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**The Sacred Heart of Jesus**



ALTHOUGH many pious souls had been accustomed, in the silence of their secluded lives, to venerate the sacred Heart of Jesus with great devotion, still our divine Savior desired that the boundless love of His Heart might be known by all [people], and that a new fire of love should thereby be kindled in the cold hearts of Christians. For this purpose He made use of a frail and little-known instrument in the person of Margaret Mary Alacoque, a nun of the Order of the Visitation, at Paray-le-Monial, France.

One day, when, according to her custom during the octave of Corpus Christi, she was deeply engaged in devotions before the Blessed Sacrament, the divine Savior appeared to her, showed her

His Heart burning with love, and said: "Behold this Heart, which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love. In return I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this sacrament of love. And what is most painful to Me is that they are hearts consecrated to Me. It is for this reason I ask thee that the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi be appropriated to a special feast to honor My heart by communicating on that day and making reparation for the indignity that it has received. And I promise that My Heart shall dilate to pour out abundantly the influences of its love on all that will render it this honor or procure its being rendered."

Margaret obeyed, but met everywhere the greatest opposition, until finally, when she became mistress of novices, she succeeded, by the help of her divine Spouse, in animating her young charges to venerate the sacred Heart of Jesus. But this was not sufficient for her zeal. She persevered until she softened the opposition of the nuns, and kindled in all an equal devotion towards the most sacred Heart. Thence the devotion spread to the adjoining dioceses, where confraternities in honor of the most sacred Heart of Jesus soon sprung up. Pope Clement XIII, after having instituted a most rigorous examination of the whole affair, commanded that the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus should be solemnly celebrated throughout the whole Catholic Church every year, on the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi.

[http://landru.i-link-2.net/shnyves/sacred\\_heart\\_of\\_jesus.htm](http://landru.i-link-2.net/shnyves/sacred_heart_of_jesus.htm)

**Clergy**

Rev. Father Jihad Younes  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte  
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

**Parish Staff**

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary  
Darrell Frye – Maintenance  
Pat Haley – Caterer

**Parish Leaders**

Albert Zerka– Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dottie Byrnes – Organist  
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education  
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar  
Rob Kowalk – Spiritual Growth Coordinator



**Liturgy Schedule**

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	9a.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10a.m. (English)
	12noon (Arabic)

**Adoration**

Friday 11a.m.

**Confessions**

½ hour before liturgy on Saturday and Sunday and by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism**, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage**, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.

**Sick calls**, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.

**Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:**



Eddie Rashid  
Nadia Sob  
Tom & Margaret LaBranch

Marge Okal  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap Maroun  
Tom Joubran  
Doris Beck  
Ann Faris



**Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours**

Monday 9am – 5pm  
Tuesday 9am – 5pm  
Wednesday 9am – 5pm  
Thursday 9am – 5pm  
Friday 9am – 5pm



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY 10: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M.: (1 Cor 2:1-10; Ljn 14:21-27) Reader: Freda Hearsch

- Rep. Joseph Faris Jr. by Dad & Family
- Rep. Mary Hermiz by Family
- Rep. Sharmoun Hanna by Family

## 12NOON ARABIC MASS

- Rep. John Solomon by Jason & Joumana Klanseck

## MONDAY 11: St. Bartholomew, the Apostle

- Rep. Solomon James by James Manoharan

## TUESDAY 12:

- Rep. Sam Marino by Sam Asaro

## WEDNESDAY 13: St. Aqualina of Jbeil, Martyr

### St. Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church

- Rep. Richard Sedlacek by Duane & Dee Gardner

## THURSDAY 14: Elisha the Prophet

- Rep. Betty Mansour by Joan Caras

## FRIDAY 15: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

### 12NOON

- Int. Fr. Louis Wehbe, O.C.S.O by Eddy Moran

## SATURDAY 16:

### 9A.M.

- Special Intentions

### 5P.M.

- Rep. Elias Deibis by Tony & Carey Ocampo

## SUNDAY 17: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

### Father's Day

10A.M.: (1Cor 2:11-16; Lk 10:21-24) Reader: Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Duane & Dee Gardner

## SUNDAY 24: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M.: (2Cor 11:21-30; Mt 16:13-20) Reader: Diane Massad

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by George & Virginia Rizk

### Weekly Contributions

May 13:	\$2130
May 20:	\$2127
May 27:	\$2291
June 3:	\$3178



## Quote of the Week

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God. **Leo Buscaglia**

## Announcements

There will be a Stewardship Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 6pm.

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2007 at 7pm.

Congratulations to our 2007 High School Graduates. They are Denise Zerka, Eddie Kadadu, John Abdella Jr., Lauren Abdella and Travis Rix.



Church cleaning for the Month of June:

Nina Rachid, Louise Faris & Linda Macksood

## Altar Server Schedule

June 17: Team 2  
 June 24: Team 3  
 July 1: Team 4



Fr. Jihad has forms from the Consulate of Lebanon for passport renewals, marriage & birth registrations. If you are in need any of these forms please see Fr. Jihad.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### JUNE

24 Picnic in Honor of Our Mothers

## Kids say the funniest things...

**A three-year old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom. I KNOW they're my feet."**

## Witness of a Chaldean Martyr



The Eucharist is a source of life even when one's daily experience is death. This is true for Mosul (northern Iraq), a city where residents constantly live in fear of kidnappings and car bombs, but where churches remain open and Christians go to mass in great numbers because "without the Eucharist life would be impossible".

Fr Ragheed Ganni, 33, a Chaldean clergyman from Mosul is a witness to the Eucharist's power. After leaving his city, he reached Bari (southern Italy) via Aleppo and Rome. Here, on May 28, on the eve of the Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the city, he spoke about his experience.

After seven years in Italy, Father Ragheed went back to his native Iraq in November 2003. In the last year, he has seen several anti-Christian attacks in the diocese of Mosul.

Here is what he said during Saturday's vigil.

"Mosul Christians are not theologians; some are even illiterate. And yet inside of us for many generations one truth has become embedded: without the Sunday Eucharist we cannot live." "This is true today when evil has reached the point of destroying churches and killing Christians, something unheard of in Iraq till now."

"On June 2004 of last year, a group of young women was cleaning the church to get it ready for Sunday service. My sister Raghad, who is 19, was among them."

"As she was carrying a pail of water to wash the floor, two men drove up and threw a grenade that blew up just a few yards away from her."

"She was wounded but miraculously survived. And on that Sunday we still celebrated the Eucharist. My shaken parents were also there.

"For me and my community, my sister's wounds were a source of strength so that we, too, may bear our cross."

"Last August in St Paul Church, a car bomb exploded after the 6 pm mass. The blast killed two Christians and wounded many others. But that, too, was another miracle—the car was full of

bombs but only one exploded. Had they all gone off together the dead would have been in the hundreds since 400 faithful had come on that day."

"People could not believe what had happened. The terrorists might think they can kill our bodies or our spirit by frightening us, but, on Sundays, churches are always full. They may try to take our life, but the Eucharist gives it back."

"On December 7, the eve of the Immaculate Conception, a group of terrorist tried to destroy the Chaldean Bishop's Residence, which is near Our Lady of the Tigris Shrine, a place venerated by both Christians and Muslims."

"They placed explosives everywhere and a few minutes later blew the place up. This and fundamentalist violence against young Christians have forced many families to flee. Yet the Churches have remained open and people continue to go to mass, even among the ruins".

"It is among such difficulties that we understand the real value of Sunday, the day when we meet the Risen Christ, the day of our unity and love, of our [mutual] support and help."

"There are days when I feel frail and full of fear. But when, holding the Eucharist, I say 'Behold the Lamb of God Behold, who takes away the sin of the world', I feel His strength in me. When I hold the Host in my hands, it is really He who is holding me and all of us, challenging the terrorists and keeping us united in His boundless love."

"In normal times, everything is taken for granted and we forget the greatest gift that is made to us. Ironically, it is thanks to terrorist violence that we have truly learnt that it is the Eucharist, the Christ who died and risen, that gives us life. And this allows us to resist and hope."

This witness was given about two years ago in Italy. Fr. Ragheed, 35, was killed last Sunday, June 3, 2007 in Mosul, Iraq near the Holy Spirit Church where he was serving as Pastor. An armed group shot him with three subdeacons, Basman Yousef Daud, Wahib Hanna Isho, and Gassan Isam Bidawed after Sunday Mass.

We ask God to accept his servants in His kingdom and may their martyrdom witness to the Gospel of Jesus and bring peace to the land of Iraq. Amen.