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Sunday of the Entrance into Lent

Miracle at Cana in Galilee

2/27/2022

Office Hours

By appointment only.

Please call or stop by during office hours or by appointment only

Liturgical Schedule

Weds, Thursday, Friday 9:00am
(Chapel)

Saturday 4:00 pm (*Maronite rite*)

Sunday 8:30 am (*Roman rite*)

10:30 am (*Maronite rite*)

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

Saturday 2:00pm-4:00pm (Chapel)

Meet Your Clergy

Fr. Tony Saab

Pastor

Farid Zaarour

Deacon

Sacraments

Baptism and Confirmation:

Please contact the Priest for an appt.

Reconciliation:

Before or after Liturgy or by appt.

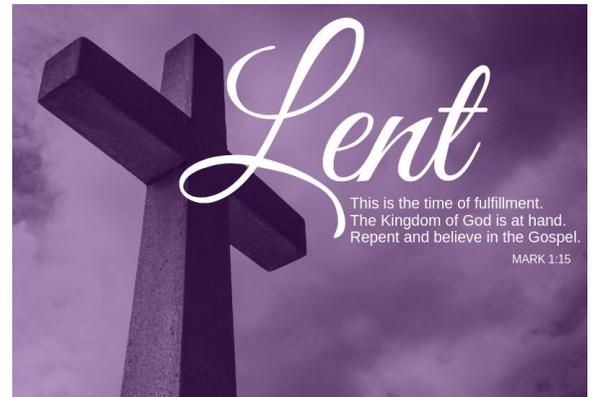
Marriage:

Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Romans 14:14-23

I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; still, it is unclean for someone who thinks it unclean. If your brother is being hurt by what you eat, your conduct is no longer in accord with love. Do not because of your food destroy him for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be reviled. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit; whoever serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by others. Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to building up one another. For the sake of food, do not destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to become a stumbling block by eating; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. Keep the faith (that) you have to yourself in the presence of God; blessed is the one who does not condemn himself for what he approves. But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because this is not from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin. Praise be to God always.



John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And) Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Liturgical Intentions

<p>2/26</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p>Memorial Liturgy for Gloria Harrison Borek, requested by John Deluca and family.</p>
<p>2/27</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	<p>40 day liturgy for George Daoud Issa, requested by his daughter Fadia and her husband Henry Chango, and her loving family.</p>
<p>3/5</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p>One hundred Year Birthday Remembrance for Virginia Solomon, requested by her loving family.</p>
<p>3/6</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p> <p>12:00pm</p>	<p>40 Day Mantoura Karam, requested by Joe Karam and his loving family. A Mercy Meal in the Church Hall will follow after Liturgy.</p>
<p>3/12</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p>26th Birthday remembrance for Alexandria Saker, requested by her loving parents and brothers.</p>
<p>3/13</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	<p>40 Day Liturgy for Anissa Rizk, requested by her husband Joseph, her children Elie, Lina, and Mona, and their loving family.</p>
<p>3/19</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p>11 Year Memorial Liturgy for Russell Fontaine, requested by his wife Rose Marie and her loving family.</p>
<p>3/20</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	<p>Memorial Liturgy for Salim “Sam” Khoury, Charles and Eva Anthony, MaryAnn Solomon, by Emil Anthony</p>
<p>3/26</p> <p>4:00pm</p>	<p>Memorial Liturgy for Lena Nabih, Louis Khoury, Maryann Durante, Paul Autiello, requested by their loving families</p> <p>Memorial Liturgy for the deceased members of the Holy Rosary Sodality on the occasion of the feast of the Annunciation.</p>
<p>3/27</p> <p>8:30am</p> <p>10:30am</p>	<p>One Year Anniversary Liturgy for Adele Naddaf, requested by her loving family.</p>

What is the Eparchial Charities that we participate in during Lent?

It is our Bishop's charity appeal. Every parish contributes with an assessed amount. Ours this year is \$5,500. We make this contribution whether we collect the whole amount or not.

Your contributions will support charities in this way:

40% to our Seminarians preparing for the Holy Priesthood at our Seminary in Washington, D.C.

20% to support various Catholic ministries.

20% to support our retired priests who served the faithful of our Eparchy with generosity.

10% to support our needy Christian families in Lebanon, suffering from the ongoing economical crisis.

10% will be deposited into our Eparchy's Endowment to support current needs and to have resources in the future.

Please know that your participation in the appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy and in Lebanon. Any gift will be appreciated. May God continue to bless your generosity.



Second Collections

Feb 27 Eparchial Charities

March 13 Utility Fund

Please join us on

Monday February 28, 2022

ASH MONDAY اثنين الرماد



Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00pm
and Ashes will be blessed and
distributed.

The **Holy Rosary Sodality** will meet on Saturday, March 5th at 3:30 PM to pray the rosary before the 4 PM liturgy.

Every Friday before the Stations/ Adoration of the Cross, the Holy Rosary Sodality will be serving a complimentary light Lenten meals starting at 5:00pm.

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Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph



Sunday,
March 20th, 2022

Church Hall ~ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lunch includes:

Falafel and all the fixings!

Food & Beverage Donation:

\$25 - Adults

\$10 - Child 5-12

Free - Under 5

Please join us

Every Friday during Lent

Stations and Adoration of the Cross

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At 7:00pm

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Live Streaming of Weekend Liturgies on Facebook

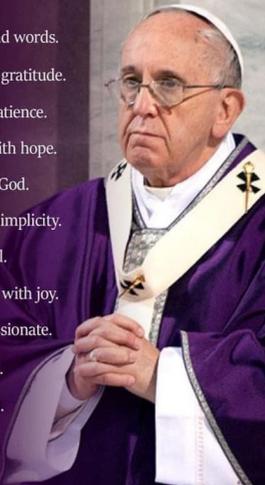
For all our loved ones who cannot be with us in person.

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DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



This Sunday, the Gospel explains how **Jesus turns water into wine**. But that is just the beginning of what Jesus does. Consider everything Jesus transforms this Sunday.

First, Mary is transformed into a heavenly advocate.

In asking him, Mary changes. She becomes an Advocate for those whose needs she sees — at Cana and in your home. It is because “her constant intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation” that the Second Vatican Council called her “Advocate” and “Mediatrice.”

Second, the servants at the wedding are transformed into models of the lay apostolate.

Despite Jesus’ apparent hesitation to do what she is asking, Mary charges ahead. She turns to the servants at the wedding and gives what St. John Paul II calls “the great maternal counsel, which Mary addresses to the Church of every age: ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” The servants do exactly what Jesus asks them, filling large stone jars with water and bringing them to him. At some point as they do this, Jesus changes the water into wine. They therefore become models for lay Christians everywhere. We don’t transform the world. We do not do extraordinary things. We do ordinary work that looks like drudgery, but by doing it for Jesus and by bringing it to him, we play an integral part in his transformation of the world — starting with our work.



Third, he transforms marriage into a sacrament.

Jesus could have chosen any location for his first public miracle. That He chose a wedding is significant. If Jesus is the divine Son of God, and he is, then his very appearance at a wedding changes the event. The God who became man in the family of a married couple now begins his ministry at a wedding. He will later call himself the “bridegroom.” St. Paul will later stress how deeply the mystery of Jesus and the Church is like a marriage in its very essence. Marriage is central to salvation history from the first book of the Bible to the very last. The Church sees Cana as a sign that marriage is a sacrament through which Jesus transforms the relationship of husband and wife. But that’s not the only relationship He transforms.



It is always the same equation: Our reality + Jesus = a new reality.

This is how Christ shares his power through his bride, the Church every day. If we stay close to Him we can see our lives with Christ’s vision: A vision that transforms everything.