# The Revelation to Joseph Sunday

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



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#### Sunday December 13th, 2015



#### Next Sunday, December 20th, 2015 THE GENEALOGY

Reading (*Romans 1:1 -12*) Gospel (*Matthew 1:1-17*)

#### **MASSES & CELEBRATIONS**

Sundays – 11:30 a.m.

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

#### BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

Second Friday 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.

Brothers and Sisters, For this reason, I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you gentiles assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. Of this Gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given to me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose, which he was realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which your glory.

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



A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matthew 1: 18 – 25) Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, and angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All that took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

#### ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT The **DIOCESAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE** is please to invite all Arabic speaking Christians to Our Lady of Peace Maronite Catholic Parish for

beautiful evening of devotion and spiritual renewal as we prepare to start the "Year of Mercy" and celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Our Lady of Peace Maronite Catholic Church 504 - 30 Ave NW, Calgary -Monday December 14th at 7:00 PM. **CHRISTMAS NOVENA** We will start our **CHRISTMAS NOVENA** on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by the Holy Mass at 7:00 pm from Monday to Friday and we will conclude our Christmas Novena on Thursday, December 24th, 2015

> **FAMILY NIGHT** We are all invited to gather every Friday at the Church hall. We start by thanking God in our Holy Mass at 6:30 pm

an ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT. The evening will begin with Mass and the Christmas Novena at 7:00 PM followed by Advent Reflections by Ms. Intisar Ghazala, B.Th. from Iraq. There is no fee for this event. Join us for this

### we will gather to eat, play cards and have fun at the church hall.

ARABIC SCHOOL Will stop from December 19th, 2015 and it will resume on January 16th, 2016 Every Saturday from 2:30 pm till 4:30 pm

# Encourage your children from 5 years and up to learn our native language

**WELCOME!** 

We welcome all parishioners back for another year of cooperation and prosperity in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Peace pastor and parishioners

would like to welcome all visitors and families who are new to the parish family. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.maroniteparishcalgary.com

# THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST SUNDAY DONATIONS SUMMARY (December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015) SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$841.70 CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

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## The Parish Council invite all the parishioners for an appreciation

**OUR LADY OF PEACE** 

brunch on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 after the Holy Mass at the Church hall! All are welcome to attend



The New Year's Eve party will be held at the Sheraton Cavalier Calgary Hotel 2620 32 Ave NE, Calgary, AB T1Y 6B8. Entertainment by singers **ELIE MOUJABER and FIRAS HARBI**.

Tickets available Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Cost: \$80.00 for adults, \$35.00 for children aged 4 – 12, no cost for children under four. Purchase your tickets before it's too late.

Wishing you a happy and blessed year 2016!

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