We are the Maronite Eastern Catholic Community of Saint Joseph Parish in Sandy Springs GA, part of the Universal Catholic Church. We follow and preserve the rich traditions and heritage of the Monastic Maronite Antiochene Catholic Eastern Syriac rite. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered by our baptismal promises and the Lord’s disciples as stewards of God’s bountiful gifts. Our purpose is to joyfully proclaim the presence of Christ to the total community by dedicating ourselves to worshiping, teaching, learning and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a family of God who works together for the spiritual, physical and social growth of the community. We respect every individual regardless of race or ethnic origin and we welcome them as part of our community. We are committed to preserve and pass-on our Eastern Antiochene tradition and spiritual heritage to our children.
Readings of the Week

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Visiting the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is sick or shut-in, and who would like Father to visit, please send that person’s contact information to the parish office: info@sjmcc.org or 404-525-2504.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 22
9:00 AM
For Tommy Mansour, requested by Georgette Samaritan

Tuesday, September 24
10:00 AM
For Norma Doran

Wednesday, September 25
10:00 AM
For Ruth Manley, requested by Fred and June Isaf

To offer a Mass for a loved one, please stop by the parish office or call us to check the schedule and book your Mass.

Thank You!

To all who organized and all who attended our Parish Day of Renewal on September 14.
For those who want a recap or for those who missed it, the slides that accompanied the presentation by Bill Marianes can be found at www.stewardshipcalling.com Go to Upcoming Programs and to St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church and click.
The slides provide the major content that was presented.
**Watch the bulletin for information as we plan to meet the challenges of carrying out our parish mission!**
Renovation Plans Approved!

Our thanks to Bishop Gregory and to Chor-bishop Michael for giving their blessing to our plans for renovation of the main sanctuary.

Thank you to all who have made our transition to Sandy Springs possible and to all who are helping to make our new home a truly Maronite church.

If you have not already visited the chapel to see the stained glass windows which we brought with us from Seminole Avenue, please stop in to visit the Blessed Sacrament and see how beautiful the windows are.

We are planning a special service for the dedication of the windows.

Please watch the bulletin for updates on our progress with the renovations!
The Knights of Columbus will meet on Sunday, September 22, at 10:00 AM in the conference room. All men of the parish are invited.

If you would like to donate flowers for the altars in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, contact Elizabeth Mahfoud (bettymahfoud@aol.com.) Flowers cost $100 for the month.

If you would like to donate bread, wine, or sanctuary candles for the altars, please contact us at info@sjmcc.org.

The altar flowers for September are donated by Madeline Shababy and Maryse Murad in memory of Sub-deacon Leo Shababy and Claire Chrabieh.

It is not too late to register for Arabic classes!! For information, please contact: Nelly Younes Daou at nellydaou@hotmail.com or Perla Osta at perlaosta1@gmail.com.

If you are of Lebanese descent and want to obtain your Lebanese nationality, contact: Nelly Younes Daou, representative for "Project Roots".

Atlanta’s Newest Catholic Radio Station, 1160AM The Quest is on the air! The new station offers exciting programming that will invite, inform and inspire Christians, and all who are seeking to grow spiritually.
### Calendar: September 2019

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<td>Third Sunday after Holy Cross; <strong>Ladies Altar and Rosary Society leads Rosary.</strong></td>
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**In a united effort to meet the spiritual needs of our growing parish, the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society will be leading the rosary in both English and Arabic each month. In September, we will lead the rosary on Sunday the 29th, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in English, and at 10:20 in Arabic. The rosary is prayed in the chapel, and all parishioners are welcome to join either (or both!) sessions. You will recognize us members of the Ladies Altar and Rosary Society by our blue scarves and brooches.**
The Ladies Altar Rosary Society will serve breakfast after the Liturgies on Sunday, September 22. Our thanks to Bassam Monzer, Mediterranean Bakery, for donating this breakfast!!
A Special “Thank You” for our supporters.
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