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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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### AVAILABLE

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



EPARCHIE SAINT MARON  
CANADA

## Our Lady of Peace Parish Maronite Catholic Church

رعيّة سيدة السلام - كالغاري  
كنيسة كاثوليكيّة مارونيّة



Weekly Bulletin

March 15, 2020

### Fourth Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

الأحد الرابع من الصوم الكبير : أحد مثل الابن الشاطر

Reading: 2 Co 13:5-13

Gospel: St Lc 15:11-32

This man who has two sons therefore represents God, the father also of two peoples, who are like the two strains of the human race, one of those who have remained faithful to the worship of one God, and the other of those who have forgotten the true God, to the point of worshipping idols.

Thus, it is from the beginning of the world and immediately after the creation of men that the eldest son embraces the worship of the one and true God and that the youngest asks his father for the portion of the good that should belong to him. Thus the soul, seduced by the power which it believes to have, asks to be mistress of its life, of its intelligence, of its memory and to dominate by the superiority of its genius; these are gifts of God, but it received them in order to dispose of them according to its will.

Thus the prodigal son is the one who dissolves all his good, that is, the righteousness of his intelligence, the lessons of chastity, the knowledge of the truth, the memory of his father, and the thought of his origin. «Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear»!

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

**COLLECTION SUMMARY**  
**(MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

**"THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT "HEMOREGING"  
COLLECTION: \$**



**"Saint Joseph the Chaste March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020"**  
We will celebrate the feast of Saint Joseph,  
on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 a.m.

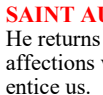
**PROCESSION (STATIONS) OF THE CROSS**  
The Procession of the Cross and the Ziyah will be  
held every **FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**

## أقوال القديسين



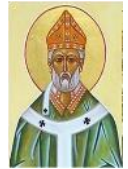
### **SAINT AMBROSE**

He is quite right to return to himself, who is so far away from him; for in returning to God, one comes to oneself, and separates oneself when one separates from Jesus Christ.



### **SAINT AUGUSTIN**

He returns to himself, when he brought back into the interior of his consciousness his affections which he had let go astray on all these exterior vanities which seduce and entice us.



### **SAINT JÉRÔME**

He adds : " You killed the fattened calf for him. "The Jewish people therefore confess that Christ came , but by a feeling of envy , they refuse the salvation which is offered to them.



## **BRING MARY INTO YOUR HOME**

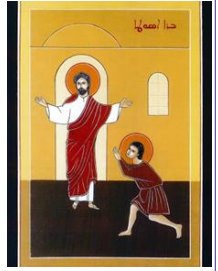
Would you like to have the statue of Mary in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday)? If so, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet. With the statue in your home you and your family can pray with her, ask her for her help, and share your responsibilities and problems with her.

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

## تفسير أيقونة "الإبن الشاطر"

يقف الأب بصورة الإبن أمام باب بيته المضيء، رمز ملكوت النور، فاتحاً ذراعيه أمام الإبن الضال التائب العائد إلى بيت أبيه، تعلو رأسه هالة القداسة التي اكتسبها بتوبته وعودته. هذه الأيقونة استنباط جديد لم نجد له تاليفاً في الإيقونوغرافيا التقليدية.

الأب عبدو بدوي



أَقُومُ وَأَمْضِي إِلَى أَبِي وَأَقُولُ لَهُ: يَا أَبِي، خَطِئْتُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَأَمَامَكَ

يتفرد هذا الأحد، بين آحاد الصوم كلها، بأنه لا يذكرنا بأعجوبة ليسوع، بل بمثل، هو مثل الابن الشاطر. هو ذروة الأسابيع الثلاثة الأولى من الصوم، التي تركز على ممارسة التوبة بالصوم والسهر والصلاة وأعمال البرّ والصدقة، وهو منتصف الصوم الكبير في أن معاً: فإله أبونا السماوي لا يريد على الأرض سوى توبتنا إليه وخلصنا الأبديّ معه!

الرسالة (2 قور 13/5-13): فيها يحرض الرسول المؤمنين على امتحان أنفسهم هل هم راسخون في الإيمان بيسوع المسيح، لئلا يكونوا مرفوضين غير مقبولين، راسخين في الامتحان! فالرسول بولس أشبه بالأب في مثل الابن الشاطر، لأنه لا يريد سوى الخير لأبنائه المؤمنين، وخصوصاً في غيابه عنهم، لكي يعيشوا بمحبة وسلام، ويسعوا إلى كمال المشاركة في نعمة الرب يسوع، ومحبة الله الأب، وشركة الروح القدس.



2 - الإنجيل (لو 15/11-32): بعد مثل الخروف الضائع، ومثل الدرهم الضائع، يتفرد لوقا بمثل الابن الضائع. والأمثلة الثلاثة هي رد يسوع على تذمر الفريسيين والكتبة منه، لأنه كان يقبل الخطاة ويأكل معهم. الابن الأصغر أخذ حصته من ميراث أبيه وسافر إلى بلد بعيد، ليغيب عن نظر أبيه وأخيه... وهناك بدد كل ماله وأمسى أجيراً جائعاً منجساً بين الخنازير... عاد إلى نفسه فاكتشف خطيئته فقرّر وعاد إلى أبيه نادماً مستغفراً. أعاد إليه أبوه بنوته كاملة، وهذا هو معنى الحلة الفاخرة، والخاتم، والحذاء، وذبح العجل المسمّن. هكذا يعامل الله كل إنسان خاطئ يتوب! أما الابن الأكبر الذي رفض الدخول والمشاركة في فرحة الأب، فقد خرج إليه أبوه متوسلاً إليه بالدخول، واستمع إلى جميع اعتراضاته على أخيه، ولكنه أصرّ عليه بالدخول وقبول أخيه، وإلا فسوف يخسر بنوته الحقيقية!! وهكذا يعامل الله كل إنسان يعتبر نفسه كالفريسيين والكتبة، باراً أمام الله، ويرفض توبة أخيه الخاطئ!

NEXT SUNDAY

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC - March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
**Reading (1 Timothy 5:24-6:5) - Gospel (Mark 2:1-12)**

**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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

\*\*\* BAGHDO, Sami Hanna (Carmen Makdassi's father) 40 Memorial Mass on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

\*\*\* EL KHOURY, Elias (Marie El Khoury Husband), One Year Memorial Mass on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

### **"FIRST COMMUNION"**

Classes will be on Sundays during Church 11:30 am -12:30 pm

**NO CLASS**

**April 5 and April 12 for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday**

First Class Sunday March 15, 2020

Sunday March 22, 2020 - Sunday March 29, 2020

Sunday April 19, 2020 - Sunday April 26, 2020

Sunday May 3, 2020 - Sunday May 24, 2020

First Communion date has not been set yet but will be in last week of May 2020 or First week of June 2020 and we will have rehearsal before.

**We would also like all kids to be at Church the Sunday after the First Communion so they can all take Communion together.**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **LITURGICAL MEASURES**

**At the Sign of Peace, refrain from shaking hands – a simple bow, nod, or "Peace be with you" to your neighbor is appropriate.**

**Baptismal and Holy Water fonts are to be emptied and are to be sanitized with water and bleach.**

**Holy Communion will only be distributed under the Body of Christ (Host).**

**Note: It has been shared by some public health experts that there is no indication of increased risk of infection in receiving the host either on the tongue or in the hand.**

**Only priests are to consume the Precious Blood.**

**These measures are effective immediately and will remain in place until notified otherwise by the Diocese.**

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