

EPARCHIE SAINT MARON  
CANADA

**Our Lady of Peace Parish**  
**Maronite Catholic Church**  
**رعيّة سيّدة السلام - كالغاري**  
**كنيسة كاثوليكيّة مارونيّة**



Weekly Bulletin

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**Rectory open:**

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

**Fr. Michel N. Kassas,**  
**Pastor**

**AVAILABLE**

Tuesday and Thursday  
Without appointment from  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Nativity of John the Baptist**

**أحد مولد يوحنا المعمدان**

**SUNDAYS – 11:30 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 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.

Reading (*Galatians 4:21-31, 5:1*)  
Gospel (*Luke 1:57-66*)

## NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**REVELATION TO JOSEPH**

Reading (*Ephesians 3:1-13*) - Gospel (*Matthew 1:18-25*)



If your child will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year, please take the "Form" at the back of the church. Fill it and return it to the Rectory

**Please Remember Our Lady of Peace  
MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
CALGARY in your WILL.**

## FAMILY NIGHT

You are all invited to gather every Friday at the Church hall.  
We start by thanking God in the Holy Mass at 6:30 pm



## *Christmas Party*

Date: **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018**

Time: **4:30 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

Location: **OUR LADY OF PEACE HALL**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

If you are new to our parish, or have not yet been registered in our Parish, please submit a registration form and drop it off in the Rectory office.

**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.

**OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
**MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY**

**DONATIONS SUMMARY (DECEMBER 2, 2018)**  
**THE VISITATION**

**COLLECTION: TBA**

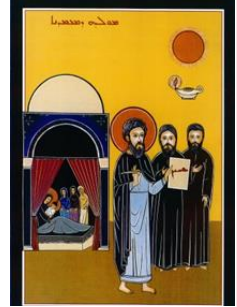


**تفسير أيقونة "مولد المعدادان"**

This icon unites two events – Elizabeth in her home carrying her new-born

son, surrounded by midwives and neighbors; Zachariah writing the name “John” in front of two of his friends. In the miniatures of the British Library 7170 and the Vaticanus Syriacus 559, the second event is only represented. We have added the lighted lamp in front of the sun, the symbol of the Baptist in front of Christ,

According to the Syriac liturgical texts.



**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

**As every year Our Lady of Peace prepares a Christmas party for the children. The success of the party is dependent on the generosity of its parishioners. Now is the time to start donating money or gifts (BRAND NEW).**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**CANTICLE OF ZACHARIAH**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has set them free,<sup>69</sup> and he has established for us a saving power in the House of his servant David,<sup>70</sup> just as he proclaimed, by the mouth of his holy prophets from ancient times,<sup>71</sup> that he would save us from our enemies and from the hands of all those who hate us,<sup>72</sup> and show faithful love to our ancestors, and so keep in mind his holy covenant.<sup>73</sup> This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,<sup>74</sup> that he would grant us, free from fear, to be delivered from the hands of our enemies,<sup>75</sup> to serve him in holiness and uprightness in his presence, all our days.<sup>76</sup> And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him,<sup>77</sup> to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,<sup>78</sup> because of the faithful love of our God in which the rising Sun has come from on high to visit us,<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow dark as death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **Luke 1: 68-79**

# **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018**

## **CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018—11:30 A.M.  
Until Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

## **SATURDAY, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

Children Christmas Party AT THE Church Hall  
@ 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

## **SUNDAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Mass at 11:30 A.M.

## **TUESDAY, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Christmas Day Mass at 11:30 A.M.

## **WEDNESDAY, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Feast of the Felicitation to the Virgin Mary  
Mass at 6:30 P.M.

## **SUNDAY, December 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

Mass at 11:30 A.M.

## **TUESDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Opening of the New Year “Rite of Peace”  
Solemn Mass at 11:30 A.M.

## **SUNDAY, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Epiphany of The Lord  
Mass & Blessing of the Water at 11:30 A.M.

**“Glory to God in the highest”**  
**“Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2019”**

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