March 20, 2022     Parable of the Prodigal Son

Our Clergy

Rev. Tony K. Akoury
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese
Deacon

Rev. Mr. David Nasser
Sub deacon

Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil
Sub deacon

Mass Times

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM
English & Aramaic

Sunday 9:00 AM
English and Aramaic

11:00 AM
English & Aramaic
and Arabic

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

Confessions
30 minutes before every
Divine Liturgy

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of every
month 7:00 PM and every
Thursday at 9:30 AM

My son was lost and now is found! Lk., 15

Parable of Prodigal Son - Guscino
Readings of the Week

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 19
5:00 PM
For Sadie Mansour
Requested by the Shamatta Family

Sunday, March 20
9:00 AM
For Luis Boniface Barbosa
Requested by the Barbosa Family

Tuesday, March 22
10:00 AM
For Robert Lucisano
Requested by David and Lisa Nasser

Wednesday, March 23
10:00 AM
For Vincent and Linda Aseff
Requested by Tommy Mansour

Thursday, March 24
10:00 AM
For Mary Brunner
Requested by Tommy Mansour

Friday, March 25
10:00 AM
For John Trapani

Sign of Peace

On Saturday, March 19, we will resume the traditional exchange of the Sign of Peace. Holy Communion will be distributed on the tongue, not in the hands.

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.
Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent at 7:30PM

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

The Most Reverend Bishop Gregory Mansour has issued the following guidelines for the Maronites of the U.S.:
All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 28) and all Fridays of Lent.
Ash Monday and the Great Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat. All Maronites who are physically capable are to fast on these two days.

Personal Devotion

Clergy, religious and laity who wish to observe the more traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are encouraged to do so. That practice is summarized in the following, taken from the Synod of Mt. Lebanon (1736): Every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day normal meals can be taken, but without meat or dairy products. Dairy products are excluded because they are animal byproducts. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining, as are the following four feast days: St. Maron - February 9, The 40 Martyrs - March 9, St. Joseph - March 19, and the Annunciation - March 25.

During the months of February and March We will be collecting donations for

People Making Progress
A 5013c which provides services for adults with development disabilities.

Personal care items most needed include:

Vinyl tablecloths
Towels and washcloths
Sheets for full and queen beds
Kitchen towels and hot pads
Disposable silverware, cups, napkins, and plates
Art supplies and markers
Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and mouthwash
Gifts cards are appreciated!!

Items may be placed in the box in the church vestibule.

THANK YOU!!!
Fundraiser to Support the Pregnancy Aid Clinic (PAC)

During the Season of Lent, the MYO and the St. Joseph Pro-Life Ministry will be raising funds for the Pregnancy Aid Clinic. Please visit the virtual baby bottle drive page to make an online donation to benefit Pregnancy Aid Clinic's mission, “Promoting the sanctity of human life, as recognized in the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.”

Pregnancy Aid Clinic is the only Catholic pregnancy resource center endorsed by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. PAC offers women free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, education, resources, and earn-as-you-learn programs. Please support this life-saving mission with your prayers and donations. www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/babybottle

You can donate online or take a baby bottle or envelope from the vestibule of the church.
Thank You

The flowers on the altar for the Feast of Saint Joseph are given by the Cassar Family in memory of Joseph Cassar.

The candles, bread, and wine are given by the Shamatta Family in memory of Michael Stevens.

If you would like to donate flowers or candles, bread, and wine for the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office at info@sjmcc.org. Names will be published in the bulletin.
SPRING BAKE SALE

WHERE
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WHEN
Sunday, April 10, 2022
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Contact info and for pre-sales:
Elizabeth Joseph:
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Palm Sunday

Candles Decoration

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Pre-school teachers for Apostles Early Learning Center, located on our church property.

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