

St. Michael the Archangel Maronite Catholic Church

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<u>CLERGY</u> Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor Fr. Jack Morrison (retired) <u>PARISH OFFICE HOURS</u>: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY / MASS :

Tues - Fri: 9:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

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His Merciful Love

8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

The Maronite Church guides us to reflect on this 8th Sunday of the Season of Pentecost on the Gospel from St Matthew (12:14-21). The Pharisees are plotting to destroy Jesus because they considered Him to have violated the Sabbath law.

Jesus does not go to war with the Pharisees. He simply goes away to continue to perform His works of healing and mercy. He reveals to us the love of the Father for all humanity. He shows us the path of Truth, which is not accomplished through clashes, violence, or wars but through **charity, compassion and justice**. To follow Christ is to respect the dignity of every human being. It is also to discover the love of the Father and to learn to live in this love.

The Pharisees and the crowds at the temple had not understood or accepted this. They were preoccupied with defending their rites and power. Jesus challenged their beliefs and practices by promoting service to others, concern for the weak and the poor, and called for repentance.

Christ is the only source of true happiness in the heart of every man and woman. All our hopes and aspirations find their fulfillment in His person. To know Christ is to love Him. When we do not know Him well enough, we are content with earthy joys and pleasures destined to wither.

Let us pray for the grace to know Him, love Him and serve Him and to draw from the fountain of His love.

I wish you a Blessed Sunday!



PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lucy Zahran or call church office to join the prayer chain or with prayer requests

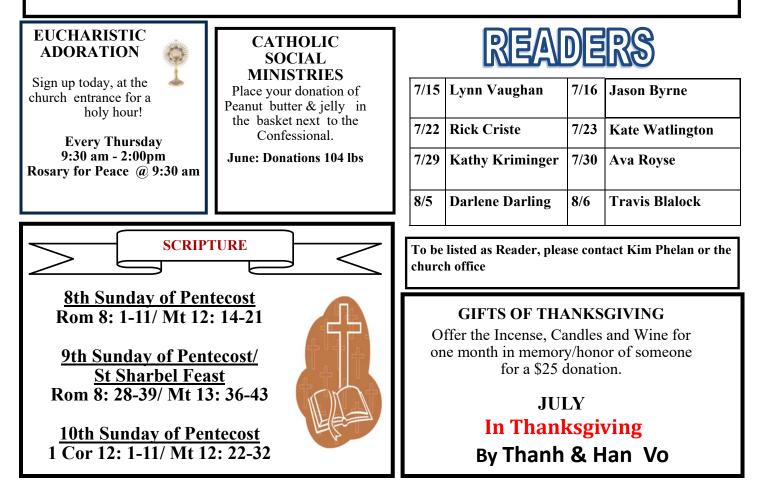
"8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST"

Saturday July 15 - 5:00 PM:for Lewis Scheib by MJ Fredette HahnSundayJuly 16 - 10:30 AM:Queenie Jabbour (birthday remembrance) by family

Tuesday	Jul	9:00	St. Symphorosa and Her	For Anh Hien's birthday
	18	am	Sons, M	by Thanh & Han Vo
Wednesday	Jul 19	9:00 am	St. Margaret of Antioch, M	Special intention—safe travel to Desiree
Thursday	Jul 20	9:00 am	Elias the Prophet, C	For the intentions of Kim Ngan Nguyen by Thanh & Han Vo
Friday	Jul	9:00	St. Simeon Salus and His	For the intentions of the Vo Nguyen Family
	21	am	Friend St. John, C	by Thanh & Han Vo

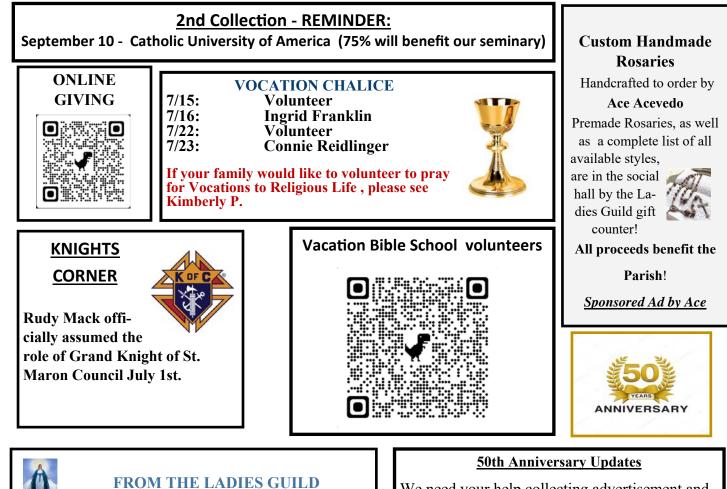
"9TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST"

SaturdayJuly 22 - 5:00PM: Healing of Elizabeth Peraza by Patty Reynolds & MJ FredetteSundayJuly 23 - 10:30 AM: For the intentions of Kim Ngan Nguyenby Thanh & Han Vo



My Offering	
Collections (2 weeks)	\$ 2708.00
Candles (3 weeks)	\$ 110 .00
Peter's Pence (2nd Coll.)	\$ 379.00
50th Anniversary Book ads	\$ 330.00

Congratulations to St. Michael Archangel Ladies Guild, established in 2013, celebrating 10 years of service. Committed to "promoting the work of the Church & building a spiritual community of faith within the Parish." AD BY: MJ



- The Ladies Guild will meet July 16th after the Social Hour in the Social Hall. The meeting will begin promptly at noon.
- The Rosary and Traveling Mary were hosted by Patti Reynolds and MJ Fredette on Wednesday July 12th after Liturgy at 10 am in the Social Hall. If you would like to Host in August please contact Stacie or MJ.
- The Guild is looking for a new Secretary whose duties are to take the minutes and submit them to the Chair for review and publication. If you are a member or have considered joining the Ladies Guild and would like to serve in this way, please contact Stacie, Melissa or join us on the 16th.

We need your help collecting advertisement and memorial pages for the 50th anniversary book. Purchase forms are available at the church entrance. See MJ or Donnie with any questions.

Religious Education classes

Volunteers are still needed for Wednesday night religious education beginning late August. Substitute, assistant, and full time positions are available. Lesson plans and glue sticks provided.

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