

**MARCH 03, 2024**

**THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Date & Time	IN LOVING MEMORY OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday, March 2, 2024 5:00 PM	<b>FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARON</b> Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Emil & Gloria Rizk James & Paula Crehan Dolores Godlewski Asma & Romanus Georges Patrick MacDiarmid, Sr. <b>For the Healing of Rima Dawli, Gregory Joseph &amp; John Joseph, Jr.</b>	The Kairouz Family David & Michael Rizk Philip Haroney Abouna Michael Georges Rita MacDiarmid & Children <b>Abouna</b>
Sunday, March 3, 2024 11:00 AM	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Emil & Gloria Rizk Kitty Peters (1 yr. Anniv) Albert Mansour (40 Day) Abouna Youssef Khoury Saiid, Hanneh, Peter & Souhad Hayek In honor of Jeanne Marie Hossenlopp Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud Majid & Badwih Mansour <b>For the Healing of: - Rima Dawli &amp; Therese Tran - Issa Dabbikeh</b>	The Kairouz Family David & Michael Rizk The Family The Family Nila Khoury The Family Irene Corra Mr. & Mrs. Fouad Mansour Mr. & Mrs. Fouad Mansour <b>Abouna Mrs. Ferouz Dabbikeh</b>
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:00 AM	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Joe Bittar, Bob DiSibio & Dolores Godlewski	Abouna
<b>Wednesday March 6 - Friday, March 8, 2024 ——— NO 8:00 AM MASS</b>		
Saturday, March 9, 2024 5:00 PM	<b>FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARON</b> Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Emil & Gloria Rizk Patrick MacDiarmid, Sr. <b>For the Healing of Rima Dawli, Gregory Joseph &amp; John Joseph, Jr.</b>	The Kairouz Family David & Michael Rizk Rita MacDiarmid & Children <b>Abouna</b>
Sunday, March 10, 2024 11:00 AM	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz Emil & Gloria Rizk Jacques Khangi George Jabbour (1 yr Anniv) Jowdat & Chahdeh Chahine Walid Chahine & Rima Naffaa Youssef & Nagibeh Khoury Doumit T. Shady (1 yr Anniv) Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud Majid & Badwih Mansour <b>For the Healing of: - Rima Dawli &amp; Therese Tran - Issa Dabbikeh</b>	The Kairouz Family David & Michael Rizk Mr. & Mrs. Rimon Moawad Isolda Jabbour MarieBelle Khoury MarieBelle Khoury Raymond Khoury Georgette Shady & Family Mr. & Mrs. Fouad Mansour Mr. & Mrs. Fouad Mansour <b>Abouna Mrs. Ferouz Dabbikeh</b>

*"Send Your Spirit to us sinners during this forgiving season of Lent,  
so that we may return to You seeking forgiveness."*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING  
ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH  
**YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING**  
February 25, 2024  
Regular Tithes (All Masses Total): \$2,956.00

**ST. JOHN MARON THANKS**

**LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME**  
**885 NIAGARA FALLS BLVD. & 3060 ABBOTT ROAD**  
**716-837-7100 & 716-823-4812**  
*Please support and acknowledge them when needed,  
as a "thank you" for advertising at St. John Maron.*

## Pastoral Staff

**PASTOR:** Rev. Father Elie G. Kairouz

**PAROCHIAL VICAR:** Rev. Father Elias Adwan

### TRUSTEES:

- Thomas Haykel (716-634-6464)

- Richard Attea (716-870-4944)

### PARISH COUNCIL:

Regina Joseph, President (716-472-8420)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR:

Deborah Tartick (716-472-6149)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

### ECMA- BLOOD PRESSURE MANAGEMENT

The Eastern Christian Medical Association will hold its second informative presentation about BLOOD PRESSURE MANAGEMENT BY **Dr. Rabi Yacoub**. It will take place on **March 20, 2024 at 6:30 PM** at the Education Center. ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. ADMITTANCE IS FREE. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

### CONFESSION DURING LENT

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need to, in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace.

### LENTEN GUIDANCE

**Good Friday (March 29)**, and ALL Fridays of Lent are days of Fast & Abstinence. Abstinence from meat, and fasting binds all physically capable Catholics, Eastern and Western, who are 14 years old and older. Fasting in the Catholic Church involves no eating or drinking (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon, and doing works of charity. The rest of the day's normal meals can be taken but without meat.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent, starting on February 16 at 7:00 p.m.



## PARISH NEWS

### ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

**Holy Rosary Prayer Mission** will take place on Monday, March 4 @ 7PM. Come and pray with us!

**Second Annual St. Joseph's Day Table:** Sunday, March 10 after 11AM Liturgy in Cedar's Banquet Facility.

**Liturgy & Meeting of Altar & Rosary Society:** Monday, March 18 at 6:30PM.

**Second Annual Meat Raffle:** Friday, April 5.

**Annual Liturgy at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Lewiston** Saturday, April 13.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Calendar

Religious Education classes start at **9:45 AM**

Mar. 3: Regular Class

Mar. 10: Regular Class

Mar. 17: Regular Class

### COFFEE HOUR

Mar. 3: Joey & Toty Mahfouz

Mar. 10: Robert Hage

Mar. 17: Kattour Khoury Rivera

**PLEASE BE MINDFUL** that Holy Mass starts promptly at 11: 00 AM. Therefore, coffee hour should be ended by 10:50AM and all children and parents should be in Church before Mass starts. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

### MAKING UP MASS ENVELOPES

A friendly reminder...please help our Parish to help you, by utilizing your envelopes each week. If for some reason you miss a week, please remedy this by making up that envelope for the missed week at the following weekend Mass.

### POPE FRANCIS'

#### Advice For Lent

**Fast** from judging others

**Fast** from hurting words ~ **Say** kind words

**Fast** from Anger ~ **Be** filled with patience

**Fast** from worry ~ **Trust** in God

**Fast** from pessimism ~ **Be** prayerful

**Fast** from bitterness ~ **Fill** your heart with forgiveness

**Fast** from selfishness ~ **Be** compassionate

**Fast &** be silent so you can **listen & do** the Will of God

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### ST. JOHN MARON NEEDS YOU & YOU NEED ST. JOHN MARON!

As you've heard recently, sizeable area parishes and schools are closing. St. John Maron Parish is not bigger, better or any different than these parishes. **Your commitment** (Time, Talent & Treasure ) **to your parish of St. John Maron is crucial** in order to continue its 120 years' mission & Legacy of faith, to upkeep the church campus and to keep the doors open for future generations.

**St. John Maron needs you,  
& you need St. John Maron!**



FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY,  
PLEASE FOLLOW THE BOOK OF OFFERING  
ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES:

*SUNDAY OF THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON- Page 217*  
*CREED - Page 748*  
*ANAPHORA OF Saint. Sixtus, Pope of Rome- Page 856*

**THIS WEEKEND'S SACRED  
SCRIPTURES**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S SACRED  
SCRIPTURES**

**Epistle:** 2 Cor 13: 5-13

**Epistle:** 1 Tim 5:24-6:5

**Gospel:** Lk 15: 11-32

**Gospel:** Mk 2: 1-12

**THE ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND  
SANCTUARY LAMP FOR MARCH**

In Loving Memory of Abraham & Zavitz Families  
By Amy & John Zavitz

**ABSOLUTELY NO EATING IN CHURCH**

That includes the "KURBAN BREAD" that is passed out at the end of **EVERY 40 Days Mass**. Please keep the "KURBAN BREAD" wrapped until you exit the church. Thank you for your cooperation!

**CARING & SHARING**

During the Month of **MARCH** we ask you to donate **Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Tuna Fish, and Cake Mix** for the caring and sharing project. The containers are at the entrances of the Church. If you know of any family or person who is in need, please contact **Abouna**. This information will be kept confidential. As always, thank you for your kindness!

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS, ETC...!**

Please remember to notify the Rectory Office if you have a **Change of Address or Phone Number**.

	<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>Sunday</b> 11:00 AM
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<b>DEACONS</b>	Reggie Joseph	Joe Boctor
<b>LECTORS</b>	Christie Jaoude	<b>English:</b> Damien Boctor <b>Arabic:</b> Nada Kandalaft
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Andrew Mansour Christopher Mansour	Joseph El Khoury Andrew Matar

**SECOND COLLECTION**

**THIS WEEK  
IS FOR**

**NEXT WEEK  
IS FOR**

**FUEL AND UPKEEP**

**EASTER FLOWER  
COLLECTION**

**2024 MASS BOOK IS OPEN**

If you wish to schedule a special intention for your loved one, please complete the **MASS FORM** located by the bulletins. Place the Mass Form with the offering amount (Check or Cash) in a separate envelope and place in the collection basket.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Laila Hazzan, Rita MacDiarmid, Ferouz Dabbikeh, Mary Jospeh, Antoinette A. Kairouz, John Melhem Kairouz, John Joseph, Jr., Therese Tran, Issa Dabbikeh, Elizabeth, John Wolfe, Rima Dawli, Douglas Franke, Chris Curry, Joseph Martino, Nathan Khoury, Eric G., Gregory Joseph, Nicole C.

*We are always updating the list. If you have anyone you would like to add or remove, please contact the Parish Office.*

**ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Full Census form available at: [www.stjmaron.org](http://www.stjmaron.org)

**Name:** .....

 **Address:** .....

**City:** ..... **Zip:** .....

**Phone:** ..... **E-mail:** .....

- New Registration       Change of Address       Moving Out of Parish       Request Envelopes