Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 PM
   English & Aramaic
   (in the Chapel)

Sunday 9:00 AM
   English & Aramaic
   (in the Chapel)

Sunday 11:00 AM
   English, Arabic &
   Aramaic

Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM
   (in the Chapel)

Confessions
   30 minutes before every
   Divine Liturgy

Eucharistic Adoration
   First Friday of every
   month 6:30 PM

December 22, 2019   Genealogy Sunday

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.
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.

**Readings of the Week**

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<td>Thursday, 12/26</td>
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<td>Friday, 12/27</td>
<td>2 Cor 11:1-9</td>
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<td>Rev 21:9-10, 21-27</td>
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**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, December 22**
9:00 AM
For Bill Perkins, requested by the Ladies Altar and Rosary Society.

All Christmas Liturgies will be offered for the parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Church, living and deceased.

**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.

**Our annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on Christmas Eve, December 24th, during the 5PM Liturgy.**

Practice for the pageant will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 2-5PM. Children ages 7 through MYO are invited, welcomed, and encouraged to participate! Please contact Rima Najem at 678-468-4196 or najmrema@gmail.com for information.
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<td>Saturday, December 7</td>
<td>Men’s Club Christmas Hafli, 8PM</td>
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<td>Sunday, December 8</td>
<td>Birth of John the Baptist; Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Rosary for Madeline Shababy immediately following the 9am Liturgy in English and at 10:20 in Arabic in the chapel.</td>
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<td>Friday, December 13</td>
<td>Retreat on the Annunciation, 7PM</td>
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<td>Sunday, December 15</td>
<td>Revelation to Joseph; Ladies Society Christmas Luncheon; Special Knights of Columbus meeting, 10AM in Conference Room.</td>
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<td>Sunday, December 22</td>
<td>Genealogy Sunday; No MCF classes</td>
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<td>Wednesday, December 25</td>
<td>Glorious Birth of Our Lord; Second Collection (Pastor’s Collection)</td>
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<td>Sunday after the Birth of Our Lord; No MCF classes</td>
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Please welcome our Maronite seminarian Antony Abi Awad who will be visiting us during the Christmas holy days!
If you would like to donate poinsettias for the Christmas altars, please contact Charlene Hiffa mchiffa@bellsouth.net

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

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

Gifts for the Altar

Gift of Flowers

Flowers for the month of December are donated by Pete and Nancy Mondalek in memory of their deceased parents: Pete and Effie Mondalek, Sabin Wisson, and Bill Perkins.

Flowers arranged by FlowerCraft, Inc.

Arabic Classes

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

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

will speak on

THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

10:00 AM
In McNamee Hall

St. Peter Chanel Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell GA 30075

Register online

https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?
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Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church Presents

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Thursdays from January 23rd to March 26th at 7pm

1-You are invited to intimate encounter with God through Christ our Lord
2-To deepen our love for Jesus
3-To advance in our prayer life
4-To a greater love of Holy Scriptures.
5-To examine one’s conscience more closely
6-Discernment of Spirits—The ability to distinguish the voice of the Holy Spirit from whisperings of the evil spirit.
7-A deeper understanding and love of the Sacrament of Confession and the Eucharist.

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