



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

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DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am
or by appointment

DIVINE LITURGY/HOLY MASS:

Saturday: 4:00pm- Roman
5:15pm— Maronite
Sunday: 8am and 10:30am—Roman
Monday-Friday: 8am
Tuesday & Thursday: 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00pm; Sunday: 9:45am

MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

Sacrament of Baptism: call the rectory 1 month in advance to schedule an appointment and date with Msgr. John

Sacrament of Matrimony: call the rectory 6 months in advance (1 year in advance if there are canonical issues)

Visitation and Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory; Msgr. John's emergency contact is on the answering machine

Intentions for Divine Liturgy: call the rectory, mail, or email your intentions



NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 492
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-10a
2 Corinthians 5:20-21, 1-10
Luke 4:14-21



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86
Romans 8:26-27
Matthiew 13:24-43

Sunday, July 19th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. July 18	<i>St Sanfrosia and her seven children, Martyrs</i>
Sun. July 19 10:15 am	NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST (St Charbel) +Berny Foerster by his sister Sonja & John Jabouri and Family +Joan Fiok by her Bill Fiok +Shirley Milford By David & Kathy Mueckl Ruth & Jack Carnie By Linda Hill +Debbie Mahanna +Hanna Ghoussain
Mon. July 20 12:00 pm	<i>Prophet Elijah</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. July 21	<i>St Simon Salot</i>
Wed. July 22 12:00 pm	<i>St Nohra (light), St Mary Magdalene</i> Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill
Thurs. July 23	<i>St Charbel</i>
Fri. July 24 12:00 pm	<i>St Christina of Tyre, martyr</i> Mass for retired nuns and Mason Pointe Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. July 25	<i>St Ann, mother of Blessed Mary</i>
Sun. July 26 10:15 am	TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST +Byron and Kathryn Varnum By the Crenshaw and Varnum Families +Tom & Teresa McDermott By David & Kathy Mueckl

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. July 18 4:00 pm RC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St Camillus de Lellis</i> Luke Lauber by Wyatt Lauber; Betty Wolkey By Deborah Pudlowski
5:15 pm MC	Joseph & Nellie Rask
Sun. July 19 8:00 am RC	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Patti Carnie; David Brophy
10:30 am RC	Brendan Moran
Mon. July 20 8:00 am RC	<i>St Apollinaris</i> Prayers for Makini by Pat, Aaron & Neal Alster
Tue. July 21 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i> David Doerr Antoine Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family Neal Alster
Wed. July 22 8:00 am RC	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i> Mary Glaus (living) by Steven Gilroy
Thurs. July 23 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St Bridget</i> Alster Family Leo and Marie King By David & Kathy Mueckl
Fri. July 24 8:00 am	<i>St Sharbel Makhlof</i> Msgr. Paulin Dobkowski by Steven Gilroy
Sat. July 25 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St James</i> Ida Mae Lauber by John Lauber Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Cathy & Jodi Slinkard and Family
Sun. July 26 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME David Leonad Everett & Gladys Knight

WEEKLY FINANCES 7/12/2026

ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	563 2,885
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	24 150
8:00am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	99 450
10:30am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	158 305
Candles	70
Pickleball	194
Revenue during the week	575
Second Collection	1,223
Rentals	265
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	940.29
Expenses	\$1,390.40

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	25 35
10:15am Sunday Loose cash Checks/Envelopes	80 1,171
Revenue during the week	760
Candles	183
Second Collection	1,189
Coffee hour	301
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	2,707
Expenses	\$6,241.41

WED LUNCH 7/15/2026

Income	5,405.59
Expenses	\$1,588.72





St. Charbel Makhlouf (1828-1898)

Saint Charbel was born Yousef on May 8 1828 in a small mountain village of Northern Lebanon. He entered the monastery at the age of 23 and lived a monastic life taking the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. He took the name 'Charbel' and was ordained a priest on July 23 1859. After 16 years on his first assignment at the Monastery of St. Maroun, he sought permission of his superiors to retire to the Hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul. He lived as a hermit for the next 23 years of his life until his death in this monastery.

He spent most of his day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. He is known to have taken hard penances by sleeping on a slab of stone with a half stump of wood as his pillow. He endured frequent hunger, poverty, physical fatigue and unbearable cold with the courage of a martyr. Through his prayer and penance he hoped to offer a sacrifice for the reconciliation of the whole world to God. During his lifetime, there are several miracles that are attributed to him. But it was after his death that the most remarkable event occurred. He died on Christmas Eve in 1898 following a stroke. As was the monastic custom then, the body was not embalmed, was dressed in full habit of the Order and consigned to the grave without a coffin.

After he was buried, a great light started emanating from the grave. The mysterious light could be seen from a great distance and continued for 45 days after his death. When the grave was opened in the presence of the Superiors and other monks of the Order, it was found to be in perfect condition. Though the body was found floating in rain water that had entered the grave, it did not have any signs of deterioration. The body was cleaned, clothed in a fresh habit and placed in a wooden coffin in a corner of the private chapel of the monastery.

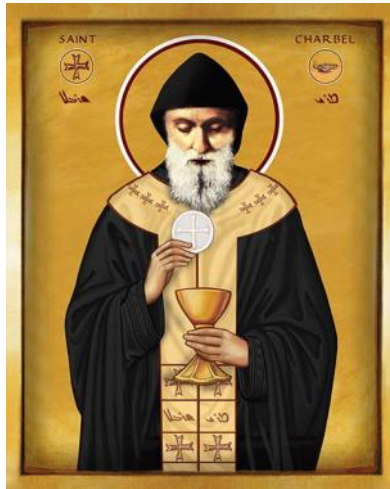
Soon it was observed that a liquid mixture of blood and water emanated from the pores of the body. The blood soaked clothes were changed often and small pieces were distributed as relics. There were several miracles reported of healing of pain and other sickness through these relics. Later the body was moved into a new coffin covered with zinc in 1927. The coffin was placed on two stones to prevent contact with the dampness of the soil and left undisturbed till 1950 when again a new phenomenon was observed by the pilgrims to the shrine.

Reportedly on February 25 1950, pilgrims noticed a liquid seeping from a corner of the tomb and flowing onto the floor of the oratory. The tomb was opened and strangely the inside was found to be dry and the coffin intact except for the liquid seeping in from the casket. Again, in the presence of all ecclesiastical authorities the coffin was opened and the body was found to be incorrupt, flexible and lifelike!! The sweat of liquid and blood that exuded from the body had stained the garments though.

Pilgrims began flocking to the shrines and innumerable miracles were reported. The monastery began maintaining a record of these miracles from 1950.

More than 30 thousands of documented miracles have been reported at the Shrine as well as from people who took the relics and placed them on their bodies for healing. The body of Saint Charbel remained perfectly preserved for many more years. In 1965 by the time he was beatified by Pope Paul VI. He was canonized on October 9, 1977 by Pope Paul VI. His feast is celebrated on July 23rd, or 3rd Sunday of July, (Feast Day is July 24th in the Roman Catholic Church).

St. Sharbel, Pray For Us!



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
submit to: Felicity
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ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds
Downtown:
straymond-mc.org/online-giving

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LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, July 18 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, July 19 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, July 25 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, July 26 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sep. 18,19,20: Lebanese Festival
- *Sep. 28– Oct. 9: Trip to Lebanon
- *Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- *Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- *Dec. 3: Men's Christmas Dinner
- *Sun Dec. 6: Breakfast with Santa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Tom Hearst	Janet Zhakaria
Victor Sciarrino	John Cleary
Rosalie Hubert	Tom Morrow
Mike McSorley Sr.	Marie Kallial
James Brumfield	Rob Turner
Cathy Seemayer	Emil Salman
Mary Lou Works	Jennifer Van Luven
Chris Nelms	Janet Emerson
Ted Arunski	Burton Droste
Dave Holdinghausen	Gabe Vollet
Michelle Bausworth	Barb Rohr
Tom Saucier	Gerry Nassif
Rhoda Simpher	Tim Gamma
Patricia Beck	Munir Matar
Don Ganim	Rima Cabbabe
John Anton	Lynn Kersting
Jim Hoffman	Mary Saucier
Richard Baker Sr	Paulette Risha
Patrick Carr	
Steve Baker	

COFFEE HOUR Sun July 19

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors to the Cedars hall right after 10:15am Divine Liturgy for Coffee and donuts, prepared and served by the Youth, thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. July 20, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. July 22, 2026.

On Tuesday, July 21, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves at 2pm. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square (<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>). Dine in and Carry out are both available.

Thank you!

Denise and Gina

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL & MEETING

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12 noon till 9pm.

All chair and committee members are invited to a meeting, Wed. July 22, at 6:30 pm, at the cafeteria of St. Ray– St. E church. For volunteering or any information contact Tim Kallial at 314 761 6017 <timkallial@gmail.com>

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Summer break until late August. Thank you!

OCIA CLASS

If you like to know more about the Catholic/Maronite Faith, please join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults OCIA. For more info Jacob Garanzini <jacob.hart.g@gmail.com>

WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

The men's retreat weekend starts with Dinner on Thursday evening July 30th and departure is by 2:00 PM on Sunday August 2nd.

To register call Jim Ebert at (314) 250-7540 or email jim.ebert45@gmail.com.

The women's retreat weekend starts with Dinner on Thursday evening August 6th and departure is by 2:00 PM on Sunday August 9th. To register call Karen Lebeau at (314) 265-3462. You can visit the website at whitehouseretreat.org

MARRIAGE BANNS

We announce the Banns of Marriage between:

✦ Jordan West & Audrie Khoury

✦ RJ Hunt & Kaitlyn Pounders

✦ Sophie Hibbard & Clark Wolfsberger

✦ Henry Etzel & Tram-anh Vo

If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, you are to let the pastor know. We ask our community to pray for these couples as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY & ASSISTANCE FUND:

Please consider making a monetary donation to the St. Raymond Food Pantry Assistance Fund to help with rent, utilities, and medical expenses for those in our parish who are in need. You may contribute through on-line giving or by personal check payable to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral. If paying by personal check, please write "Food Pantry Assistance Fund" in the note section of your donation in the weekly collection or mail it to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63104. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNION CALLS & HOME VISITS

If you are sick or homebound and would like a Communion minister to come to your home, please let us know! Contact the office to get in touch: (314) 968-0760 or email deacon Bill WilliamMeister@archstl.org

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Monday

Adoration 8:30-5pm

Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass

Patriotic Rosary at 5:15pm

1st Friday

Sacred Heart Litany

4th Saturday of the Month

Rosary at noon for Intentions at Fatima

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

✠ Debra Mahanna	5-30-2026
✠ Marwan Sholy	4-13-2026
✠ Jean Brendel	4-9-2026
✠ Bro Leo Slay	3-20-2026
✠ Ralph Wahby	3-13-2026
✠ Dorothy Smith	2-25-2026
✠ Patricia Warfel	2-27-2026
✠ Ameal Nassif	2-24-2026
✠ Steven Vidra	2-2-2026
✠ Mary Ojile	1-30-2026
✠ Gloria 'Skip' Leisure	1-13-2026
✠ Christine Van Doren	11-30-2025
✠ Janet Wright	11-14-2025
✠ Gus Millati	11-13-2025
✠ Patricia Augustyniak	11-1-2025
✠ Terry Leong	10-31-2025
✠ Jad Michel Gennaoui	10-17-2025
✠ Milad Abounader	10-6-2025

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LEBANESE FESTIVAL MEETING

Mon. Aug 10, Lebanese Festival meeting for all coordinators and volunteers in charge of different booths and committees, at St. Raymond's hall-Lebanon room, at 6:30pm.

The St. Louis Lebanese Festival is on Sep 18-20, 2026, at St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral ground/ facilities.

In order for the Festival to be successful, we need the help of the entire community at St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church, from Volunteers, to Sponsors, and Workers. We will be launching the website for volunteers soon.

Raffle: If you would like to donate prizes for the festival raffle, please contact the church offices: 314 621 5600 secretary@straymond-mc.org or Steeliz@straymond-mc.org 314 968 0760.

For Sponsorship, contact Patti Carnie <pmsc200@gmail.com> 3143244183, or call church offices.

Sponsorship cover letter, application form, and flyer will be mailed to parishioners and friends of the Festival, for more information see our website and Facebook page.



ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

St. Raymond Scholarship committee met on Tuesday, July 14, at 6:30pm at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church and awarded scholarships for 6 high school students (\$1,500 each), and 2 of the seniors going to college.

We congratulate our new scholarship committee officers, Bob Ubriaco, President; Dr. Elie Chahla, VP; Claudine Adem, Secretary; Andrea Gutierrez, Treasurer, in addition to Fr. Tony, and Msgr John.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2026-2027. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org>

PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees, including for Lebanese and Autumn Festivals of St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church have to do online training for the Protection of God's Children and Safe Environment, at

<https://eparchyofourladyoflebanon.cmgconnect.org/>

For any questions, please contact Msgr. John

HELP TO CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN LEBANON

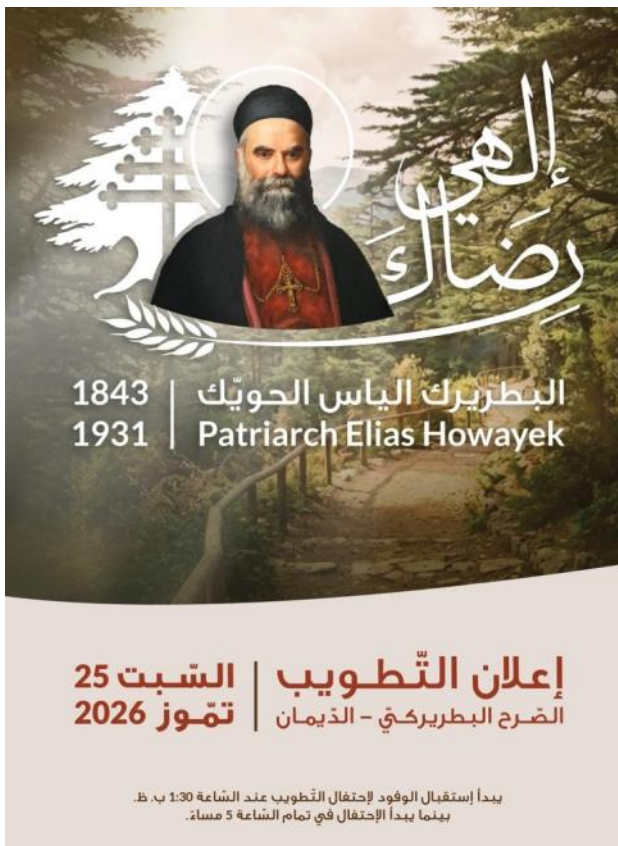
We are praying for peace in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the world. Caritas Lebanon always is helping the families in need with food, medicine, and shelter. You may donate to help the families affected by the war.

1/ You can go to www.CaritasLebanon.org and donate

2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104

3/ Stock donations, contact your financial advisor to donate stock to "St. Raymonds Church" account number 5887-3955 DTC# 0141 @ Wells Fargo. 4/ wire transfer to Bank of America (call 314 621 0056)





**Beatification of
Maronite Patriarch
Elias Howayek,
Saturday, July 25, 2026
Bkerke, Lebanon**



QUESTIONS? CONTACT OUR TEAM!

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