

Sunday Readings

Old Testament Reading:.....Gen 2:8-10, 15-17
Epistle Reading:.....1 Cor 3:1-11
Gospel Reading:.....Lk 8: 1-15

Gospel

Afterward Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to him, he spoke in a parable. “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.” After saying this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.”

Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, “Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that ‘they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.’

“This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.”

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat, Aug 15The Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Rose Mary Koch
By Mary Elizabeth Koch.... 12:15 and 4:00 PM
- Sun, Aug 16St. Roch, M
13th Sunday of Pentecost
Birthday Remembrance of Adele Ash
By the John Ash Family 10:00 AM
- Mon, Aug 17St. Myron of Cyzicus, M
No Liturgy
- Tues, Aug 18The Letter of King Abgar to Christ
For the Generous Hearts of the
Sawaya & Cole Families
By Phil & JoAnn Snyder..... 10:00 AM
- Wed, Aug 19St. Luke of Baalbek, M
In Loving Memory of Norbert “Bert”
Witzigman
W/Love the Pisconski & Sawaya Families 10:00 AM
- Thur, Aug 20St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church, C
In Loving Memory of Aaron Sawaya
With Love, the Sawaya & Cole Families.....10:00 AM
- Fri, Aug 21Samuel the Prophet
In Loving Memory of William “Bill” Tarvin
By Sawaya & Cole Families.....10:00 AM
- Sat, Aug 22St. Symphorian, M
St Sharbel Devotion after Mass
Estelle Olkosky Wood
By Terry & Kathy Covert.....4:00 PM
- Sun, Aug 23St. Isaac of Sebastia, C
14th Sunday of Pentecost
In Memory of Fred Shaheen
By Liz & John Ash.....10:00 AM



Saint Joseph
Maronite Catholic
Church

August 16, 2026
13th Sunday of
Pentecost



Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday)10:00 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday10:00 AM
Holy Days(unless otherwise specified) 12:15 & 5:30 PM

Confession

30 Minutes before each liturgy or upon request

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Peace Be With You

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Contact Fr. For anything necessary, such as hospital visits,
Homebound visits, deaths, emergencies, etc.

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

- Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- Joanne O'Brien– Sister of Ron Dapolito (Sick & In Hospital Rochester, NY)
- Mike Losey (Husband of Laurie Losey, suffered two strokes)
- Cynthia Crawford
- Coradean “Deany” Simon (The Pines)
- Pat Tucker (The Pines)
- Kathy Baldwin
- Missy (13y/o with Cancer)
- William Tunberg (Relative of the Ash Family in CA)
- Maria Putzke (Breast Cancer)
- The Chew Family
- Jan Mulgrew (sister of Jo Ann Snyder—Knee Replacement)
- James Snyder (On Heart Transplant list at Cleveland Clinic)
- Steve Mike (Prostate Cancer– Brother of Fr. Anthony Salim)
- Phyllis Gayton
- Teresa Hibye
- Isabelle Drake

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 8/10/26-8/23/26

John & Betty Sawaya

By: Cole & Sawaya Family

*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

Weekly Collection

Weekend Liturgies:	\$568.00
Candles:.....	\$18.00
Total Collected:	\$586.00
Individual Donation:	\$0.00
Special Collection:.....	\$0.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Fundraiser Income:.....	\$16,357.85
Total Income for the Week:.....	\$16,943.85

Sunday Lector & Reader Schedule

Lector Schedule	Reader Schedule
Aug 16, 2026 Mikki Cole	Aug 16, 2026 Mikki Cole
Aug 23, 2026 Lisa Zlockie	Aug, 23, 2026 Lisa Zlockie
August 30, 2026 Brandon LaValley	Aug 30, 2026 Brandon LaValley
Sep 6, 2026 Marie Van Heusen	Sep 6, 2026 Marie Van Heusen

	Total
Income	
Special Events Income	
Lebanese Dinner Income	
Lebanese Dinner 50/50 Profits	
Lebanese Dinner 50/50 Presales	3,480.00
Lebanese dinner 50/50 sales day of event	2,400.00
Total for Lebanese Dinner 50/50 Profits	\$5,880.00
Lebanese Dinner Basket Raffle	2,480.00
Lebanese Dinner Dinners and Ala Carte Sales Day of event	9,693.00
Lebanese Dinner Individual donations	2,035.00
Lebanese Dinner Money Tree	1,044.00
Total for Lebanese Dinner Income	\$21,132.00
Total for Special Events Income	\$21,132.00
Total for Income	\$21,132.00
Gross Profit	
	\$21,132.00
Expenses	
Special Events Expenses	
Lebanese Dinner Expenses	\$1,469.37
Lebanese Dinner 50/50 Winner	2,940.00
Lebanese dinner reimbursements	364.78
Total for Lebanese Dinner Expenses	\$4,774.15
Total for Special Events Expenses	\$4,774.15
Total for Expenses	\$4,774.15
Net Operating Income	\$16,357.85
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Remember the first Friday of each Month is Adoration Friday

The Adoration schedule time is as follows.
Mass at 10:00 AM-10:45 AM and Adoration to follow until 1:00 PM. Come spend and hour with the Lord, even just a few minutes!

St. Sharbel Devotion Mass

On the **22nd** of each month, there will be a mass for St. Sharbel, anointing with St. Sharbel oil and veneration afterwords. If the **22nd** lands on a weekend, anointing and veneration occur after the mass. These monthly St. Sharbel masses will take place at **5:30 PM.**

Mass Intentions: If you would like to schedule a mass for your friends or loved ones, please contact **Mikki Cole (716) 498-4279.**

Please write out checks for masses to:
Fr. Chuck Van Heusen

We Have Received A New Endowment Fund Seed Check from the Abraham Foundation

We had received this same opportunity last year with the same amount. It is now up to us as a parish to give whatever we can to match the same amount of \$5,000.00. This all has to done by September 1, 2026. Please give all that you can as this is an investment in the future of St Joseph’s Parish!

When you give a donation for the endowment fund please make sure to note in the memo area of a check that it is for the Endowment Fund. Thank you and God Bless St. Joseph’s Church!

