

From Bishop Gregory

As we prepare to enter the month of October, I invite all our parishes to observe **Respect Life Month** in a special way. October provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to the dignity and sacredness of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to bring this intention before the Lord in our prayers and liturgies. I encourage our parishes to dedicate time throughout the month to **pray for the unborn, for mothers facing difficult pregnancies, and for all those who are vulnerable and in need of our support and compassion**. As a Church, we are called not only to proclaim the sanctity of life, but also to accompany women and families with love, mercy, and practical support.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Hearing God's call in a world where there is so much noise is never easy. Nonetheless, we know there are men in our parishes called to the priesthood. Can we help them hear this call?

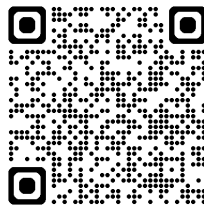
Let us increase our efforts to discern with them, to the best of our abilities, and put them on the right path. In this way we will be privileged to accompany men who show signs of a vocation to the priesthood, as well as promote the beauty of the priesthood in all that we do.

The Office of Vocations of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon and the Eparchy of Saint Maron, will be holding a discernment weekend from **Friday November 6th to Sunday November 8th at the Maronite Seminary, in Washington DC**. If you know of anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood, or would like to know more, please email the Seminary at:

Maroniteseminary@comcast.net

or

register by scanning the following
QR Code



They will be able to experience a weekend in the life of a seminarian by joining us for Liturgy, Adoration, meals, prayers and hanging out. This weekend is a great opportunity for them to come and see what a weekend in the life of a seminarian is like!

Our Lady of Nazereth Soup Supper Discussions...

Magnifica Humanitas
soup supper discussions start on Oct 21st.

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October 4, 2026



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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 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 4:00 PM to
4:40 PM and Sundays from 9:45 AM to 10:15 AM
or by appointment

LITURGY INTENTIONS

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM: Gerald Brunning, RIP (Mickey Thomas)

Sunday: 10:30 AM: St. Elias Parishioners & The Sexton Family (Pierre)

Monday, Oct 5: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Oct 6: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, Oct 7: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Oct 8: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

Friday, Oct 9: 9 AM- Souls in Purgatory

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2026

Saturday: 5:00 PM: The souls in Purgatory

Sunday: 10:30 AM: The souls in Purgatory

Offertory— September 27 - \$1,939.00

SECOND COLLECTION— this weekend, for maintenance

Also, next weekend for the needy



ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION October

For the soul of my mom, Lourice F. Thomas. Prayers of thankfulness for her life, love, lessons, legacy and our relationship that continues.

By Lourice Thomas, II



Daily Scripture Readings

Week of October 4, 2026

Monday: Revelation 7:9-17 : Mt 24:32-44

Tuesday: Rev 10:1-11 : Lk 6:20-26

Wednesday: Rev 11:1-12 : Lk 5:33-39

Thursday: Rev 12:1-12 : Lk 21:34-38

Friday: Rev 13:1,2b-4,6-7,11-12,15-18: Jn 5:17-23

Saturday: Rev 14:1-8, 13 : Jn 5:24-30

Sunday: 1 Thes 5:1-11 ; Mt 24:45-51

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Donations Needed

Religious Education classes will begin on Wednesday, October 14th at 6 PM.

Snacks and juice will be provided but not dinner.

We are asking our parishioners to donate snacks, juice boxes, etc throughout the school year for the students. Monetary donations are fine as well.

Please see Rima Hajje if you can help.

May God bless you for your generosity.



Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine

The flowers were donated in loving memory of
David Azar by Zena Azar

and

Donation for a special intention by
Sam & Dawn Silek

TODAY, Sunday 10/4—LIFE CHAIN 2-3:30

The 39th Annual Life Chain is on **Sunday, October 4th at the intersection of Orange Ave and Williamson Road**. LIFE CHAIN is a world-wide event. The key emphasis is to be highly visible with the issue of LIFE and provide information on signs about the value of human life, God's forgiveness, and how to receive help and support concerning a pregnancy. This is not a protest rally -- it is meant to be a visible reminder to the thousands of cars that will come through the intersection on that one day that God values each human life since He is our creator. There will be 1600 other cities across the world that will be doing the same thing on that same day.