

# THE *Righteous* WILL LIVE BY *Faith*

ROMANS 1:17

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.*

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## MEET OUR PRIESTS:

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## MEET OUR DEACONS

*Deacon Nadim B. Daou /Deacon Michael Charchaflian*

*Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour*

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism & Confirmation:** *1 month in advance with the Pastor*

**Donations:** *Church & Priest: \$200*

**Matrimony:** *Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date*

**Donations:** *Church \$500—Priest : Free Will*

**Reconciliation:** *One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment*

**Anointing of the Sick:** *Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home*

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines.



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## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

**Hours of Liturgical services changed due to COVID-19**

### Weekday Liturgies

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

### Saturday Liturgies:

4:00 PM Vigil (English)

### Sunday Liturgies:

9:00 AM (English)

11:00 AM (English & Arabic)

### Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

## OFFICE HOURS

**M-TH:** 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

**Friday:** 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Saturdays:** By Appointment

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

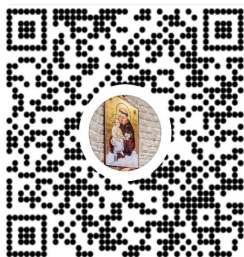
## Sunday of the Righteous and Just - أحد الأبرار والصدّيقين

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Jan. 30</b> <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	<b>For: 40 Day Anniversary - Robert Brousseau</b> <i>By his wife Elaine Brousseau</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Jan. 31</b> <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	<b>For: 1st Year Anniversary - Joseph Jabbour</b> <i>By Mr. &amp; Mrs. Kamil and Mona Hbaiter and Family</i>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	<b>For: 40 Day Anniversary - Jamile Barbar Zaarour &amp; Salma B. Bechara</b> <i>By her daughters Georgina Wife of Jihad Maroun, Joumana wife of Edgar Feghali, and their children.</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Feb. 1</b>	9:00 AM	<b>For: + Marie and +Neemat Badawi</b> <i>By Lili Bijjani and her family</i> <b>The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Feb. 2</b>	9:00 AM	<b>For: + Joseph &amp; Lucianna Sardella</b> <i>By their daughter Phyllis Thomas and family</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Feb. 3</b>	9:00 AM	<b>For: + Victor Maroun</b> <i>By Lili Bijjani and her family</i> <b>The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Feb. 4</b>	9:00 AM	<b>For: + Carolyn Walling</b> <i>By Fr. Elie Mikhael</i> <b>The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension</b>
		9:45 AM- 12Noon	<b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Feb. 5</b>		<b>No Liturgy</b>

## Sunday of the Faithful Departed - أحد الموتى المؤمنين

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Feb. 6</b> <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	<b>For: + Laurice Khoury</b> <i>By her niece Micheline Bijjani Dabrowski</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Feb. 7</b> <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	<b>For: The deceased members of the Sarkis Family</b> <i>By their loving family</i>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	<b>For: 1st Year Anniversary - Antoinette Hachem, + Michael &amp; + Danny El Hachem</b> <i>By their family</i>

## TITHES & OFFERINGS WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT



### Venmo your Parish

- 1- Scan the QR code.
- 2- Choose the amount
- 3- Use the Memo to indicate which account the contribution is made towards. (e.g. Weekly Contribution,

### REGISTER ONLINE



[stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/)



### TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY  
PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF  
LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES  
SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3" X 6" = \$150 / 4" X 8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233

or by E-mail:

[rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

## CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. For more information:

By Phone (During Office Hours) 978-685-7233

or email [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

Or by visiting: [www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/)

## Burial Pre-Arrangements

Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do. By pre-arranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings. Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment.

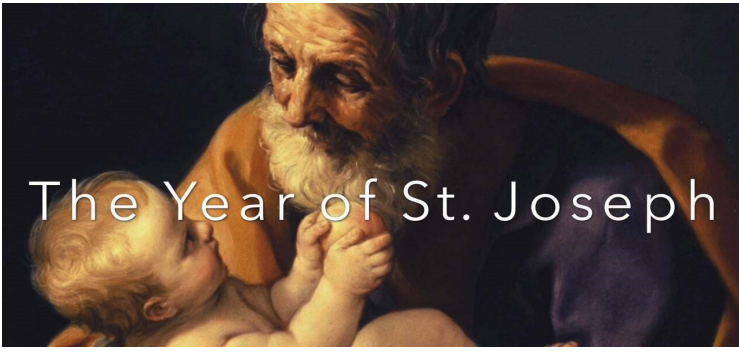
Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

## ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!

The following steps will help you access the tool:

1. Go to [www.stanthonylawrence.org](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org)
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.
4. Click on the name.
5. In the middle of the page, look for "Do you know more about this person or their ancestors"? **Click here.**
6. You can then complete any or all the fields and click submit.
7. If desired, you may send obituary notice, special documents, letters, receipts etc. to [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org) and we will attach that to your loved one's record.



## The Year of St. Joseph

Prayer to Saint Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

نرفع إليه هذه الصلاة:

السلام عليك يا حامي المخلص، وخطيب العذراء  
مريم.

لقد ائتمنك الله على ابنه؛ وبك وضعت مريم  
ثقتها؛ ومعك صار يسوع رجلاً.

أيها الطوباوي يوسف، كن أباً لنا نحن أيضاً،  
وأرشدنا في درب الحياة.

التمس لنا النعمة والرحمة والشجاعة، واخمننا من  
كل شر. آمين.

(Prayer by Pope Francis at the conclusion of his Letter  
“[Patris corde](#)” (“With a Father’s Heart”) proclaiming a  
“Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020 to 8  
December 2021.)

### BIBLE STUDY

Arabic and English Sessions are taking place every Wednesday. For more info send an email to: [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

A second collection will be taken at the end of the month for the United States Catholic Bishops’ Worldwide Charities. Envelops have been included with your sets for your convenience.

### LENT SEASON

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- A. ASH MONDAY: FEBRUARY 15
- B. STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 7PM

### FEAST OF ST MARON

#### PATRON ST OF THE MARONITES

- A. FEBRUARY 8 –7PM: Vigil Liturgy
- B. FEBRUARY 9 –9AM: Feast Day Liturgy

### OUR SYMPATHY

To the Gabriel family on the death of the brother and the uncle: Philip Gabriel .

*May her rest in peace and his loved ones be comforted*

## Religious Education

Next Session is on February 6, 2021 @ 5:15 pm.

Save the Dates - First Communion:

- **March 6, 2021** from 5:15 to 6:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Communion.
- **May 1, 2021** @ 10:30 am: First Communion Liturgy

## Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : February 6

## Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic –Capacity %25

### ***Should I come to Liturgy?***

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Liturgy. You can find the current symptoms of the coronavirus at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are over 60 are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Liturgy.

### ***What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy?***

We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our [Facebook page](#). Monday through Thursday Liturgy will be at 9:00 am. Saturday Liturgy will be at 4:00 pm and Sunday liturgies will be at 9:00 am & 11:00am .

Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours. The frequency of our visits for Holy Communion will depend upon the number of requests.

### ***How will we be kept safe when we come to Liturgy?***

All pews are wiped down with disinfectant; and all Qurbono Books are removed; and all surfaces used frequently (restroom facilities, door handles, etc.) are sanitized before each service.

Everyone attending Liturgy is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering. The only exception during Liturgy is when receiving Holy Communion.

You'll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household. Only certain pews are available for seating. When you arrive, please use your good judgment about where to sit. Be respectful and accommodating towards others as they arrive and look for seating.

You'll find the holy water fonts are empty and that there is hand sanitizer available. You'll notice there will be no offertory procession, no sign of peace, and no passing of the collection basket.

You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to use the online provided by your parish.

### ***Can we receive Holy Communion?***

Yes, but only the Most Precious Body and only by hand. Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Holy Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.

When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to present one hand resting on the palm of the other. Moving in front of one of the side alter the communicant pulls their mask or other facial covering below their chin and reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering and returns to their place.

### ***What do we need to keep in mind as we leave Liturgy?***

Please leave Liturgy together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing six feet of distance from others. You will not be permitted to congregate in the foyer, and no receptions or social gathering following Liturgy can be held.

## MENTAL HEALTH & SEVERE AUTISTIC HOMES

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# FOOD & MEDICINE DRIVE

**Items Listed Below!**

**Keep Checking back to remain updated on what is still needed**

**Drop off location**

**St Anthony Church: 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence MA**

**Drop off Dates / Times: Everyday Starting 1/11/21**

**Until further notice**

**Contact the rectory with any questions @ 978.685.7233 or  
rectory@stanthonylawrence.org**

## FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS

**RAISINS**

**TABLE SALT**

**SUGAR**

**LENTILS**

**RED BEANS**

**BURGHOL**

**JELLY**

**HOMMUS**

**CANILLA RICE**

**PASTA**

**SPAGETTI SAUCE**

**MACARONI & CHEESE**

**INSTNAT POTATOES**

**RICE**

**CANNED  
VEGETABLES**

**CANNED MEAT:  
CHICKEN, BEEF,  
TUNA, SARDINES**

**TEA**

**FLOUR**

**HONEY**

**DRY MILK**

**TOOTH BRUSHES**

**TOOTH PASTE**

**SHAMPOOS**

**DISH DETERGENT**

**ADULT DIAPERS**

**BAR SOAP**

**BODY WASH**

**SPORT SOCKS**

**TOWELS**

## GOD CANNOT TELL A LIE

*By Ronald Rolheiser*

Lying is the most pernicious of evils, the most dangerous of sins, the worst of blasphemes, and the one sin that can be unforgivable. Perhaps we need to be reminded of that today, given our present culture where we are in danger of losing the very idea of reality and truth. Nothing is more dangerous.

There's a line buried deep in scripture that is too seldom quoted. The Letter to the Hebrews states simply: It is impossible for God to lie. (Hebrews 6, 18) It could not be otherwise. God is Truth, so how could God lie? For God to lie would be a denial of God's very nature. Consequently, for us to lie is to go directly against God. Lying is the definition of irreverence and blasphemy. It is an affront to the nature of God.

If we are aware of that, we haven't taken it seriously lately. Everywhere, from countless social media tweets, texts, and blogs to the highest offices of government, business, and even the church, we are seeing an ever-deteriorating relationship with reality and truth. Lying and creating one's own truth have become socially acceptable (to a frightening degree). What's changed? Haven't we always lied? Who among us can say that he or she has never told a lie or falsified information in one way or another? What's different today?

What's different today is that, until our generation, you could be caught in a lie, shamed for telling it, forced to accept your own dishonesty. No longer. Today our relationship with truth is fracturing to a degree that we no longer distinguish, morally or practically, between a lie and the truth. A lie, now, is simply another modality of truth.

What's the net effect of this? We are living it. Its effects are everywhere. First, it has broken down a shared sense of reality where, as a community, we no longer have a common epistemology and a shared sense of right and wrong. People no longer relate to reality in the same way. One person's truth is the other person's lie. It is becoming impossible to define what constitutes a lie.

This doesn't just destroy trust among us; worse, it plays with our sanity and with some of the deeper moral and religious chromosomes inside us. As I wrote in this column several months ago, we believe that there are four transcendental properties to God. We teach that God is One, True, Good, and Beautiful. Because God is One, whole and consistent, there can never be any internal contradictions within God. This might sound abstract and academic, but this is what anchors our sanity. We are sane and remain sane only because we can always trust that two plus two equals four, ever and always. God's Oneness is what anchors that. If that should ever change, then the peg that moors our sanity would be removed. Once two plus two can equal something other than four, then nothing can be securely known or trusted ever again. That's the ultimate danger in what's happening today. We are unmooring our psyche.

The next danger in lying is what it does to those of us who lie. Fyodor Dostoevsky sums it up succinctly: "People who lie to themselves and listen to their own lie come to such a pass that they cannot distinguish the truth within them, or around them, and so lose all respect for themselves and for others. And having no respect, they cease to love." Jordan Peterson would add this: If we lie long enough "after that comes the arrogance and sense of superiority that inevitably accompanies the production of successful lies (hypothetically successful lies – and that is one of the greatest dangers: apparently everyone is fooled, so everyone is stupid, except me. Everyone is stupid, and fooled, by me – so I can get away with whatever I want). Finally, there is the proposition: 'Being itself is susceptible to my manipulation. Thus, it deserves no respect.'"

Jesus' warning in John's Gospel is the strongest of all. He tells us that if we lie long enough we will eventually believe our own lies and confuse falsehood for the truth and truth for falsehood, and that becomes an unforgivable sin (a "blaspheme against the Holy Spirit) because the person who's lying no longer wants to be forgiven.

Finally, lying breaks down trust among us. Trust is predicated on the belief that we all accept that two plus two equals four, that we all accept there is such a thing as reality, that we all accept that reality can be falsified by a lie, and that we all accept that a lie is falsehood and not just another modality of truth. Lying destroys that trust.

Living in a world that plays fast and easy with reality and truth also plays on our loneliness. George Eliot once asked: "What loneliness is more lonely than distrust?" So true. The loneliest loneliness of all is the loneliness of distrust. Welcome to our not-so-brave new world.

**Epistle: Letter to Hebrews 12: 18-24**

**Brothers and sisters,** You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

**Gospel: Saint Matthew 25: 31-46**

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

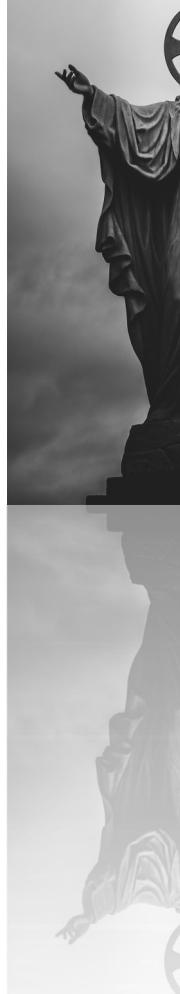
**Feb 4:** Antoun & Marie Haddad  
Zakhia & Sanaa Kosseifi

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS**

**WILL BURN FOR  
PRIVATE INTENTION**

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES**

- Jan 31:** Marie A. Gabriel - Peter T. Habeeb
- Feb 1:** Fahd Elia Khalil
- Feb 2:** Walid Michael Aoun - Wanda B. Moses
- Feb 3:** Elias J. Gabriel
- Feb 4:** Paul Abaraham - Georgette M. Abdulla
- Feb 5:** Joseph Azzi - Wanda Skandier  
Sub-Deacon Abraham J. Abdulla
- Feb 6:** Ella M. Abdoo - Mary F. Lahoud  
Dorothy C. Gabriel





## الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 12: 18 - 24

يا إخواني، إنكم لم تقتربوا إلى جبل مَلْمُوس، ونازل مُنْقَدَة، ووضباب وظلام وزوبعة، وهتاف بوق، وصوت كلمات طلب الذين سمعوها ألا يزدوا منها كلمة؛ لأنهم لم يطيقوا تحمل هذا الأمر: "ولو أن بهيمة مسّت الجبل تُرجم!". وكان المنظر رهيباً حتى إن موسى قال: "إني خائف ومزتعد!". بل اقتربتم إلى جبل صهيون، وإلى مدينة الله الحي، أورشليم السماوية، وإلى عسرات الألوف من الملائكة، وإلى عيد حافل، وإلى كنيسة الأبكار المكتوبين في السموات، وإلى الله ديان الجميع، وإلى أرواح الأبرار الذين بلغوا الكمال، وإلى وسيط العهد الجديد، يسوع، وإلى دم رش ينطق بكلام أفضل من دم هابيل!

## إنجيل القديس متى 25: 31 - 46

قال الرب يسوع: "متى جاء ابن الإنسان في مجده، وجميع الملائكة معه، يجلس على عرش مجده. وتجمع لديه جميع الأمم، فيميز بعضهم من بعض، كما يميز الراعي الخراف من الجداء. ويقيم الخراف عن يمينه والجداء عن شماله. حينئذ يقول الملك للذين عن يمينه: تعالوا، يا مباركي أبي، رثوا الملكوت المعد لكم منذ إنشاء العالم؛ لأنني جعت فأطعمتموني، وعطشت فسقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فأويتموني، وعرياناً فكسوتهم، ومريضاً فزرتهم، ومحبوساً فأنتم إلي. حينئذ يجيبه الأبرار قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً فأطعمناك، أو عطشان فسقيناك؟ ومتى رأيناك غريباً فأوييناك، أو عرياناً فكسوتناك؟ ومتى رأيناك مريضاً أو محبوساً فأتينا إليك؟ فيجيب الملك ويقول لهم: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما عملتموه لأحد إخواني هؤلاء الصغار، فلي عملتموه! ثم يقول للذين عن شماله: اذهبوا عني، يا ملاعين، إلى النار الأبدية المعدة لإبليس وجنوده؛ لأنني جعت فما أطعمتموني، وعطشت فما سقيتموني، وكنت غريباً فما أويتموني، وعرياناً فما كسوتهم، ومريضاً ومحبوساً فما زرتهم! حينئذ يجيبه هؤلاء أيضاً قائلين: يا رب، متى رأيناك جائعاً أو عطشان أو غريباً أو مريضاً أو محبوساً وما خدمناك؟ حينئذ يجيبهم قائلاً: الحق أقول لكم: كل ما لم تعملوه لأحد هؤلاء الصغار، فلي لم تعملوه. ويذهب هؤلاء إلى العذاب الأبدي، والأبرار إلى الحياة الأبدية."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Feb 1:** Chloe Abou Ezzi, Ginine Flanagan, Mary Pica

**Feb 2:** Alfred Ata, Elias Coffill, Wissam Merheb, Ryan Naamani, Celine Ramey, Nouhad Sadek

**Feb 3:** Elias Azzi, Jim Hajj, Joelle Ramey, Joseph Savio

**Feb 5:** Joseph Maroun, Jennifer Plouffe

**Feb 6:** Robert Brousseau, Clara El-Achi