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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Mass Intentions

- **Saturday, February 15**
  - 5:00 PM
  - For Lillian Josef Harrison, requested by Georgette Samaritan

- **Sunday, February 16**
  - 9AM and 11AM
  - For the deceased parishioners and friends of St. Joseph Church

- **Saturday, February 22**
  - 5:00 PM
  - For George Aseff, Sr., requested by Georgette Samaritan

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.

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 Andrew Endraos, Matthew Shtaih, and Christopher Hanna will “shadow” our experienced altar servers Alex, Marco, and Rohan at this Sunday’s 11am Divine Liturgy. Arrive at least 15 minutes beforehand.

Female altar attendants should see Deacon Bob 15 minutes before the Divine Liturgy and immediately after the Liturgy for before and after duties.
## Calendar February 2020

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<td>7PM Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for Lebanon. Followed by pot-luck supper.</td>
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<td>Feast of Saint Maron; Sunday of the Righteous and Just; Ladies Society breakfast to benefit Maronite seminarians</td>
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<td>Cana Sunday, Entrance into Great Lent; No MCF classes; Ladies Society leads Rosary at 10AM (English) and 10:20AM (Arabic) in the chapel.</td>
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<td>Ash Monday: Divine Liturgy at 11:30 AM and at 7:00 PM</td>
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<td>Saturday, February 29</td>
<td>10AM until noon. Drug Awareness Program</td>
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### Stations of the Cross and Lenten Suppers

We continue our tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7PM during Lent, followed by a Lenten supper.

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the chapel, if you would like to provide one of the Lenten suppers.

We need volunteers for the following dates:
March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 4.
To all the ladies who donated, prepared, and served breakfast last Sunday:
Layal Maalouf
Rima Azzi
Nicole Abi Sarkis
Pamela Maalouf
Dany Dagher
June Isaf
Corinne Moussa

The ladies raised over $1600 for the support of our Maronite seminarians! Thank you to all who contributed!

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

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

February 16, 2020
Sunday of the Faithful Departed
Ash Monday Liturgies

On Ash Monday, February 24, there will be two Divine Liturgies:

11:30 AM
And
7:00 PM

Very Important Announcement!!

On Sunday, February 16, there will be no 9AM Liturgy at the church. Father will be celebrating the 9AM Liturgy at the Georgia Tech Convention Center and Hotel for the Southern Federation convention. All are welcome to attend this 9AM Liturgy at the Convention Center.

The 11AM Liturgy will be celebrated at the church.

The 5PM Liturgy will be celebrated in the chapel on Saturday, February 15.

In preparation for our Lenten season, MCF is hosting a Pre-Lenten retreat for our young parishioners (ages 4-11) on February 22nd from 9 am to 12 pm at our church. A movie highlighting the Holy Week as well as crafts, activities, snacks, and introduction to the Stations of The Cross will be part of the retreat. Please plan to join us as we introduce our young parishioners to this very important time of the year. Attendance is required for MCF students. If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Calabrese at Kathie.Calabrese46@gmail.com
Our renovation has begun!!!

Please be patient with us as we undertake the long-awaited renovation!

During this time, we cannot celebrate the Liturgy in the main sanctuary.

All three weekend Liturgies
- Saturday 5PM
- Sunday 9AM
- Sunday 11AM
will be celebrated in the chapel.

Mercy Meal Policy

On account of our contract with the Apostles Learning Center, it is not possible to use the parish hall for Mercy Meals on weekdays. The school has very strict policies concerning the security of the children in their care and they cannot open their facilities to us while the children are in the building.

Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.
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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