Antoun A. Zoghby (1903-1904)  
Reverend Georges Aziz (1904-1908)  
Reverend Monsignor Francis Shemalie (1908-1959)

Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1960-1968)  
Reverend Maron Abi-Nader (1968-1969)  
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1969-1996)

### ASSISTANT PASTORS:

Reverend Monsignor Nemat-Allah Chemaly (1912-1919)  
Reverend Silwanus Jowdy, Reverend Philip Nagem and Reverend Simon Acle (alternately 1915-1919)  
Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1924-1930; 1947-1954)  
Reverend Norman S. Peter (1946-1948)  
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1954-1956)  
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