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Organ Concert  
Friday, December 12, 2008  
at 7pm

A reception will be held in the hall following the concert.

**Mark Your Calendar**


November  
27 Thanksgiving Day

December  
12 Organ Concert  
25 Christmas  
31 New Year's Eve




**Altar Server Schedule**

November 23: Team 2  
November 30: Team 3



**Church cleaning for November:**  
Madeline Zerka & Mona Massoud




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**Weekly Bulletin Sunday November 16, 2008 – Sunday November 23, 2008**

**Clergy**

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

**Parish Staff**

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary  
Darrell Frye – Maintenance  
Pat Haley – Caterer

**Parish Leaders**

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dottie Byrnes – Organist  
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education  
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



**Liturgy Schedule**

Monday 9a.m.  
Tuesday 9a.m.  
Wednesday 9a.m.  
Thursday 9a.m.  
Friday 12noon  
Saturday 5p.m.  
Sunday 10a.m.

**Adoration**

Friday 11a.m.

**Confessions**

½ hour before liturgy on  
Saturday and Sunday and  
by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism**, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage**, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.

**Sick calls**, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.

**Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:**



Sue Stubbert  
Milad Zerka  
Rose Khoury  
Michelle Garey

Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Joe Pavlovich  
Phillip Shaker  
Amy Burke



**Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours**

Monday 10am – 3pm  
Tuesday 10am – 3pm  
Wednesday 10am – 3pm  
Thursday 10am – 3pm  
Friday 10am – 3pm

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 16: Announcement to Zechariah St. Matthew Apostle & Evangelist

10A.M: (Rom 4:13-25; Lk 1:1-25) Reader: Clergy  
- Rep. Ferris Adado by Tom & Blanche Alex  
- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Juleit Hermiz

### MONDAY 17: St. Gregory the Wonderworker

- Int. Vincent Farhat by Mary Ann Sheehan

### TUESDAY 18: St. Romanos

- Int. Tony Massad by Mary Ann Sheehan

### WEDNESDAY 19: St. Agnes of Assisi

- Int. George & Ken Rasak by Choir  
- Int. Reggie Rizik by Choir

### THURSDAY 20: St. Rose Phillipine

- Int. Milad Zerka by Choir  
- Int. Aziz Massad by Choir

### FRIDAY 21: Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple

12NOON

- Rep. George & Rose Joseph by Sonny

### SATURDAY 22: St. Cecilia

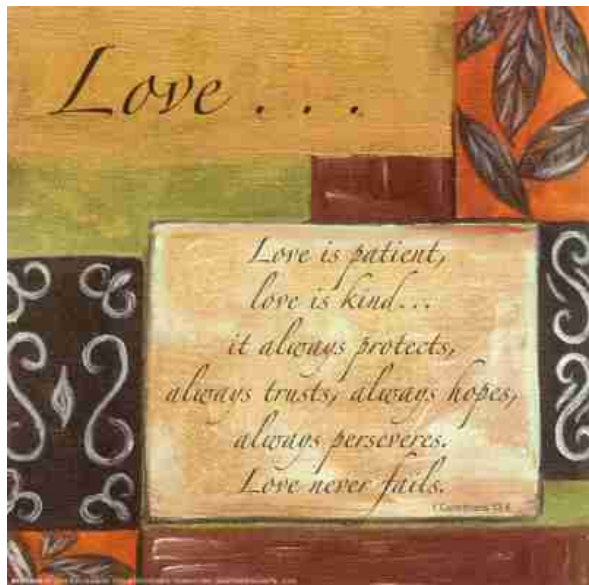
- Rep. Sam Adado by Aziz Family  
- Rep. Elias Deibis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by Violet

### SUNDAY 23: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

10A.M: (Gal 3:15-22; Lk 1:26-38) Reader: Ferris Anthony  
- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by George & Sue Rasak  
- Rep. Louie Shaker by Julia Shaker

### SUNDAY 30: The Visitation to Elizabeth

10A.M: (Eph 1:1-14; Lk 1:39-45) Reader: Erik Lindhurst  
- Rep. John Zerka by Rossie Family  
- Rep. Shamoun Hanna by Family



## Announcements



Bible Study classes will be held every Tuesday evening at 7pm. If you would like any information regarding these classes please see Deacon Marty.



We will soon begin classes to teach English and Arabic. We are looking for volunteers to help teach. Registration will begin Saturday, November 15 and Sunday, November 16. If you are interested please see Fr. Hanna.



We are very pleased to tell you that we made four food baskets and gave them out to needy families this week. You expect to make more baskets for Christmas. Keep the food coming! Thank you for your generosity.



Just a reminder to all those who received letters of nomination for the parish council that we need to have those returned to the parish office by Wednesday November 19, 2008.

### What would?

- What would the church be like if every member were just like me?
- Would our church be empty on Sunday, or full to overflowing, if everyone attended as I do?
- How much Bible Study and prayer would occur if everyone took the time I do?
- How many hurting, lonely people, would be touched by the church if every member acted exactly as I do?
- Would we need more ushers and offering baskets if everyone gave like me?
- How many children would be led to faith through the Sunday school and church if everyone had my priorities?
- Would the church just be an attractive social club, would it be closed, bankrupt, out of business; or would it be a dynamic force for Jesus Christ in our community and our world if everyone were just like me?
- What would the church be like if every member were just like me?

## St. Agnes of Assisi



Clare was born into the nobility of Assisi on July 16, 1194. As a little girl she was known by members of her household to be a sensitive child, gentle, prayerful and kind. She would sometimes hide food from her plate so as to later give it to the poor.

After hearing a young man (St. Francis) preach, she became determined to live the gospel in a more radical way. On the evening of Palm Sunday, March 20, 1212 she secretly left her paternal home with her cousin Pacifica, never to return. In the dead of night lit only by torches, Clare met Francis and his friars at the 'Portiuncola'. There, in the little chapel of 'Mary of the Angels', she laid aside her rich clothes and Francis, after cutting off her long blonde hair, clothed her in a rough tunic and a thick veil. From that moment she vowed to live her life entirely in the service of Jesus, her heavenly spouse.

She was placed by Francis temporarily with the Benedictine nuns of San Palos near Bastia, then to San Angelo in Panzo until finally to San Damiano, which Francis had rebuilt with his own hands. Thus was founded the first community of the Order of Poor Ladies or Poor Clares.

In the beginning, most of the young girls who joined her in this life of radical poverty were from the noble families of Assisi and the surrounding area. At first they had no written rule to follow except for a very short 'formula vitae.' Over the years prelates tried to draw up a rule for the Poor Ladies based largely on the Rule of St. Benedict, however, Clare would reject these attempts in favour of the 'privilege of poverty', wishing to own nothing in this world and depending entirely on the providence of God and the generosity of the people for their livelihood.

When Pope Gregory IX visited Clare at San Damiano and tried to persuade her to accept a less strict vow of poverty she told him: "Holy Father, I crave absolution from my sins but I desire not to be absolved from the obligation of following Jesus Christ".

Comparatively little is known of St. Clare's life in the cloister. We know that she became a living example of the poverty, humility and the mortification expounded by St. Francis. She had a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to increase her love for Christ crucified, she learned by heart the Office of the Passion composed by St. Francis. Under her guidance the community of San Damiano became a very nursery of saints.

Clare had the joy not only of seeing her younger sister, Agnes ( St. Agnes of Assisi) join the Order but

also her youngest sister Beatrix (Blessed), her mother Ortolana (Blessed) and her faithful Aunt Bianca. She lived to see the foundation of monasteries spread wide throughout Europe.

Not the least important part of Clare's work was the help and encouragement she gave to her spiritual father, Francis. It was to her that he turned when in doubt and it was she who urged him to continue his mission in preaching when he thought his vocation lay in becoming a hermit. After receiving the Stigmata, blind, ill and dying, Francis came for the last time to San Damiano. Clare built a little reed hut for him outside the cloister and tended him. It was there that he composed his magnificent "Canticle of the Creatures", in the spring of 1225. After his death at the Portiuncola the procession with his body stopped at San Damiano in order that Clare and her daughters might pay their respects to their father, mentor, brother and friend

When at length Clare felt the day of her death approaching, she called her religious community around her, reminded them of the many benefits they had received from God and encouraged them to persevere faithfully in the observance of evangelical poverty. Pope Innocent IV came from Perugia to visit the dying saint. Her own sister St. Agnes had returned from Florence to console Clare in her last illness. Brothers Leo, Angelo and Juniper, three of the first companions of St. Francis were also present at her deathbed and at her request, read aloud the Passion of Our Lord from St. John's Gospel.

On August 11, 1253, just before dawn, Clare, foundress of the Poor Ladies passed peacefully away.

The Poor Ladies wanted to keep the body of their foundress with them at San Damiano outside the walls of the city, however the magistrates of Assisi interfered and took measures to take the remains into the city to be buried in the chapel of San Georgio where St. Francis' preaching had first touched her heart and where his own body had been interned until the Basilica of San Francesco had been built.

Two years later, on September 26, 1255, Clare was solemnly canonized by Pope Alexander IV. Not long after, the building of the church of Santa Chiara in honor of Assisi's second great saint was begun. On October 3, 1260 Clare's remains were transferred from the chapel of San Georgio and buried deep down under the high altar of the new church. After having remained hidden for six centuries and after an extensive search was made, Clare's tomb was found in 1850. On September 23 of that year, the coffin was unearthed and opened. Her body was found intact. Finally on September 29, 1872, the saint's body was transferred by Archbishop Pecci (the future Pope Leo XIII) to the crypt where it lays today.