# THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

# 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.



#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

If your child will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year, please add your name, your child's name, and your phone number to the "sign up" sheet at the back of the church.



# Our Lady of Peace Parish

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# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

#### A Reading from St. Paul to the Galatians (Galatians 4:21-5:1)

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married." Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman." So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

#### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke (Luke 1:57-66)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

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



#### <u>CHRISTMAS IS COMING!</u>

As every year Our Lady of Peace prepares Christmas party for the children On Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 From 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm 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).

#### <u>NEW YEAR EVE 2014 -2015</u>

We will hold a New Year's Eve party at our Church Hall on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 For reservation please contact: Michel Mougani (4036170737) Rami Khouri (4038747264)

#### CHRISTMAS NOVENA

We will start the Christmas Novena on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and we will end the Novena by Midnight Mass on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## THE LADIES OF SODALITY FEAST

We will celebrate the Feast of the Ladies of Sodality on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### MARONITE BISHOP PAUL MARWAN TABET PASTORAL VISIT

His Excellency Mgr. Paul Marwan Tabet Bishop of Saint Maron Eparchy of Canada will be visiting our parish from Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 till Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

If you are new to our parish, or have not yet been registered in our Parish, please submit a registration form and drop it off in the office or give it to the priest.

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

# TOTAL COLLECTION: \$1119.25

