IA OF GALILEE SUNDAY

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH, 2016

EPARCHY OF ST. MARON



NASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Sundays – 11:30 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) at 6:30 p.m.

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION **EVERY FRIDAY 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each mass

In case of emergency, contact the priest.

Visiting the sick

contact Fr. Michel and he will arrange to visit the sick.

If you, or someone you know is ill, please

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, FEBRUARY 14, 2016 THE CLEANSING LEPER SUNDAY

READING (*Rome 6:12-23*) **GOSPEL** (*Mark 1:35-45*)

SUNDAY MASS READING & GOSPEL

Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a

A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. (Romans 14: 14 – 23)

stumbling block or hindrance in the way of one another. I know and I am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister, is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteous and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubt are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith, is sin.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John (John 2: 1-11)

mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew, the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciple had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the

THE CHURCH CALLS ON CHRIST

Her heavenly bridegroom, who pours out for her the wealth of his graces, and appeals to him: May your grace shine upon us. Open the treasure of your abundant compassion to us. Enrich us with your good gifts. Seat us at the table of your kingdom and let us drink from your new wine. Give us the joy of your eternal feast and let us rejoice in the splendor of your face. O Christ, the true wine, quench our hearts with the wine of your love!

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Sunday marks the beginning of the Season of Great Lent. This Season of the Church consists of seven Sundays (weeks) of preparation for the Great Feast of

the Resurrection of Our Lord. Briefly, the Church gives us the Season of Great Lent as a time to prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord. Fasting, acts of penance and self-denial, as well as intense self-reflection, mark this season. In addition, the Maronite Church has a unique approach in her presentation of this season: each Sunday commemorates one of the great miracles of Jesus. These miracles focus on healing by the Lord as signs of his power over sin and death pointing to his true identity as the long-awaited Messiah. Tradition ascribes to one of our great teachers of spiritual life, Saint Ephrem, the following prayer:

"O Lord and Master of my life!

for You are blessed forever and ever. Amen."

Take from me the spirit of laziness, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. Rather give to Your servant the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love.

Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother;

FEBRYUARY 2016 FEAST DAYS

Day 8: Saint Caritarius, a priest and martyr

Day 9: Saint Austratius

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

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Day 11: Saint Theodosius

Day 12: Saint Tasiana martyr & the Holy Ecumenical Council of Trent.

Day 13: Saint Jacob, bishop of Nisibin **Day 14:** Saint Hilarius (Hilary), bishop of Poitier (France)

MEET THE POLICE OF CALGARY

(YOU AND THE LAW PRESENTATION)

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Everyone is welcome to attend 16 years and up

SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED **DONATIONS SUMMARY (JANUARY 31ST, 2016)** \$ 1182.25 SUNDAY COLLECTION: ASHES Ashes will be distributed on Ash Monday,

MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY

OUR LADY OF PEACE

February 15th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. PROCESSION (STATIONS) OF THE CROSS The Procession of the Cross and the Ziyah will be held

every FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 2016 CLASSES EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM TO 8:00 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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