



EPARCHIE SAINT MARON  
CANADA



Weekly Newsletter

March 4, 2018

## **SPIRITUAL MESSAGE**

### **"The Prodigal Son"**

The word "prodigal" is mysterious to us. Almost the only time we ever hear it is in the title of this parable. It's basic meaning is "wasteful"--particularly with regard to money. It comes from Latin roots that mean "forth" (pro-) and "to drive" (agere). It indicates the quality of a person who drives forth his money--who wastes it by spending with reckless abandon.

**The Father** lavishes upon him, celebrates over him. This is a wonderful picture of the great love of God towards us. He seeks after us, reaches out to us. When we come to Him, He washes away all our evil deeds of the past, not holding them against us. "You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea" (**Micah 7:19**).

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Rectory open:  
From Monday to Saturday  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FR. MICHEL N. KASSAS,  
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Without appointment from  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



## **MASSES & CELEBRATIONS**

Sundays – 11:00 a.m.

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

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

## **CONFESSIONS**

*45 minutes* before each mass

In case of emergency, contact the priest.

## **VISITING THE SICK**

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

## **BAPTISMS**

Please contact the Parish Priest at least *two weeks* prior to the baptism date.

## **MARRIAGES**

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

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC , March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Reading (1 Timothy 5:24-6:5) \ Gospel (*Mark 2:1-12*)

# **PROCESSION (STATIONS) OF THE CROSS**

The Procession of the Cross and the Ziyah will be held  
every **FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.  
All members are asked to attend the meeting.

## **BAKE SALE**

The Ladies of Sodality invites you for their annual  
**BAKE SALE** on **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018** after the Holy Mass.  
*Please encourage and support them.*

## **EASTER PARTY**

The **OLP YOUTH SCOUTS** invites you to a party on  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**  
*(More details to be announced)*

## **BRING MARY INTO YOUR HOME**

Would you like to have the statue of Mary in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday)? If so, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet. With the statue in your home you and your family can pray with her, ask her for her help, and share your responsibilities and problems with her.

## **MARCH FEASTS 2018**

- Day 5: Saint Albert the Great
- Day 6: Saint Conan of Aisor (Asia minor)
- Day 7: Saint Narsis, bishop of Jerusalem
- Day 8: Saint Francesca of Rome
- Day 9: The 40 martyrs of Cappadocia
- Day 10: Saint Oksinios & Saint Agathon.
- Day 11: Saint Safronios, patriarch of Jerusalem.

## **OUR LADY OF PEACE**

**MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY**



**DONATIONS SUMMARY (FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2018)**

**THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN SUNDAY**

**COLLECTION: \$740.31**

### **WASHING THE FEET**

If you would like to be one of the 12 men needed for the Washing of the Feet on **Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Please sign your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the church prior to March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### **Cooking with Children in Sunday School**

Support your child by registering them in our new Cooking classes, every other **Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

First Holy Communion Classes on Fridays 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **ARABIC SCHOOL**

Every **SATURDAY** from 2:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m.; Encourage your children from 5 years to 12 to learn our native language.

### **WELCOME!**

Our Lady of Peace pastor and parishioners welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR LADY OF PEACE  
MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY  
IN YOUR WILL**

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