



EPARCHIE SAINT MARON
CANADA

Our Lady of Peace Parish Maronite Catholic Church

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From Monday to Saturday
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AVAILABLE

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

“The Healing of the Leper Sunday”

“الأحد الثاني من زمن الصوم: آية شفاء الأبرص”

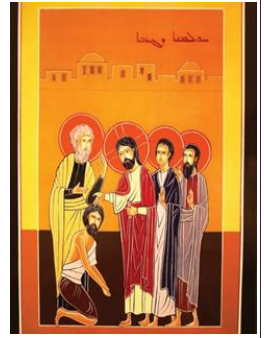
Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Jesus fulfills his first miracle. Water, a natural element, simple and used daily to hydrate and purify itself, is transformed into wine, a composite element, the result of pressed bunches of grapes and a long fermentation. This miraculous transformation constitutes the dynamic image of the authentic approach that the faithful Christian will have to perform during this important time of Lent. This day is the glorious gateway to a path of Christ-like divinization of excellence, similar to the transformation of water into a good wine, thanks to the divine love of Jesus for our salvation. It is a return to the original purity of Adam and Eve before the original sin, found by grace in the sacrament of Baptism. "In truth I tell you, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven." (Mt 18: 3)

Now, let us listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus Christ, he challenges us to begin this path out of the ordinary in our daily lives. This high season of Lent is dedicated to preparation for the Easter wedding where we will taste the true wine of divine happiness, victory over death and the glorious life in the heart of the love and mercy of the Sacred Heart of the Risen Christ.

تفسير أيقونة "آية شفاء الأبرص"

This Icon of the Healing of the Leper, like the following icons of healing, is drawn on a luminous background that highlights the Holy City and its walls. The Lord with some of the Apostles, among them Peter, blesses the leper, who is kneeling in front of him, and heals and purifies him. This icon is similar to those inspired from healings and miracles in Vaticanus Syriacus 559 and British Library 7170.

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SUNDAY REFLECTION

Observing Lent : Lent, or “As-Sawm” in Arabic, is the period of 40 days (some churches count Sundays, others do not) before the Easter Feast. Traditionally, Lent is a period of fasting, prayer and penitence that culminates in Holy Week with the commemoration of Jesus Christ’s arrest, trial, crucifixion, burial and resurrection. The 40 days are symbolic of the time that Jesus spent in the desert when he was tested by the Devil. Lent is a time for “reconsidering discipleship and examining life and obedience to God.”

Despite their concurrence, the Great Lent of the Maronite Church is not the same as the Lent of the Roman Catholic Church, a fact that reflects the unique historical position of this community of Catholics in the East. The Church, which is western by virtue of its longstanding communion with Rome, is also eastern in that it uses an eastern rite and Syriac liturgy, in addition to observing a more or less orthodox Lent. Maronites, unlike Roman Catholics, do count the Sundays in Lent as part of the 40 days, which means that the liturgical season begins two days earlier and ends a full week earlier, marking off Holy Week as a separate liturgical period. Fasting, however, lasts through Holy Week to Easter, adding up to a total of eight weeks.

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



MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION
EVERY 1st 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 Priest and he will arrange to visit the sick.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the 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.

“SAINT JOSEPH FEAST”

We Will celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph The Chaste on Sunday, April 17th, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. After the Holy Mass The Ladies will be selling Falafel at the Church Hall.

PROCESSION (STATIONS) OF THE CROSS

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

MARCH FEASTS 2019

Day 11: Saint Sofronie's, patriarch of Jerusalem.

Day 12: Saint Gregory I, the great.

Day 13: Saint Theophanous of Sefrania, a confessor

Day 14: Saint Frouisia (+412)

Day 15: Saint Benedict, father of monasticism in the West (480-547)

Day 16: Saint Babas, martyr

- Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople 381)

Day 17: Saint Lazarus, whom Our Lord Jesus raised from the dead.

Day 18: Saint Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem

- Saint Joseph from Rama or Arimathea

Day 19: Saint Joseph, spouse of Our Lady the Virgin Mary.

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DONATIONS SUMMARY (MARCH 3, 2019)
“CANA OF GALILEE MIRACLE SUNDAY”

COLLECTION: TBA



“ Next Sunday, March 17TH 2019 “
HEMORRHAGING WOMAN SUNDAY

Reading (2 Corinthians 7:4-11) - Gospel (Luke 8:40-56)

“FIRST COMMUNION SCHEDULE”

FRIDAYS TIME: 6:30 P.M.

February 15 – 1st class

March 8, March 15, March 29, April 12, April 26

May 10 – Last class

MAY 31 – REHEARSAL

SATURDAY JUNE 1ST – FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday June 2 @ 11:30 – I would love if all children could be at Church so they can all sit together and take part in communion together

“ARABIC CLASS”

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

“ 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

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.

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