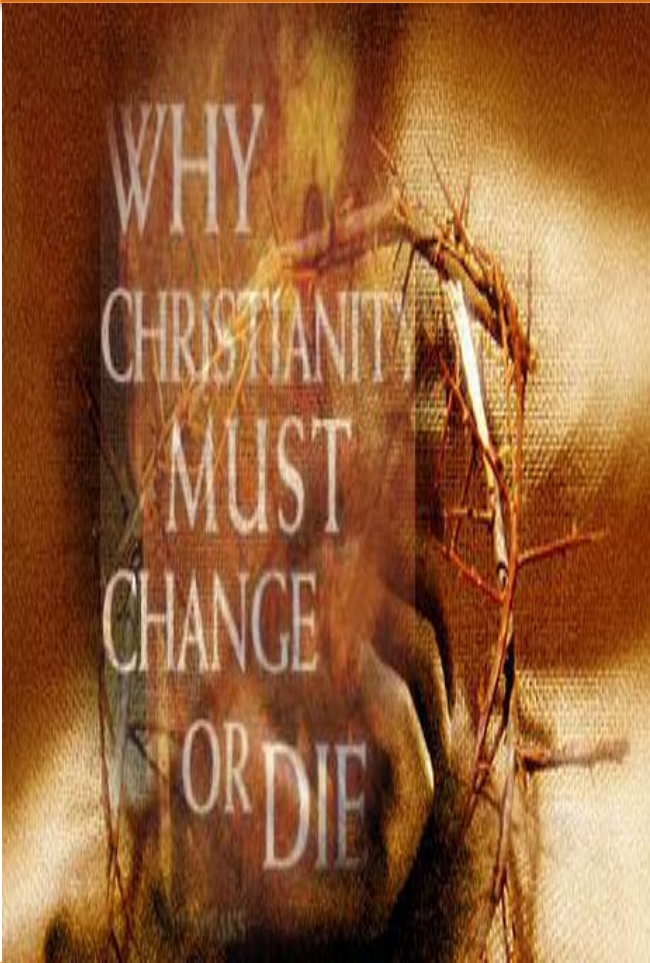


# 12th Sunday of Pentecost



## MASSES & CELEBRATIONS

Sundays – 11:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)  
at 6:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration Day –  
First Thursday of each month 7:30 – 8:30 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.

**Please Remember Our Lady of Peace  
Maronite Catholic Parish of Calgary IN YOUR WILL.**



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# The Fruit of the Mission to the Gentiles

## The Canaanite Woman's Faith

### **A Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians. (Ephesians 3:1-13)**

Because of this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ (Jesus) for you Gentiles-- if, as I suppose, you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, (namely, that) the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly earlier. When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to human beings in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this I became a minister by the gift of God's grace that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his power. To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light (for all) what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and authorities in the heavens. This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness of speech and confidence of access through faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over my afflictions for you; this is your glory.

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. (Matthew 15:21-28)**

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

**Family Nights biweekly on Fridays from 8:00 pm to 10pm  
come and join us!**

**Youth Meeting biweekly on Fridays from 8:00 pm to 10pm  
come and join us!**

THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST.



John is described as having the unique practice of baptism for the forgiveness of sins. Most scholars agree that John baptized Jesus. Scholars generally believe Jesus was a follower or disciple of John and several New Testament accounts report that some of Jesus' early followers had previously been followers of John. John the Baptist is also mentioned by Jewish historian Josephus. Some scholars maintain that John was influenced by the semi-ascetic Essenes, who expected an apocalypse and practiced rituals corresponding strongly with baptism, although no direct evidence substantiates this.

According to the New Testament, John anticipated a messianic figure greater than himself, and Jesus was the one whose coming John foretold. Christians commonly refer to John as the precursor or forerunner of Jesus, since John announces Jesus' coming. John is also identified with the prophet Elijah.

# + PROUD TO BE CHRISTIAN +

Please Join us for a special Mass

to pray for the Christians of the Middle East  
and especially those in Nineveh, (Mosul), Iraq

on Monday, August 25th, 2014 at 7:00 pm

at Saint Mary's Cathedral.

Bishop F. Henry will be presiding

with concelebrants:

Father Noel Farman

from the Chaldean Community

and Father Michel Kassas

from Our Lady of Peace Maronite Church.

All clergy and all laity in the Diocese are encouraged to attend .



**Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Beheaded of John the Baptist Feast. Holy Mass at 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

**Saints Abda, Ijidius and Zakhia Feast**

**Sunday & Arabic School are over for the summer months, but will resume in September 2014. Have a great & blessed summer!**

**WELCOME!**

**OLOP pastor and parishioners would like to welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family.**