

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Sundays – 11:30 a.m.

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

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

First Thursday of each month 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 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.



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A Reading from St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 4:13-25)

Brothers and Sisters: The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (Luke 1:1-25)

The Evangelist said: Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

As every year Our Lady of Peace prepares a Christmas party for the children.

On Saturday, December 20th, 2014

The success of the party is dependant on the generosity of its parishioners.

Now is the time to start donating money or gifts (brand new).

Thank you for your continued support!

NEW YEAR EVE 2014 -2015

We will hold a New Year's Eve party at our Church Hall on **Wednesday,**
December 31st, 2014

(DJ's, Music, Food Buffet and more)

Tickets: Adult \$60.00, Children 5 years to 12 years \$ 40.00,
under 5 years free

LIMITED TO 150 PERSON (FIRST COME FIRST SERVE)

For reservation please contact:

Michel Mougani (4036170737) or Rami Khouri (4038747264)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in volunteering for the upcoming Christmas and New Years' Eve parties are asked to add their name to the sign up sheet posted at the front of the church. Thank you – we appreciate your help!

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

DONATIONS SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 9th, 2014

TOTAL 1ST COLLECTIONS: \$ 2017.00

TOTAL 2ND COLLECTIONS: \$ 164.00



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

BISHOP F. HENRY VISIT

His Excellency F. Henry

**Bishop of the Roman
Catholic Diocese Of Calgary
will be visiting our parish**



on

Sunday, November 23rd, 2014

He will join us for the Holy Mass.

**A banquet on his honour to follow
at the Church Hall.**

(Potluck Food will be serving)

**To make a confirmation about what you can bring
please contact the Ladies of Sodality.**