



St George Maronite Catholic Church, Thornleigh

Our Parish

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday 2nd June 2024

Year 2024, Issue #23

The Gospel

John 14: 21-27

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Season of Pentecost



Next Sunday

4th Sunday of Pentecost

Old Testament

Reading

Wis 7: 7-14

Epistle

1 Cor 2: 11-16

Gospel

Luke 10: 21-24

الإنجيل

يو ١٤: ٢١-٢٧

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: «مَنْ كَانَتْ لَدَيْهِ وَصَايَايَ وَيَحْفَظُهَا، هُوَ الَّذِي يُحِبُّنِي. وَمَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يُحِبُّهُ أَبِي، وَأَنَا أُحِبُّهُ وَأُظْهِرُ لَهُ ذَاتِي». قَالَ لَهُ يَهُوذَا، لَا ذَاكَ الْإِسْخَرْيُوطِي: «يَا رَبِّ، مَاذَا جَرَى حَتَّى تُظْهِرَ ذَاتَكَ لَنَا، لَا لِلْعَالَمِ؟». أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «مَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي، وَأَبِي يُحِبُّهُ وَإِلَيْهِ نَأْتِي، وَعِنْدَهُ نَجْعَلُ لَنَا مَنْزِلًا. مَنْ لَا يُحِبُّنِي لَا يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي. وَالْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي تَسْمَعُونَهَا لَيْسَتْ كَلِمَتِي، بَلْ كَلِمَةُ الْآبِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي. كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهَذَا، وَأَنَا مُقِيمٌ عِنْدَكُمْ. لَكِنَّ الْبَرَقْلَيْطَ، الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ، الَّذِي سَيُرْسِلُهُ الْآبُ بِاسْمِي، هُوَ يُعَلِّمُكُمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَيُذَكِّرُكُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ. أَلْسَلَامٌ أَسْتَوِدِعُكُمْ، سَلَامِي أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا كَمَا يُعْطِيهِ الْعَالَمُ أَنَا أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا يَضْطَرِبُ قَلْبُكُمْ وَلَا يَخْفُ!

Divine Liturgy and Services

Sundays: 9:00am (Arabic), 11:00am (Arabic/English), 6:00pm (English)

Mondays and Tuesdays: 9:00am

Wednesdays – Saturdays: 6:00pm

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Bishops Message Year of Prayer Trinity Sunday and Feast of Corpus Christi

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year falls on the 7th of June.

On this feast, we celebrate the mystery of the open and bleeding Heart of the Lord, which fulfils the mission entrusted to Him by the Father to give Himself entirely for the salvation of the world, the true inexhaustible source from which all grace flows. This mystery finds its foundation in the Gospel passage: "But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out" (John 19:33-34).

When the soldier's spear pierced Christ's heart, causing blood and water to flow, he was not merely performing the final rite to confirm His death. He was enacting a prophetic gesture, for the blood and water flowing from Christ's heart expressed both the total gift Jesus made of himself and the source of life this gift became for all humanity. In contemplating the blood and water flowing from Christ's pierced side, we understand what St. Paul says in his letter to the Romans: "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals to us and unveils God's mercy. This Heart has compassion and a passion for us. Pope Benedict XVI beautifully writes that this love "which becomes visible in the mystery of the Cross presented anew in every celebration of the Eucharist, lays the foundations of our capacity to love and to make a gift of ourselves, becoming instruments in Christ's hands: only in this way can we be credible proclaimers of his love" (Pope Benedict XVI, 15 May 2006).

By consecrating ourselves to this Most Sacred Heart, we offer ourselves entirely to Christ, giving Him the honour, veneration, and love that are truly His due. During this month, let us contemplate the love of the Lord Jesus and His Heart, burning with love for the Father, in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and draw closer to it each day to share in the eternal love He has won for us.

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us.

(from the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

I wish you a blessed week!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



Reflection of the Week: "Those Who Love Me"

'Those who love me.' Today's Gospel sets down the expectation Jesus has for each one of us. It is simply one thing alone – to love.

We are in the longest Season in the Church year, the time of Pentecost. The Gospel passages each Sunday focus on discipleship and our calling to live in the grace of the Holy Spirit. The passage today has Jesus insisting on a particular way of living.

Twice Jesus outlines the call to love him. How is this understood? The first time Jesus states loving him is about keeping his commandments. We all know that the great commandment that Jesus gave us was to love as he loved us. The second time Jesus says that to love him is to keep his word, which again is about loving as he did. So, no matter how we twist things, manipulate words, interpret Scripture, theologise or elaborate or expound, the simple fact is, as followers of Christ we must love.

To love as Jesus did is to show unconditional love to both friend and foe. We cannot hold grudges and argue it is right to do so. We cannot limit our love and think it is sufficient. We cannot claim we love and yet justify discriminatory behaviour.

Those who love Jesus are those who can enter into their depths to bring out peace, warmth and understanding towards each person they encounter. Anything less is unchristian. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn mshf

كلمة الحياة غذاءً للنفوس

لقد إعتدنا على أن نذكر دائماً في معرض أحاديثنا الرّوحية أو الكتابية عبارة "الوصايا العشرة" التي تذكرنا بطقولتنا وبقواعد فحص الضمير التقليدية... ولكن، الرب يسوع، الكلمة-المتجسد، إختصر هذه الوصايا بواحدة هي: "وَصِيَّةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ أُعْطِيَكُمْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. أَجَل، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُكُمْ" (يوحنا ١٣ : ٣٤) لا يلغياها بل ليؤطرها جميعاً في المحبة التي إعتبرها الرسول يوحنا أفضل ما يعرف به عن الله حين قال: "وَمَنْ لَا يُحِبُّ لَمْ يَعْرِفِ اللَّهَ، لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ مَحَبَّةٌ" (١ يوحنا ٤ : ٨).

وإن أضفنا إلى ما سبق كلام الرب يسوع في إنجيل اليوم: "مَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي" نفهم أنّ المحبة هي البداية والنهاية: فمن يحب الله يحفظ الكلمة ومن يحفظ الكلمة يتعلم السبل لمحبة الله...

المحبة في القاموس الإلهي هي فعلٌ واقعي لا مفهوم نظري كما أوضح لنا الرب يسوع في إنجيل الدينونة (متى ٢٥ : ٣١-٤٦) ... وهو ما ننساه دائماً في الحياة اليومية:

- ماذا ينفع الجائع إن أغرقناه بكلمات عن أشهى وصفات الطعام؟
- ماذا ينفع العطشان إن وصفنا له أعذب ينباع المياه؟
- ماذا ينفع المتألم جسدياً أن يسمع آلاف كلمات التشجيع ما لم يتناول الدواء المناسب ليشفي؟

- ماذا تنفع الطالب الصلوات إن لم يدرس تمهيداً للإمتحان؟
- ماذا تنفع الزوجة أو الزوج كلمات الحب إن كانت غلافاً للخيانة؟

المحبة إذاً تتجسد بالإفعال قبل الأقوال ولا سيما بالتضحية في سبيل الآخر لأنه يجسد المسيح بالنسبة إلينا مهما كان لونه أو جنسه... أو مذهبه أو دينه... أو إنتماؤه السياسي أو العقائدي...

يريدنا يسوع أن نحب هذا الآخر لأنه أحبه قبلنا ولأنه أحبه بدون مقابل ويريد لنا أن نكون مثله بمعونة الرّوح القدس الذي، كما أكد الرب يسوع، "الذي سيُرسله الأب بإسمي، هو يُعَلِّمُكُمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَيَذَكِّرُكُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ."

هذا الرّوح هو المعزّي الذي سيمكّننا من الغلبة على الإام الحياة وهو الذي سبرسّخ في قلوبنا السلام الذي وعدنا به الرب: "السّلام أسْتَوِدِعْكُمْ، سلامي أُعْطِيَكُمْ. لَا كَمَا يُعْطِيهِ الْعَالَمُ أَنَا أُعْطِيَكُمْ. لَا يَضْطَرُّبُ قُلُوبَكُمْ وَلَا يَخْفُ!"

سلام المسيح هو الذي نشعر به حين نصغي إلى كلمة الله ونفهمها بمعونة الرّوح القدس ونسخر في سبيل عيشها كلّ طاقاتنا وإمكاناتنا... لنزرع المحبة حيثما حللنا... سلام المسيح هو أن نتأكد من أننا سنحيا معه بالملكوت السماوي حياةً أبدية ليس لأننا مستحقين ذلك ولكن لأن الله محبة وهو أرسل ابنه الحبيب معلماً ومخلصاً لمن أحبّ الكلمة من كلّ قلبه.

لذا، أيها الأحباء، تعالوا لنسير في هدي الرّوح القدس فنجسد بأعمال المحبة من هو "المحبة"، أمين.

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Parish News and Upcoming Events

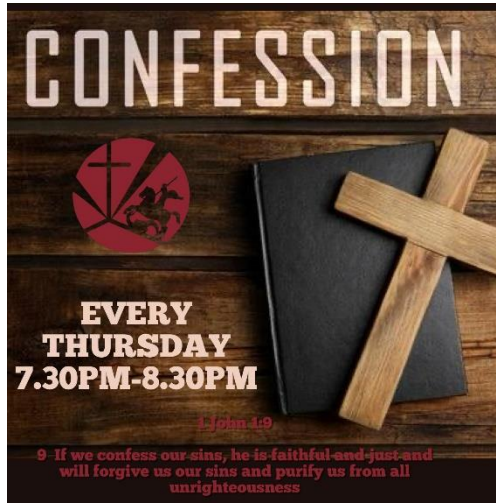


Sunday June 2nd After 6:00pm Mass

BBQ Bonfire

Free Entry

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CONFESSION

EVERY THURSDAY
7.30PM-8.30PM

1 John 1:9
9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Every Thursday @ 7:30pm

Confession Available



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If anyone is interested in joining the Seniors Program or volunteering, please contact:
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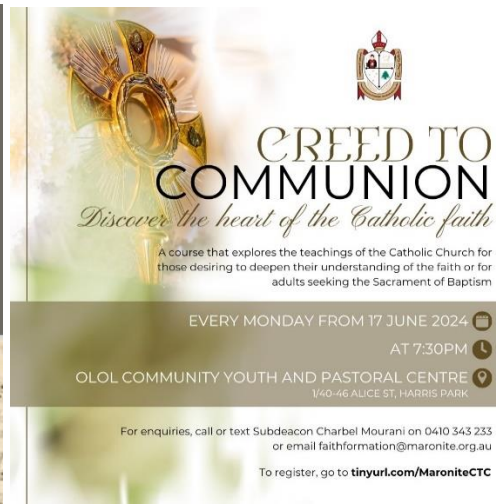


JOIN THE PARISH CHOIR

We are seeking new members for our Parish Choirs to serve our weekend Masses

Saturdays 6pm
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If interested, or for more information, please contact the Parish Office.



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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE MARONITE CATHOLIC FAITH

17 June	God's Purpose for You
24 June	Belief and Faith
01 July	The Most Holy Trinity
08 July	Our Lord Jesus Christ
15 July	Our Lord's Life, Death and Purpose
22 July	The Holy Spirit
29 July	The One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church
05 August	Scripture and Tradition
12 August	Our Lady Part I
19 August	Our Lady Part II
26 August	Prayer
02 September	Virtue and Sin
09 September	The Ten Commandments
16 September	The Teachings of the Lord
23 September	The Sacrament of Confession
30 September	The Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation
07 October	The Eucharist
14 October	The Sacrament of Marriage
21 October	The Maronite Saints
28 October	Catholic Social Teaching
04 November	The Divine Liturgy - The Qurbano
11 November	Q&A Night!

Course is held at the Our Lady of Lebanon Community Youth and Pastoral Centre, 40 Alice Street, Harris Park. Classes begin at 7:30 pm and everyone is welcome.

To register, go to tinyurl.com/MaroniteCTC

Memorial Masses		نوايا القداسات			
Sunday 2nd June 2024	9am	Mass for the Late Georgette Youssef Hamdoushe from Zgharta	قداس المرحومة جورجيت يوسف حمدوش من مدينة زغرنا	٩ : ٠٠	الاحد ٢ حزيران ٢٠٢٤
	11am	40th Mass for the Late Afifih Hanna Sassine	قداس ٤٠ المرحومة عفيفة حنا ساسين	١١ : ٠٠	
Saturday 8th June 2024	6pm	Mass for the Late Farid Budwa Zeaiter & his son Joseph	قداس المرحوم فريد بدوي زعيتير وابنه جوزاف	٦ : ٠٠	السبت ٨ حزيران ٢٠٢٤
Sunday 9th June 2024	11am	1 Year Mass for the Late Zeina Hanna Younan	قداس السنة المرحومة زينه حنا يونان	١١ : ٠٠	الاحد ٩ حزيران ٢٠٢٤

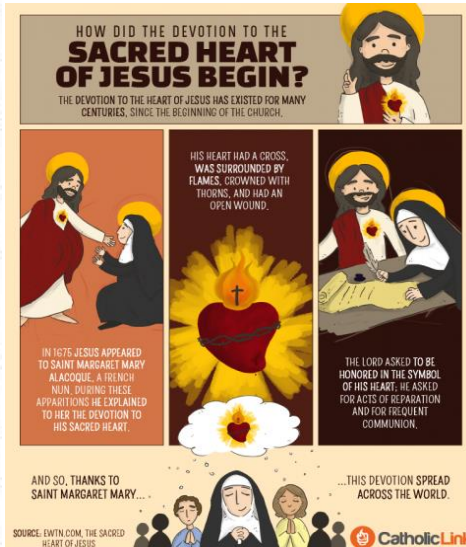
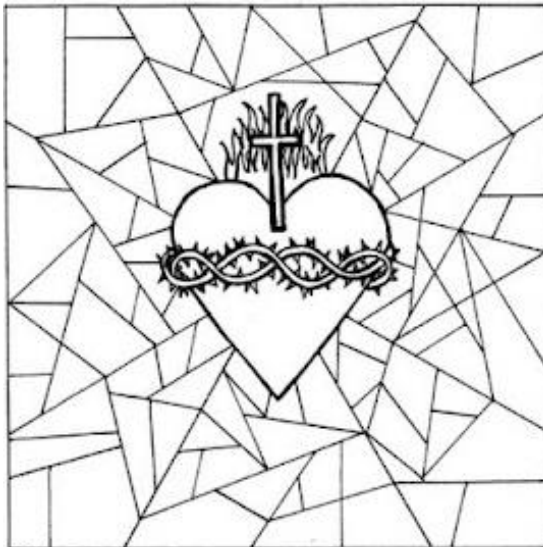
**Congratulations to the newly Christened:
Patrick Moses, Charlotte Coorey, and Jordan Anthony Farhart**

Children's Corner: Scared Heart of Jesus

The month of June is dedicated to the Scared Heart of Jesus.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the first Friday of June. This year it will be celebrated on Friday 7th June.

Colour in the image on the right and read about how the Sacred Heart of Jesus began.



Parish Financial Updates

Parish Income (fortnight 27/05/2024 – 09/06/2024)
TBA

Parish Operations Account
\$88,259.74

Parish Loan Balance
\$392,781.73

Donations to support our ongoing Parish mission can be made at the Parish Office or by internet banking or direct debit - (Account Name: St George Maronite Church, BSB #062-784, Account # 16948504)

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