

Sunday of the Wedding of Cana



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 located at the front table where Mary's statue rests. 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.

EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH EUCCHARIST ADORATION AT 7:00 PM



March 2014 Feast Days

Day 2: Saint John Maron (1st Patriarch)

Day 3: Ash Monday

Day 9: 40 Martyrs

Day 19: Saint Joseph

Day 23: 100 years of the death of Saint Rafqa

Day 25: Announcement to Mary



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SUNDAY MASS READING & GOSPEL

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. (**Romans 14: 14 – 23**)

Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of one another. I know and I am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister, is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteous and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubt are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith, is sin. **The word of the Lord.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (**John 2: 1 – 11**)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciple had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew, the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. **This is the truth, peace be with you.**

The church calls on Christ, her heavenly bridegroom, who pours out for her the wealth of his graces, and appeals to him: *May your grace shine upon us. Open the treasure of your abundant compassion to us. Enrich us with your good gifts. Seat us at the table of your kingdom and let us drink from your new wine. Give us the joy of your eternal feast and let us rejoice in the splendor of your face. O Christ, the true wine, quench our hearts with the wine of your love!*

Sunday Reflection

Sunday marks the beginning of the Season of Great Lent. This Season of the Church consists of seven Sundays (weeks) of preparation for the Great Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Briefly, the Church gives us the Season of Great Lent as a time to prepare for the Resurrection of the Lord. Fasting, acts of penance and self-denial, as well as intense self-reflection, mark this season. In addition, the Maronite Church has a unique approach in her presentation of this season: each Sunday commemorates one of the great miracles of Jesus. These miracles focus on healing by the Lord as signs of his power over sin and death pointing to his true identity as the long-awaited Messiah. Tradition ascribes to one of our great teachers of spiritual life, St. Ephrem, the following prayer:

“O Lord and Master of my life!

Take from me the spirit of laziness, faintheartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. Rather give to Your servant the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love.

*Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother;
for You are blessed forever and ever. Amen.”*

**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM
STARTING FROM FRIDAY, MARCH, 7TH, 2014**

Ashes

Ashes will be distributed at the 11:30 a.m. mass on Sunday, March 2nd, and on Ash Monday, March 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER PARTY

ON APRIL 20TH 2014 AT CROATION CULTURAL CENTER

First Holy Communion (Saturday May 17th, 2014)

Parish News

Please remember to read the weekly bulletin and to visit our website at

www.maroniteparishcalgary.com to keep up-to-date on parish events, programs, future developments, and other related matters.

On the frontlines of the Syrian refugee crisis

Dr. Rita Rhayem, is on the **frontlines** of the **Syrian crisis**.

As head of the health department at Caritas Lebanon, she is organizing care relief services to respond to growing needs.

Come hear her speak about the realities on the ground and how Canadian support is making a difference.

Lebanon has absorbed one million Syrians who have fled the ongoing conflict in their country.

Still fragile from its own history of conflict, Lebanon is trying to cope with this influx of refugees. Caritas Lebanon with support from DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is providing health care services to this vulnerable group, all while helping the local population cope as well.

- Date & Time:** Sunday 9 March 2014
11:30 a.m.— Holy Mass
12:45 p.m.—Presentation by Mrs. Rhayem
Followed by Lunch and Discussion in Parish Hall
- Place:** Our Lady of Peace Maronite Catholic Church
(504 30th Avenue NW)
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