

The Birth of John the Baptist Sunday

OUR LADY OF PEACE MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY



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Sunday December 6th, 2015



MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Sundays – 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
at 6:30 p.m.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Second Friday of each month 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each mass

In case of emergency, contact the priest.

VISITING THE SICK

If you, or someone you know is ill, please contact Fr. Michel and he will arrange to visit the sick.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Michel at least *two weeks* prior to the baptism date.

MARRIAGES

Please contact Fr. Michel *a minimum of four months* in advance of the desired date of marriage.

Next Sunday, December 13th, 2015

THE REVELATION TO JOSEPH

Reading (*Ephesians 3:1-13*)

Gospel (*Matthew 1:18-25*)

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

A Reading from Saint Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 4:21-5:1)

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married." Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman." So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (Luke 1:57-66)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.



FAMILY NIGHT

We are all invited to gather every Friday at the Church hall.
We start by thanking God in our Holy Mass at 6:30 pm
we will gather to eat, play cards and have fun at the church hall.

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT

The **DIOCESAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** is please to invite all Arabic speaking Christians to Our Lady of Peace Maronite Catholic Parish for an **ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT**. The evening will begin with Mass and the Christmas Novena at 7:00 PM followed by Advent Reflections by Ms. Intisar Ghazala, B.Th. from Iraq. There is no fee for this event. Join us for this beautiful evening of devotion and spiritual renewal as we prepare to start the **“Year of Mercy”** and celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ at **Our Lady of Peace Maronite Catholic Church 504 - 30 Ave NW, Calgary - Monday December 14th at 7:00 PM.**

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

We will start our **CHRISTMAS NOVENA** on Monday December 14th, 2015 by the Holy Mass at 7:00 pm from Monday to Friday and we will conclude our Christmas Novena on Thursday, December 24th, 2015

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

As every year Our Lady of Peace prepares a Christmas party for the children. The success of the party is dependant on the generosity of its parishioners. Now is the time to start donating money or gifts (brand new). Thank you for your continued support!

ARABIC SCHOOL

Every Saturday from 2:30 pm till 4:30 pm
Encourage your children from 5 years and up to learn our native language

WELCOME!

We welcome all parishioners back for another year of cooperation and prosperity in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Peace pastor and parishioners would like to welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

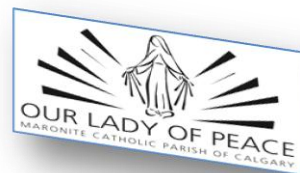
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THE VISITATION SUNDAY

DONATIONS SUMMARY (November 29th, 2015)

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 1185.50



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The Parish Council invite all the parishioners for an appreciation brunch on Sunday, December 20th, 2015 after the Holy Mass at the Church hall! All are welcome to attend



Christmas Party

Date: **Saturday, December 19th, 2015**

Time: **From 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

Location: **Our Lady of Peace Hall**

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Children's Christmas Party invitation Saturday December 19th, 2015

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The New Year's Eve party will be held at the Sheraton Cavalier Calgary Hotel 2620 32 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6B8. Entertainment by singers **ELIE MOUJABER and FIRAS HARBI.**

Tickets available Sunday, October 25th, 2015

Cost: **\$80.00** for adults, **\$35.00** for children aged 4 – 12, no cost for children under four. Purchase your tickets before it's too late.

Wishing you a happy and blessed year **2016!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF PEACE
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