

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

Saturday	Dec. 23	5:00 pm
Sunday	Dec. 24	10:00 am
Sunday	Dec. 24	12:15 pm
	Dec. 24	5:00 pm
Monday	Dec. 25	12:00 am
		11:00 am
Tuesday	Dec. 26	8:00 am
Wednesday	Dec. 27	8:00 am
Thursday	Dec. 28	8:00 am
Friday	Dec. 29	8:00 am
Saturday	Dec. 30	5:00 pm
Sunday	Dec. 31	10:00 am
Sunday	Dec. 31	12:15 pm

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Rose and James Abraham
Ghassan Dergam
Loulou Khoury
Rhada & Father John Chbat
<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>
Deceased Members of Joseph and Moran Families
<b>Christmas Midnight Mass</b>
The Living & Deceased Members of SJM Parish
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
The Living & Deceased Members Of SJM Parish
<b>No Mass</b>
<b>No Mass</b>
<b>No Mass</b>
<b>No Mass</b>
Ghassan & Linda Kairouz
Nawal AlMekhtifi
Bakouss Azar

**REQUESTED BY**

Daughters & Families
Mr. & Mrs. Sayed ElKhoury
The Family
Mr. & Mrs. Chayban Chayban
Abouna
Abouna
Abouna
Abouna Elie
Mr. & Ms. Elias Mansour
Christopher & Laura Mansour

**The Altar Bread** for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

**The Altar Wine** for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

**The Sanctuary Lamp** for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

**\*Wealth May Last A Lifetime. A Legacy of Charity & Good Deeds Lasts Forever.\***

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING\***

**OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH.  
YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP (December 17, 2017)**

**Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$1,765.00 ~ 12:00 pm Mass: \$518.00 Total: \$2,283.00**

**\*ALTAR SERVERS: Sun. 10:00 am:** Elias & Jonathan Mansour

**\*PEACE BEARERS: Sun. 10:00 am:**

**\*INTERCESSIONS: Sun. 10:00 am:**

**\*GIFT BEARERS: Sat. 5:00 pm** - Abraham Family Members  
**Sun. 10:00 am** - Mr. & Mrs. Sayed El-Khoury  
**Sun. 12:15 pm** - Mr. & Mrs. Chayban Chayban  
**Christmas Eve 5:00 pm** - Habib Family Members  
**Christmas Midnight Mass** - Rita Hayek & Family Member  
**Christmas Day 11:00 am** - Mr. & Mrs. Fahd Badawy

**\*LECTORS:** **Sat. 5:00 pm** Tom Haykel  
**Sun. 10:00 am** Marylou Badawy  
**Sun. 12:15 pm** Jamil Anz  
**Christmas Eve Sun. 5:00 pm** Donna Amati  
Rita Hayek  
**Christmas Day Mon. Midnight** Christine Bitar  
Henri Khoury  
**11:00 am** Tania Badawy  
Elie Korkomaz  
**DEACONS: Sat. 5:00 pm** Regina Joseph  
**Sun. 10:00 am** Tania Badawy  
**Sun. 12:15 pm** Henri Khoury  
**Christmas Eve Sun. 5:00 pm** Nila Khoury  
**Christmas Day Mon. Midnight** Henri Khoury  
**11:00 am** Tania Badawy



## Christmas Message

*From Abouna*

*Grace and love to you beloved parishioners and friends. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year full of love, health and happiness. May Christ's love and affection fill your hearts, and may we always count our blessings and be thankful. Let us not forget the miracle of Christmas, which is how God chose to be with us through His son Jesus Christ.*

*I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all parish families of St. John Maron for their commitment & generosity this past year. Thanks to all those who are involved in educating our children, caring for our youth, lectors, deacons, altar servers, choir, festival & all fundraising volunteers, the staff of our parish office, generous benefactors, and all those who work behind the scenes.*

*Thank you for the loving care you give to your Church. Please call upon me anytime you may need my services, and I assure you of my constant prayers and ask you to remember me in your prayers.*

*Abouna Elie*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Abouna Youssef Khoury, Josette Sfeir, Sarah Attea Griffin, Frances Flynn, Douglas Franke, Mirna Haieck, Chris Curry, Loulou Chbat, Mona Arida, Robert DiSibio, Victor Khoury, Joseph Martino, Pamela Ravangard, Victoria Healy, Rita Larson, Naja Sfeir

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dec. 24 ~ No Class  
Dec. 31 ~ No Class  
Jan. 07 ~ Regular Class

### COFFEE HOUR:

Dec. 24 ~~~ No coffee hour  
Dec. 31 ~~~ No coffee hour  
Jan. 07 ~~~ Jennifer Robinson

## PARISH ROSARY

We, the Altar and Rosary Society, would like to invite and remind all parishioners that a **Parish Rosary** will take place on a **Monday of each month (Oct. – May 2017-2018) at 7:00 PM in the Church. The next Rosary is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** We hope you and your family will join us in praying for your intentions, the intentions of Pope Francis, and for world peace. If you are interested in saying a decade of the Rosary either in English or Lebanese, please contact Carole Farah at 317-902-5323 or Regina Joseph at 716-883-6194.

## LEBANESE CITIZENSHIP

Bishop Gregory Mansour has sent us a letter regarding Lebanese citizenship. As many know, at this time in history, the status of Christianity in Lebanon and throughout the Middle East is under great pressure. It is important for Lebanon to maintain a vibrant and significant Christian presence and witness. The Lebanese Nationality Program is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants for people of Lebanese heritage around the world to apply for Lebanese Citizenship. For full details, please go to our website, [stjohmaron.org](http://stjohmaron.org) and at the top of the home page click on links and then click joint lebanese-citizenship-2017-pdf-2.pdf.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR ASSESSMENT/BISHOPS APPEAL.**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.**

**This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle:** Rom 1:1-12 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 1:1-17

**Christmas Epistle:** Heb 1:1-12 ~ **Gospel** Lk 2:1-20

**Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle:** Heb 7:11-19 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 2:41-52

**ST. JOHN MARON THANKS**

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## 2017 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SERVICE & MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 24:

Regular Sunday Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday Mass @ 12:15 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

### Monday, December 25:

Christmas Midnight Mass @ 12:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass @ 11:00 a.m.

### Saturday, December 30:

Regular Saturday Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

### Sunday, December 31:

Regular Sunday Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday Mass @ 12:15 p.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) @ 5:00 p.m.

### Monday, January 1:

New Year's Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) @ 11:00 a.m.

### WITH MARY ~ ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Join St. Teresa of Calcutta Maronite Catholic Mission, for a trip to **Rome May 22 to June 4, 2018**. There are **limited seats available**. For more information or to register by January 5, 2018, please contact Father Tony Kairouz at (724) 732-4064 or stteresamaronite@gmail.com.

### CARING & SHARING

During the **Month of December**, we ask you to donate condiments, canned vegetables, and bags of candy and popcorn for the caring and sharing project. The containers are at the entrances of the Church. If you know of any family or person who is in need, please contact Abouna. This information will be kept confidential. As always, thank you for your help!

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please remember to notify the Rectory Office if you have a **Change of Address or Phone Number**.

### GUM CHEWING IN CHURCH

Our Church is a special place calling for special behavior. Our actions should respect the house of God. In that regard, **please refrain from chewing gum in Church, and please do not discard the gum in Church, under the pews, or on the Church grounds.**

### PARISH PARKING LOT

All parishioners are kindly advised to **call and notify the parish office if it is necessary to leave your car in the parking lot of St. John Maron Church**. Any car of which the parish is not aware, will be towed away at the owner's expense. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

### A LASTING GIFT

Have you considered making a lasting gift in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers at a time of Death, Wedding, Baptism, First Communion, or any occasion? Please give primary consideration to the **ST. JOHN MARON ENDOWMENT FUND & ST. JOHN MARON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. These two special funds will ensure that the work and mission of St. John Maron Church can continue for generations. Making such a donation is a lasting testament that has great significance.

*~Christmas Blessings~*  
**PEACE, JOY AND LOVE**  
*To all!*

## ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving Out Of Parish
- Want Envelopes