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

Sunday, January 19
9:00 AM
For those who fed the hungry at Open Hand, requested by Tommy Mansour

Sunday, January 26
11:00 AM
Forty Day Liturgy for Adel Bassil, requested by Chaouki and Ana Bassil

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

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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.

Altar Servers

New altar servers (Daniel Nicolas, Andy Endraos, and Matthew Shtai) will shadow our current servers (Alex, Angelo, Marco, and Rohan) at the 11 AM Liturgy on Sunday, January 19.

Training for girl altar assistants to help Deacon Bob before and after 11AM Liturgy will be conducted this Sunday, January 19, immediately after the Liturgy.

Each server or assistant must arrive 15 minutes before Liturgy to report to Deacon Bob.

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Bob: 678-463-2499.
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On Sunday, January 19, a representative of Holy Spirit Preparatory School will speak after the 9 and 11 AM Liturgies.

The MYO will meet on Sunday, January 19, in the Conference Room immediately after the 11AM Liturgy.
Thank you to the ladies who donated breakfast last Sunday!

Giselle Endraos
Sandy Endraos
Silvana Njem
Rima Azzi
Madonna Azzi

On Sunday, January 19, you are invited to participate with the women of the Ladies Rosary Altar Society in praying the rosary immediately following the 9:00 Mass (English) and/or at 10:20 (Arabic) before the 11:00 Mass in the chapel.

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

Gifts for the Altar

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.)

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

Gift of Flowers

The flowers for January are donated by Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell in memory of their son, Nevada Mitchell.

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 perlaosta1@gmail.com.

If you are of Lebanese descent and want to obtain your Lebanese nationality, contact: Nelly Younes Daou, representative for "Project Roots".
Please join us at St. Andrews (Roswell) on Tuesday, January 21 for a bilingual (English & Spanish) Vigil Mass for the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. Mass will begin at 7 pm. The Mass is open to all and we hope you will join us! We will say the Rosary before the Mass at 6:15 pm inside the church. St. Andrew 675 Riverside Road, Roswell GA 30076. Organized by Edge, Life Teen and the Pregnancy Aid Clinic. Please contact Christen Barrett at CBarrett@standrewcatholic.org for more information.

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

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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