



### NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

### MARCH FOR LIFE 2026

We invite you to join us as we prayerfully gather with fellow Maronites from across the United States to march for the unborn, and to witness the sanctity and dignity of human life from the womb to the tomb. The 2026 March for Life will take place on Friday, January 23rd in Washington, DC. To encourage more of our people to attend we have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate at the *Yours Truly Hotel* in Washington, DC. More details and a schedule for the weekend are posted on the bulletin board of the church.

Rooms are \$149 a night plus tax. Each individual guest must make his or her own reservation by calling 877-269-5199 and telling them they are with the MYA March for Life.

**Please note:** The booking link price you see online will show the \$26 destination fee included in the rate. Please rest assured that the charge will not show on your final bill. Rooms need to be booked by December 23, 2025. The blocked room rates could potentially be available past this date if they are able to provide some (this will be determined case by case). Each person booking a room is responsible for their own room fees and is responsible for cancelling if necessary, within the hotel's allowable time period to avoid charges.

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### **The Adoration of the Magi**

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#### **Liturgy Schedule**

**Saturday: 4:00 pm**

**Sunday: 10:30 am**

**Weekdays: 9:00 am**

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Every Friday following the 9:00 am  
Liturgy until 5:00 pm

**Mystery of Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3:00 PM to  
3:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM  
or by appointment



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

### WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

**Saturday: 4:00 PM:** Jeanette Ellis, RIP (The Facciani Family)

**Sunday: 10:30 AM:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Monday, Dec 29: 9:00 AM-** The outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Craig Turner)

**Tuesday, Dec 30: 9:00 AM-**

**Wednesday, Dec 31: - 4:00 PM-** Marie Eunice, RIP (Donna Gilbert)

**Thursday, Jan 1: 11:00 AM-** Faustina Anayas, RIP (Wynnie Shroadess)

**Friday, Jan 2: 9:00 AM-** St. Catherine Laboure

**Offertory— December 21, 2025- \$3,133.02**



### ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION December

The bread, wine & candles are being offered  
for the living and deceased members of  
the Salamoun Family



### Daily Scripture Readings Week of December 28, 2025

**Monday:** Heb 11:23-31 : Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:2, 30-37 : Mt 2:19-23

**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8 : Col 1:9b-20 : John 1:1-18

**Thursday:** Mic 4:1-4 or Gen 21:1-5 : Eph 2:11-22 : Lk 2:21

**Friday:** Hebrews 7:1-10 : Luke 2:22-24

**Saturday:** Hebrews 7:20-28 : Luke 2:25-35

**Sunday:** Heb 7:11-19 : Lk 2:41-52

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners of St. Elias,

May the peace of the newborn Christ Child shine warm upon your home.

I would like to wish all of you a **Happy and Prosperous New Year**. Your intentions for the New Year are remembered in my prayers and Masses. May God bless you and your families throughout this year. May this year bring you all the blessings and rewards you desire, and may your endeavors be fruitful.

Thank you all!

Fr. George

### Additional Christmas Flower Offering



In memory of Julia Millehan, Janet George, Lourice Moses & JoAnn Souma  
by Joe & Vicki Millehan

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes will resume 1/4/26.

Happy New Year to all

**December 31-** 4:00 pm Holy Day Vigil

**January 1, 2026** ~11:00 am Holy Day of Obligation

**January 6, 2026-** 9:00 am & 6:00 pm The Feast of the Glorious Epiphany



### Festive Open House at Madonna House

Thursday Jan. 1, 2026 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. come to Madonna House to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Bring the family to see our Christmas decorations and enjoy a festive buffet lunch. Leave your prayer intentions with the Infant Jesus in our chapel. We will close at 4 p.m. with Evening Prayer for this Solemnity honoring Mary, our Mother. Our next Mass followed by brunch will be on Saturday Jan. 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at 828 Campbell Ave. SW. On that Saturday we will be doing our three traditional Epiphany customs. Phone #540-343-8464 if you have any questions. Hope you can join us.