

FINDING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPEL SUNDAY

OUR LADY OF PEACE MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY



EPARCHY
OF ST. MARON

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Sunday January 3rd, 2016



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, January 10th, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Reading (2COR 10:1 -11)

Gospel (John 1:29-34)

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews (*Hebrews 7:11-19*)

If, then, perfection came through the levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron? When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well. Now he of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. For it is testified: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, for the law brought nothing to perfection; on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (*Luke 2:41-52*)

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced (in) wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

EPIPHANY

For Western Christians, the feast commemorates the coming of the Magi (the three wise men). Eastern Christians commemorates the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan. In both traditions, the essence of the feast is the same: the manifestation of Christ to the world (whether as an infant or in the Jordan), and the Mystery of the Incarnation.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: If you are new to our parish, or have not yet been registered in our Parish, please submit the completed information below. Please print clearly.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

_____ Spouse's Name: _____

Children's Name(s): _____

Mailing Address with Postal Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work and/or Cell: _____

Email: _____

How would you like to help your parish grow? _____

Would you like to serve on one of our committees? Pastoral Council, Financial Council, Youth Group, Choir, Altar Server, Usher, Reading Organizer. Please indicate your preference.

JANUARY 2016 FEAST DAYS

Day 4: St Gaius, Pope of Rome

Day 5: Saint Boula (a man) the first hermit

Day 6: EPIPHANY The Baptism of Jesus Christ

Day 7: Memorial of the praise of Saint John the Baptist

Day 8: Saint Karitarius, a priest and martyr

Day 9: Saint Austratius

Day 10: Saint Gregory, bishop of Nisis (a city in Cappadocia)

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our first meeting for the New Year 2016 will be on
Wednesday, January 6th, 2016 at 7:30 pm .

**I would like to express my most sincere thanks to everyone
who helped to make the Christmas and New Year's events
a great success!**

Your dedication is greatly appreciated

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THE VISITATION OF THE WISE MEN SUNDAY

DONATIONS SUMMARY (December 27th, 2015)

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 896.75

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF PEACE
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EPIPHANY MASS

Blessing of Epiphany water will take place on
Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m.

ARABIC SCHOOL

Will stop from December 19th, 2015 and it will resume on January
16th, 2016 Every Saturday from 2:30 pm till 4:30 pm

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.

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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