



EPARCHIE SAINT MARON  
CANADA

## Our Lady of Peace Parish Maronite Catholic Church

رعيّة سيّدة السلام - كالغاري  
كنيسة كاثوليكيّة مارونيّة



Weekly Bulletin

March 17, 2019

“Third Sunday of Lent The Hemorrhaging Woman”

“الأحد الثالث من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء النازفة”

Epistle: 2 CO 7:4-11 Gospel: St Lc 8:40-56

It is painful to fight a disease of constant blood loss for 12 years. Blood is the primordial source of human life, without it the heart stops beating and death reigns over the body. This hemorrhage often attacks our daily life. It means the loss of the sacred time of life. The loss of the time of peace and of joy and especially of love with God. In other words, it is the progressive loss of life that leads to death. How often do we fight against one or more issues that affect our personal lives?

We suffer a lot and we try several times to find the outcome in psychologists, doctors and sometimes astrologers, soothsayers and seers.

"She touched the fringe of his coat." This woman has heard of Jesus! The miraculous doctor! She decided to approach Him and, with certain faith, touched the fringe of his cloak. For the Jewish mentality, it is impurity that has affected holiness. And thankfully, divine love and mercy came directly to her sudden healing.

Jesus is the only one who purifies our hearts and miraculously closes the vanishing points of the blood of our life. The touch of the Lord gives us all grace.

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### Rectory open:

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

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### AVAILABLE

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

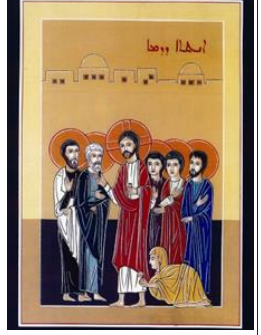


## تفسير أيقونة "المرأة المنزوفة"

The contrast between the pressure of the crowd and the touch of faith has often been insisted on, and carries a great lesson. There was no real connection between the touch of her finger and her healing, but she thought that there was, and Christ stoops to her childish thought, and lets her make the path for His gift. 'According to thy faith be it unto thee. On the background of the previous scene, the hemorrhaging woman touches the fringe of Jesus' cloak and she is healed. The Lord asked who touched him? Peter answered and the Apostles were astonished.

على خلفية المشهد السابق، المرأة المنزوفة تلمس طرف ثوب يسوع وتشفى. السيد يسأل من لمسه ويطرس يجابو والرسل مندهشون مما يجري.

الأب عبدو بدوي



## Saint Joseph the Patron Saint of Canada



A carpenter in Nazareth, he was the foster father of Christ, knowing perfectly well who he was when he married Mary. It was he who introduced Jesus to the temple and who took him with his wife to Egypt to escape the massacre of newborns that had been organized by Herod. When he died, they returned to Nazareth where Joseph taught Jesus the "carpenter" he knew. We know that he died before the Passion of Christ. He is the Patron of the Universal Church and the workers.

The evangelists have not kept us any word from this "righteous", the carpenter of Nazareth in Galilee, betrothed Mary, the Mother of God, husband as discreet as faithful and chaste. Foster father and educator of God the Son, become man among the men of this village, he does it simply. The angel had told him: "Do not be afraid to take home, Mary, your wife." and Joseph took his wife home. - "The angel had said to him," Arise, take the child and his mother. "And Joseph arose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt, a true son of Abraham. He believes and does what God says to him. When Jesus disappears for three days during the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Joseph accompanies Mary's quest: "Your father and I sought you." And Jesus, although he is now devoting himself "To the affairs of his Father" is none the less subject to the one who, on earth, has paternal authority over him. The Father knew to whom he entrusted his only Son and his Mother. The Orientals have always honored Saint Joseph. Latins have long ignored it.

Often depicted with a flower stick. Pius IX declared him patron of the universal Church in 1870. Boss of carpenters, dying, workmen. Patron of Belgium, Canada, Peru, Vietnam. Name derived from the Hebrew "Yosephyah" (which God adds).

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



### **MASSSES & CELEBRATIONS**

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION**  
EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

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

### **أقوال القديسين**

من له المحبة لا يتعالى على أحد، ولا يتشامخ .  
من له المحبة لا يسلك بقتل، ولا يعرفل أخاه من حوى المحبة لا يغار، ولا يحسد،  
ولا ينافس، ولا يفرح بسقوط الآخرين، ولا يشجب العاتي بل يحزن له ويساعده،  
ولا يعرض عن أخيه في شدته بل يعينه ويموت معه  
(القديس مارافرام السرياني)

### **MARCH FEASTS 2019**

- Day 18: - Saint Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem  
- Saint Joseph from Rama or Arimathea  
Day 19: Saint Joseph, spouse of Our Lady the Virgin Mary.  
Day 20: - Saint Fotina of Samaria (John 4:5-42)  
- Saint Silwanos.  
Day 21: Saint Sebastian  
Day 22: Saint Serge Paul & Pope Leo the IX.  
Day 23: Saint Rafqa, a Lebanese nun (1832-1914)  
Day 24: Saint Artamon, bishop of Selokia

## **THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**WE WILL CELEBRATE THE FEAST**

**ON SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2019 AT 11:30 A.M.**

**THE LADIES OF SODALITY WILL BE SELLING KNAFFA**



A generous and passionate love for the salvation of the faithful... By canonizing Blessed Rafqa Choboq Al-Rayes, the Church highlights in a very special way the mystery of the love given and welcomed for the glory of God and the world. This nun of the Lebanese Maronite Order wanted to love and give her life for the faithful. In the suffering that never ceased tormenting her during the last twenty-nine years of her life, Saint Rafqa has always shown a generous and passionate love for the salvation of all, drawing from her union with Christ, who died on the cross, the strength to voluntarily accept love, suffering, authentic path of holiness. May Saint Rafqa watch over those who know suffering, especially the people of the Middle East who are facing the destructive and sterile spiral of violence! Through her intercession, let us ask the Lord to open hearts in the patient search for new ways for peace, hastening the days of reconciliation and concord! (Excerpts from the homily of Pope John Paul II, on the occasion of the canonization of Blessed Rafqa, Sunday, June 10, 2001)

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

**DONATIONS SUMMARY (MARCH 10, 2019)**  
**“THE HEALING OF THE LEPER SUNDAY”**

**COLLECTION: TBA**



**“ Next Sunday, March 24<sup>H</sup> 2019 “**  
**The Prodigal Son Sunday**

**Reading (2 Cor 13: 5 – 13) - Gospel (Luke 15: 11 – 32)**

**“FIRST COMMUNION SCHEDULE”**

**FRIDAYS TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

February 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> class

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

**May 10 – Last class**

**MAY 31 – REHEARSAL**

**SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – 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.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

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