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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.

أحد البيان ليوسف

REVELATION TO JOSEPH

Reading: Eph 3:1-13 - Gospel Mt 1:18-25

In the Bible, dreams aim to clarify God's plans. The angel announces the birth of Jesus and repeats the essential articles of faith in the Incarnation.

St Matthew centers his account on the action and obedience of Joseph, whom he calls Just. He is faithful to the Jewish laws which are the expression of God's will. He will need a strong spiritual experience, evoked by the intervention of the angel of the Lord in a dream, to understand that God's plan goes beyond the framework of the commandments of the Law. To be just and do the will of God will be to take his wife Mary home and give the child a name, that is, to adopt him and bring him into his family so that Jesus may have a human family. Joseph understands that welcoming Jesus is welcoming the promised salvation.

St Matthew shows that Joseph is just and does the Lord's will not by applying the Law to the letter, but by adjusting to God's plan even if he does not always understand it. And how are we fair?

OUR LADY OF PEACE
MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY

COLLECTION SUMMARY
(DECEMBER 8th, 2019)

“THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST ”
COLLECTION: TBA



“CHRISTMAS CONCERT”

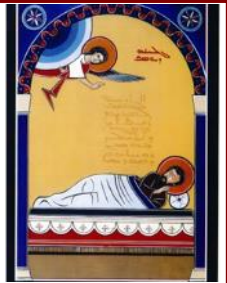
We will have the “CHRISTMAS CONCERT” on
Sunday, December 22nd, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

“CHRISTMAS IS COMING!”

As every year Our Lady of Peace prepares a Christmas
party for the children.
Saturday, 21st, of December 2019
from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

تفسير أيقونة "البيان ليوسف"

ضمن إطار ربولاي، يرقد يوسف على فراش من وحي
السرياني البريطاني 7170 والفاتيكانية السرياني 559. ملاك
الرب يخرق دائرة السماوات ليعلن له الخبر الذي بدد شكوكه،
المكتوب بالسريانية مالناً الفراغ بينهما :
"لا تخف يا يوسف من أن تأخذ مريم امرأة لك، لأن المولود
منها هو من الروح القدس."
الأب عبدو بدوي



Next Sunday, December 22, 2019

THE GENEALOGY

Reading (Romans 1:1 -12) - Gospel (Matthew 1:1-17)

We will have the **Arabic**
Classes every Saturday from
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

ARABIC
Classes for children

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

Saint Alphonsus of LIGUORI (1696-1787)

The patience of Saint Joseph

To be patient is to bear, without complaining or rejecting, the evils that rush us, as prolonged as they may be. “His patience was a shield that received and dulled all enemy traits: his vocation, his happiness, consisted in sacrificing himself daily for the benefit of Jesus and Mary.”



The «Fatherhood and Chastity of Saint Joseph»

Why should not the son of Mary's virginity be received as a son by the chaste Joseph?

He is chaste husband as she is chaste wife:

Why should he not be a father, even though he is a virgin, just as Mary deserved to be a mother without ceasing to be a virgin?

He therefore, who claims that Joseph should not be called a father, because he has not begotten children, seeks in the generation of children the satisfaction of concupiscence, and not the tenderness of affection. Joseph was much more fully realizing in his heart what others desire to accomplish in a carnal way.

Knowing that he had nothing to do with the mystery of Mary, he would normally consider her to be unfaithful. But because he was "just" and did not want to defame her, he resolved to send her away in secret. Husband, trouble takes hold of him; but "righteous" does not prevail. Consider Joseph's profound "justice". If he spared his wife, it was not because he wanted to live with her.

Many, in fact, inspired by carnal love, forgive their unfaithful wives, desiring that they are, despite their fault, to preserve them, so as to satisfy their own desire. This just man does not want to keep his wife; therefore his affection is not carnal. Nor does he want to punish her: it is the effect of a feeling of mercy. Admire the

Christmas & New Year's Schedule 2019-2020
Our Lady of Peace Maronite Church—Calgary

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Sunday, December 15 till Monday December 23

Sundays, December 15 & 22 *11:30 A.M.*

Weekdays *6:30 P.M.*

Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 25 *11:30 A.M.*

The Solemnity of the Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 26 *6:30 P.M.*

New Year's Day Mass

Wednesday, January 1 *11:30 A.M.*

Epiphany of the Lord

Mass & Blessing of the Water

Sunday, January 5 *11:30 A.M.*

Merry Christmas & Happy Blessed new Year 2020