

OUR LADY OF PEACE MARONITE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CALGARY



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OF ST. MARON

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEASON

Sunday September 13th, 2015

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.



Next Sunday, September 20th, 2015

1st SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

Reading (2 Timothy: 1-10)

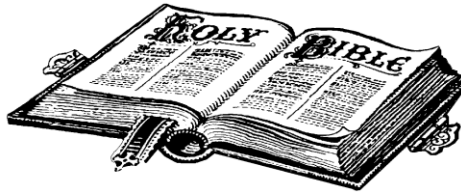
Gospel (Mark 10: 35 –45)

SUNDAY MASS READING & GOSPEL

A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

(1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



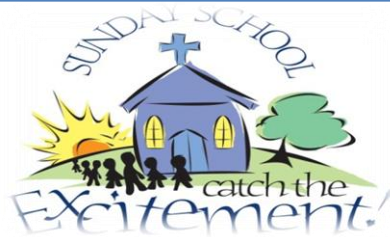
A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

(John 12:20-32)

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The feast of the Exaltation of the Cross sprang into existence at Rome at the end of the seventh century. Allusion is made to it during the pontificate of Sergius I (687-701) but, as Dom Bäumer observes, the very terms of the text (Lib. Pontif., I, 374, 378) show that the feast already existed. It is, then, inexact, as has often been pointed out, to attribute the introduction of it to this pope. The Gallican churches, which, at the period here referred to, do not yet know of this feast of the 14th September, have another on the 3rd of May of the same signification. It seems to have been introduced there in the seventh century, for ancient Gallican documents, such as the Lectionary of Luxeuil, do not mention it; Gregory of Tours also seems to ignore it. According to Mgr. Duchesne, the date seems to have been borrowed from the legend of the Finding of the Holy Cross (Lib. Pontif., I, p. cviii). Later, when the Gallican and Roman Liturgies were combined, a distinct character was given to each feast, so as to avoid sacrificing either. The 3rd of May was called the feast of the Invention of the Cross, and it commemorated in a special manner Saint Helena's discovery of the sacred wood of the Cross; the 14th of September, the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, commemorated above all the circumstances in which Heraclius recovered from the Persians the True Cross, which they had carried off. Nevertheless, it appears from the history of the two feasts, which we have just examined, that that of the 13th and 14th of September is the older, and that the commemoration of the Finding of the Cross was at first combined with it.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will resume the Sunday School in the second Sunday of October 2015.



ARABIC SCHOOL

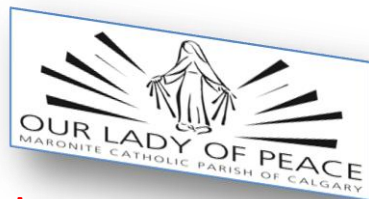
We will resume the Arabic Classes on the first Saturday of October 2015

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.



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DONATIONS SUMMARY (September 6th, 2015)

16th PENTECOST SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$390.50

We are pleased to announce to you that our
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

will take place at

SHERATON CAVALIER CALGARY HOTEL

2620 32 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6B8

On Thursday December 31, 2015

More details to be announced

2015 *New Years Eve* 2016

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.

SUGGESTIONS!

If you have any suggestions to enhance the spiritual, educational, or physical needs of the parish, please let us know.

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