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Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked.



Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Pastor's Corner

Why is it so hard to say "I was wrong"?

There are three little words that can be surprisingly difficult to say: I was wrong.

We blame the circumstances, our mood, or what someone else said. Sometimes we even know we were wrong, but admitting it feels like losing.

Why is that?

Perhaps because we confuse admitting a mistake with admitting that we are a failure. But the two are very different.

A mistake is something we did. It is not who we are.

Think about the people you respect most. Are they people who never make mistakes? Or are they people who can admit when they are wrong?

There is something refreshing about a person who can simply say, "You are right. I should have handled that differently." No long explanation. No excuses.

Humility does not mean thinking less of ourselves. It means being secure enough in who we are that we do not have to defend every mistake.

And perhaps one of the greatest signs of maturity is reaching the point where being at peace with others matters more than always being right.

PARISH LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET YOUR CLERGY

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Thursday and Friday 10:00 am; Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am

EXPOSITION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE

- Join our members of the Holy Rosary Sodality **PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY** before all liturgies every weekend!
- **ROSES FOR LIFE** will be sold after liturgies this weekend in support of the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center in Providence, RI

Income and Expense Summary of Annual Lebanese Festival 2026

INCOME	
Category	**Amount ($)**
Banner	51,100.00
Raffle	14,762.00
Falafel / Grape Leaves	9,347.00
Saj	8,140.00
Bar	16,883.00
Hookah	7,456.00
Pastry	6,219.00
Face Paint	1,259.00
Tips	1,250.00
Habibi Catering	8,144.70
Festival Donations	1,000.00
Bar Donations	1,800.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$127,360.70**

EXPENSES	
Category	**Amount ($)**
Raffle Prizes	2,000.00
Bar (Beirut Beer and Arak)	1,064.92
Printing and Banner	2,000.00
Tent / Table Rental	19,068.57
Electricity	7,581.93
Portable Restrooms	650.00
Dumpster	760.00
Entertainment	4,000.00
Fences	1,680.00
Advertising	290.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$39,095.42**

NET PROFIT Note: This report does not include fire and police expenses, credit card or Venmo transaction fees **$88,265.28**



A Heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported, volunteered, donated and participated in our 2026 Annual Lebanese Festival . Your love to your Parish is truly inspiring!



SACRAMENTS & PASTORAL CARE

Baptism & Confirmation: Contact the pastor at least one month in advance.
Matrimony: Arrange six months before the wedding.
Reconciliation: One hour before liturgies or by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick: Notify the Church Office.

Weekly collections

Saturday 4:00 pm: **$614.00**
Sunday 8:30 am: **$416.00**
Sunday 10:30 am: **$697.00**
Fuel: **$369.00**
Total weekend collections: **$2,096.00**

Liturgical Intentions

10/17 4:00 pm	Memorial liturgy for **Solomon A. Solomon** and **Lillian Solomon**, requested by her loving family.
10/18 8:30 am 10:30 am	**Liturgy intention available** One year anniversary for **Gaby Boukarim,** requested by his wife Katia and his children**.**
10/24 4:00 pm	Three-year anniversary liturgy for **Donald J. Solomon Sr.,** requested by his loving children Donald Jr. and Cheryl Solomon.
10/25 8:30 am 10:30 am	Memorial liturgy for **Gerald Tallo,** requested by Lydia Tanguay. Memorial liturgy for **Jay Caron,** requested by his loving family.
10/31 4:00 pm	**Liturgy intention available**
11/1 8:30 am 10:30 am	Six-year anniversary for **Jean Caouette** requested by his wife Carolyn. One-year anniversary for **Bernard Sr.** and **Jennie DiLullo,** requested by their loving family.
11/7 4:00 pm	**Liturgy intention available**
11/8 8:00 am 10:30 am	**For all souls in Purgatory, especially those in need to our prayers**, requested by a parishioner.
	ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

A BEAUTIFUL LEBANESE TRADITION **Allah yerhamo. الله يرحمو**

When someone mentions a deceased parent, grandparent, relative, or friend, we instinctively say, "Allah yerhamo," meaning "May God have mercy on him."
It is a simple expression, but it carries a beautiful message. Even in ordinary conversation, we remember our departed loved ones with a prayer.
Our parents and grandparents passed down many traditions, but perhaps one of their greatest gifts was teaching us to remember God in everyday life.
Sometimes the shortest prayers are the ones we say most naturally.

In and Around our Faith Community



Welcome our First Communion Children 2027

A heart-felt THANK YOU to their teacher Gerry Fiyod, and the First Communion Coordinator Nada Harb.





