

Divine Liturgy Intentions	Maronite Synaxarion
Sunday, August 17th 10:30am Jane Hamad by Camille and Bari Barbuto Norma Bieganski by Dcn. Tom and Bernie Maroon Tom Jesser, Sr. by Sandy Hamad	St. Myron the Priest, Martyr
Monday, August 18th No Divine Liturgy	Memorial of the letter of King Abgar to Christ.
Tuesday, August 19th 9:00am Divine Liturgy	St. Andrew and his Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday, August 20th 9:00am Divine Liturgy Souad Mouaness by Rosemarie George	St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Thursday, August 21st No Divine Liturgy	Prophet Samuel, St. Bassa and her children, Martyrs.
Friday, August 22nd 9:00am Divine Liturgy Salwa Sabbagh by the Sabbagh family	St. Symphorian, Martyr
Saturday, August 23rd 9:00am Divine Liturgy	St. Isaac the Syriani
Sunday, August 24th 8:30am Mariam and Elias Boulos by Sdn. Paul and Gena Boulos Robert Thomas II (Bobby) by Lisa Thomas and family Dan Obermeyer by Sandy Hamad 11:00am Tom Jesser, Sr. by Tom and Peggy Maroon and family Helen Khoury Brown by the Stewart family Georges Philip Risha by Sdn. Chuck and Mary Beth Abraham	St. Eutychius, Martyr

Please don’t forget to offer intentions for your Loved ones; living or deceased.
We believe in the Power of the Eucharist



PASTOR:

Welcome New Parishioners
Please register at our parish office

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:30am. & 11:00am
Monday	No Service
Tuesday	9:00am
Wednesday	9:00am
Thursday	No Service
Friday	9:00am
Saturday	9:00am

CONFESSION

Available following Saturday
Divine Liturgy
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Chrismation
Contact the Parish Office

Marriage
Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before the wedding

Sick Calls & Anointing
*Notify Fr. Ron
Through the Parish Office*

DEACON Thomas Maroon, Sr.

SUBDEACON Paul Boulos
SUBDEACON Chuck Abraham

CAREGIVERS Chuck Abraham

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS TUESDAY – FRIDAY
9:00AM – 1:00PM



August 17, 2025

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

“Today
salvation has
come to this
house.”
Luke 19:9



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READINGS

THIS SUNDAY

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 2:17-22
Luke 19:1-10

EPISTLE READERS

Sunday, August 17

10:30am – Erica Peters

Sunday, August 24

8:30am – Stephanie Hamad
11:00am – Layla Roland

Sunday, August 31

8:30am – Tom Jesser, Jr.
11:00am – Michelle Reyes

Sunday, September 7

8:30am – Cheryl Christ
11:00am – Monique Binkley

Counting our Blessings

Weekly Collection

August 10, 2025

\$2,158.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Electronic Giving

If you would like to make your Sunday contributions, or give a donation please scan the QR Code below:



Goodbye Father Ron!

Coming Events

Parish Advisory Board Meeting – TBA

Ladies' Guild Meeting – 8/24/2025

Men's Club Meeting - TBA

Caregivers' Meeting - 8/31/2025

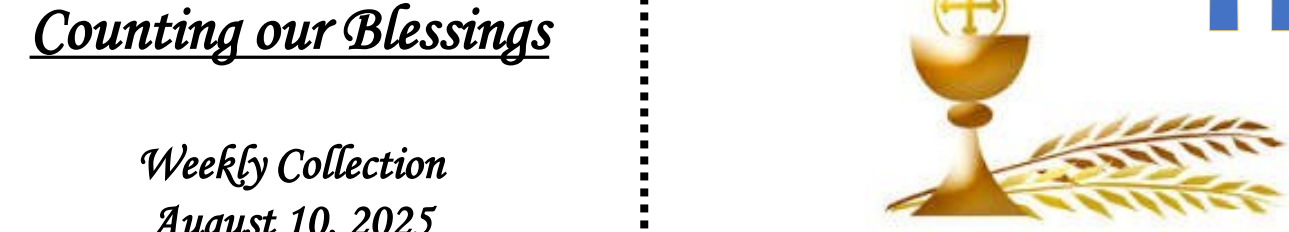
(Following 8:30 Liturgy)

Next special collection:

**August 17th
Maintenance and General Upkeep**

**Next First Friday Divine Liturgy
And Adoration
will be held on
September 5, 2025**

To offer Liturgy intentions, please email:
olcoffices@gmail.com This way we have the
correct spelling of the names. Please also
indicate which Liturgy time you prefer!



From the Desk of The Pastor



“Love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.” (Khalil Gibran)

There is an old story about a man walking through the desert. In the distance, he saw something and thought it was just a large rock. As he came closer, he realized it might be a great animal. Closer still, it took the shape of a man. And when he finally drew near enough to see clearly, he discovered it was his own brother.

Sometimes in life, we only truly see people when time and experience draw us closer.

When I first arrived at Our Lady of the Cedars as pastor in June 2021, I saw many unfamiliar faces. I did not yet know the hearts, the stories, or the lives behind those faces. Like the man in the desert, I could only see from a distance. Over the years, through moments of joy and challenge, through times of agreement and even misunderstanding, I have been blessed to walk closer and closer with you.

Today, you are no longer strangers to me, you are family. Your lives have left a mark on my heart. And now, as I prepare to step away from my role here, I understand more deeply what Gibran meant. Only in the hour of separation do we fully realize how deeply we love.

Part of me will always remain here, in this parish, among the people God has allowed me to serve and love. Thank you for letting me walk this journey with you.

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Our Pastor

You *lead* our congregation by opening
God's Word, and then you *live*
your life reflecting all we've heard.

You *care* for others deeply
and lift them up in *prayer*,
and when we face misfortune,
we know that you'll be there.

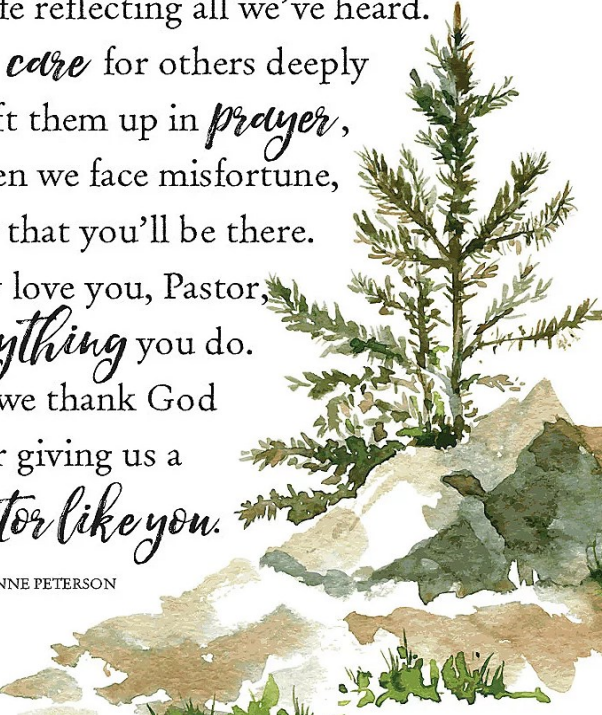
We really love you, Pastor,
for *everything* you do.

And we thank God

for giving us a

Pastor like you.

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SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Abbot and Doctor of the Church

St. Bernard was born of noble parentage in Burgundy, France, in the castle of Fontaines near Dijon. Under the care of his pious parents he was sent at an early age to a college at Chatillon, where he was conspicuous for his remarkable piety and spirit of recollection. At the same place he entered upon the studies of theology and Holy Scripture. After the death of his mother, fearing the snares and temptations of the world, he resolved to embrace the newly established and very austere institute of the Cistercian Order, of which he was destined to become the greatest ornament. He also persuaded his brothers and several of his friends to follow his example. In 1113, St. Bernard, with thirty young noblemen, presented himself to the holy Abbot, St. Stephen, at Citeaux. After a novitiate spent in great fervor, he made his profession in the following year. His superior soon after, seeing the great progress he had made in the spiritual life, sent him with twelve monks to found a new monastery, which afterward became known as the celebrated Abbey of Clairvaux. St. Bernard was at once appointed Abbot and began that active life which has rendered him the most conspicuous figure in the history of the 12th century. He founded numerous other monasteries, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honor of God. Several Bishoprics were offered him, but he refused them all. The reputation of St. Bernard spread far and wide; even the Popes were governed by his advice. He was commissioned by Pope Eugene III to preach the second Crusade. In

obedience to the Sovereign Pontiff he traveled through France and Germany, and aroused the greatest enthusiasm for the holy war among the masses of the population. The failure of the expedition raised a great storm against the saint, but he attributed it to the sins of the Crusaders. St. Bernard was eminently endowed with the gift of miracles. He died on August 20, 1153. His feast day is August 20.



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St. Clare

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery. Clare's sister Catarina, who took the name Agnes, joined her at this monastery. The two remained there until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano.

Over time, other women joined them, wanting to also be brides of Jesus and live with no money. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life of austerity, seclusion from the world, and poverty, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

While serving as the leader of her order, Clare defended them from the attempts of prelates to impose a rule on them that more closely followed the Rule of Saint Benedict than Francis. Clare was so devoted and dedicated to Francis that she was often referred to as "alter Franciscus," or another Francis. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure and took care of him as he grew old.

Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty."

In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters.

"O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers, and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

St. Clare became sick and suffered great pains for many years, but she expressed that no pain could trouble her. So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi.

The construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was finished in 1260, and on October 3, 1260 Clare's remains were transferred there and buried beneath the high altar. Nearly 600 years later, her remains were transferred once again to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare. Her body is no longer claimed to be incorrupt.

The Order of Poor Ladies was officially changed to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263 by Pope Urban IV.

St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.

She is also the patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and laundry.

Clare is often pictured carrying a monstrance or pyx, to commemorate the time she ward off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament. St. Clare's feast day is celebrated on August 11



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