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

Our Clergy

Rev. Tony K. Akoury
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese
Deacon

Rev. Mr. David Nasser
Sub deacon

Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil
Sub deacon

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.
Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28
5:00 PM
For Bill Perkins, requested by Fred and June Isaf

Sunday, December 29
9:00 AM
For Bill Perkins, requested by Robin and Lou Isaf

Saturday, January 4
5:00 PM
For Taylor Kiewit, requested by Fred and June Isaf

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Sunday, 12/29    Heb 11:23-31    Mt 2:13-18
Monday, 12/30    Acts 7:2, 30-37   Mt 2:19-23
Tuesday, 12/31   Col 1:9b-20       Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday, 1/1   Eph 2:11-22      Lk 2:21
Thursday, 1/2    Heb 7:1-10       Lk 2:22-24
Friday, 1/3      Heb 7:20-28      Lk 2:25-35
Saturday, 1/4    Heb 6:9-12       Lk 2:36-40

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.

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?oeidk=a07egspgyq0b293546a&oseq=&c=&ch=
**Calendar January 2020**

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Please welcome our Maronite seminarian Antony Abi Awad who will be visiting us during the Christmas holy days!
Thank You!!
To all who donated the poinsettias for our beautiful Christmas altars.

Louie and Cindy Abdou,
Fred and June Isaf,
Nassif and Elizabeth Mahfoud,
Mitch and Diane Domit,
Louie and Mary Anne Shamatta,
Paul and Elizabeth Joseph,
Albert and Diane Ashkouti,
Mike and Charlene Hiffa,
Roger and Jocelyne Murad,
Laslo and Veronica Pallos

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.

Thank You!!
To Denise Farhat and all who decorated our church and chapel for Christmas!

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".
Ministry Fair

Epiphany Sunday - January 5, 2020
Immediately following the 11:00 Liturgy
Parish Hall

Enjoy an Epiphany Dessert

Sign Up for a Ministry

Enter the Raffle to Win a Prize

Atlanta Catholic Radio, AM1160, the Quest, is the only metro-wide Catholic radio station. It can be accessed globally 24/7 at theQuestAtlanta.com or on The Quest Atlanta app. The Quest will be at St. Joseph Church on January 11 and 12. ENHANCE YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY AND START LISTENING TO THE QUEST TODAY!
Our deepest gratitude to those who gave so generously to the Sisters of the Cross:


You and your families will be remembered in Father Tony’s Masses and prayers during this Holy Christmas season.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph’s Outreach Committee will be accepting winter coat donations throughout the month of January. New or used, male or female donations are welcome. Just place them in the donation boxes in the chapel and church vestibules. All donations will go to the Atlanta Mission and Crossroad Ministry.

All parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, January 18, from 9 AM until noon, as we return to “Open Hand” to help prepare a thousand meals for needy persons. Open Hand is located at 181 Armour Drive, Atlanta, 30324. If you have any questions, please contact Tommy Mansour at 404-323-4103.
Saint Joseph Maronite Catholic Church Presents

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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