

## Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading:..... Gal 4:21-5-1

Gospel Reading: ..... Lk 1:57-66

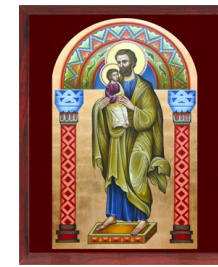
### Gospel:

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that The Lord had shown His great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, “No. He will be called John.” But they answered her, “There is no one among your relatives who has this name.” So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, “John is his name,” and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, “What, then, will this child be?” For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

*This is the truth. Peace be with you*

## Liturgy Intentions

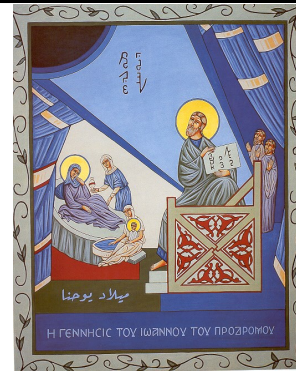
- Sat, Dec 3 *St. Francis Xavier, C*  
In Loving Memory of Thomas W. Blessing  
W/Love the Peter & Norma Sawaya  
Family ..... 4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 4 *St. Barbara, M*  
In Loving memory of Jackie Attard  
By: Husband & Family ..... 10:00 AM
- Mon, Dec 5 *St. Saba the Hermit, C*  
**No Liturgy**
- Tues, Dec 6 *St. Nicholas (Zakhia), C*  
In Loving memory of Hugh & Kathleen Sirianni Paul  
W/Love The Peter & Norma, John & Betty  
Sawaya Families ..... 9:00 AM
- Wed, Dec 7 *St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church, C*  
The living & deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph’s  
By: Fr. Claude..... 9:00 AM  
*The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
The living & deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph’s  
By: Fr. Claude..... 6:30 PM.
- Thurs, Dec 8 *The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
The living & deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph’s  
By: Fr. Claude..... 9:00 AM
- Fri, Dec 9 *St. Francis of Paola, C*  
Repose of Mary Ann Johnston  
By: David Johnston ..... 9:00 AM
- Sat, Dec 10 *Pope St. Miltiades (+314), C*  
Repose of Theresa Luty  
By: The Family..... 4:00 PM
- Sun, Dec 11 *St. David the Stylite, C*  
Repose of Fred & Mary Louis Ash  
By: Their Children ..... 10:00 AM



# Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 4, 2022

## Birth of John The Baptist



### Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) ..... 9:00 AM  
Saturday ..... 4:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 10:00 AM  
Holy Days ..... (unless otherwise specified) 6:30PM

### Confession

30 Minutes before each liturgy or upon request

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Peace Be With You

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**Please Pray for those who are Sick, in the Hospital, Homebound or Quarantined, especially:**

- ◆ Roberta Mahar (Eden Heights)
- ◆ Vicky Eddy (recovering from a fall)
- ◆ Bob Ash
- ◆ Rocky Baire
- ◆ Nancy Fitzpatrick (Friend of Liz Ash)
- ◆ Kaitlyn Schnitzer (Niece of Cherie LaValley)
- ◆ Christian Gray (Niece of Fr. Claude)
- ◆ Michelle Garcia (Sister of Fr. Claude)
- ◆ Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- ◆ Phyllis Gayton (Sister of Jo Ann Snyder)

*Please let us know if anyone should be added to or removed from the prayer list.*

**Please Contact the Office if you would like a Pastoral Visit!**

**The Sanctuary Lamp  
For the Weeks of 11/20-12/3/2022**

**The Zemer & Snyder Families**

**By: Phil & Jo Ann Snyder**

*In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may see your charitable deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.*

**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM / CHRISMATION (CONFIRMATION):**

Please notify the Priest at least a month ahead for preparations.

**CROWNING (MARRIAGE):**

Contact the Priest at least 6 months ahead for preparations and necessary paperwork.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Thursdays at noon to Laurie Losey (Parish Secretary)

**Weekly Collection**

Weekend Liturgies: .....	<b>\$677.00</b>
Candles:.....	<b>\$12.00</b>
Total Collected: .....	<b>\$689.00</b>
<b>Approx. Needed Weekly:</b> .....	<b>\$3,250.00</b>
Weekly Deficit: .....	<b>-\$2,561.00</b>

**Sunday Lector Schedule:**

<b>December 4, 2022</b> Lisa Zlockie	<b>December 25, 2022</b> Paul Sawaya
<b>December 11, 2022</b> Mykal Karl	<b>January 1, 2023</b> Brandon LaValley
<b>December 18, 2022</b> Mikki Cole	<b>January 8, 2023</b> Daria Cavallo

**THANK YOU!** From the bottom of my heart I would like to take the opportunity to extend my absolute gratitude and appreciation for everyone who contributed to make my **25th Anniversary** more than I could have hoped for. For **all** of the preparation, cooking, decorating, donations gifts, etc. But most importantly, for spending this special time with me whether personally or in spirit.

**God Bless all of you!**

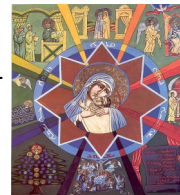
**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

are being accepted to help defray the cost of decorating the altar for the season. Please use the envelopes on the table in the foyer to donate either in 'honor of' or in 'memory of' a loved one.



**Christmas Novena:**

To prepare ourselves spiritually for the Birth-in-the-Flesh of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Maronite Church celebrates the Christmas Novena beginning **Thursday, December 15th** until **Friday, December 23rd inclusive**. The Christmas Novena will take place each **Weekday Evening** at **6:30PM**. The Christmas Novena will take place **immediately following the Weekend Divine Liturgies** on **Saturday, December 17th** and **Sunday, December 18th**.



*All Novena Services will be held in the Church!*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

You have **2** opportunities at St. Joseph's to fulfil your **Holy Day of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception.**

Wednesday, **December 7th** at **6:30 PM** and  
Thursday, **December 8th** at **9:00 AM.**



Congratulations to **Karen Graham**—She was The winner of the **ADULT ADVENT CALENDAR!**

A HUGE Thank you to **Lisa & Steve Zlockie** for making the calendar & sponsoring this **FUN** Fundraiser. You raised \$1,060.00! **WAY TO GO!**

**Christmas Party**

We will be having a Christmas "Pot Luck" after Liturgy on **Sunday, December 18th.**

*Please bring a dish to pass.*

**I have it on good authority that ole' Saint Nick will be making**

