



SAINT JOSEPH

Maronite Catholic Church

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Mass Times

February 20, 2022 Sunday of the Faithful Departed

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*

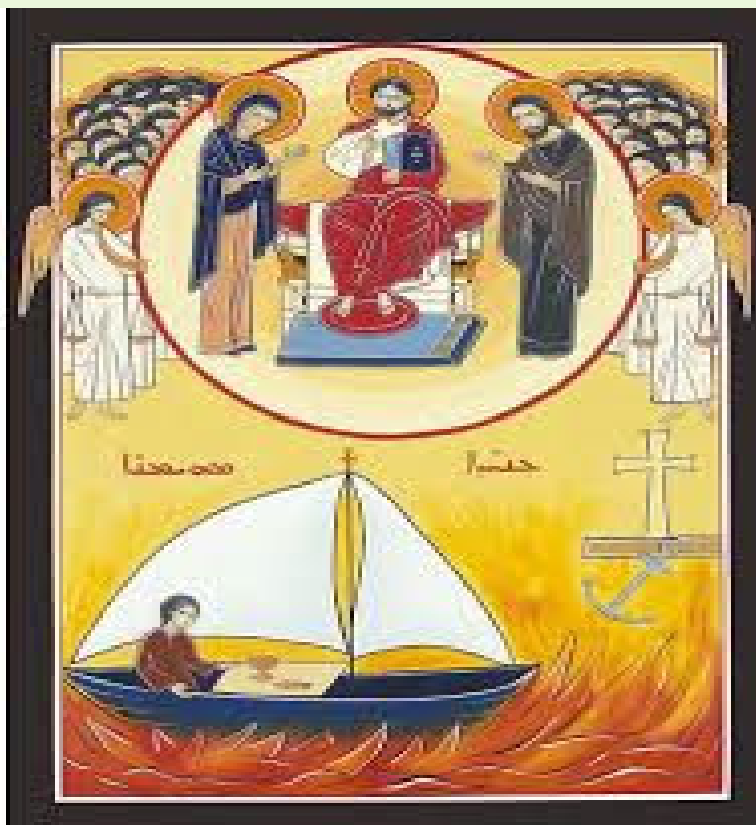
Our Clergy

Rev. Tony K. Akoury
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese
Deacon

Rev. Mr. David Nasser
Sub deacon

Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil
Sub deacon



Jesus Christ our Lord, make us worthy to remember the faithful departed who professed their faith in you and received your Body and Blood as nourishment and blessings. Grant them rest, and may they share in your eternal banquet and your everlasting joy. Count them among your chosen ones, and may they raise glory and thanks to you, to your Father, and to your Holy Spirit forever. Amen.



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 19
5:00 PM**

**For Gloria Maloof
Requested by Fred and June Isaf**

**Sunday, February 20
9:00 AM**

**For Ernest Najjar
Requested by the Shamatta Family**

11:00 AM

**For Milad and Nouha Jbarah
Requested by Najibeh Jbarah**

**Tuesday, February 22
10:00 AM**

**For Patricia Dorko
Requested by the Shamatta Family**

**Wednesday, February 23
10:00 AM**

**In thanksgiving for blessings
Requested by the Shamatta Family**

**Thursday, February 24
10:00 AM**

**For Hadi Abi Karam
Requested by Ray Hines**

**Friday, February 25
10:00 AM**

**For Raymond Stevens
Requested by the Shamatta Family**

**Saturday, February 26
5:00 PM**

**For Saide Chihane
Requested by the Shamatta Family**

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, 2/20 1 Thes 5:1-11 Lk 16:19-31

Monday, 2/21 1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 12:1-7

Tuesday, 2/22 2 Thes 1:1-12 Lk 12:8-12

Wednesday, 2/23 2 Thes 2:1-12 Lk 12:13-21

Thursday, 2/24 2 Thes 2:13-3:5 Lk 12:22-32

Friday, 2/25 1 Cor 15:35-44a Lk 12:33-40

Saturday, 2/26 1 Cor 15:51-58 Lk 12:49-59

Ash Monday February 29

Divine Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes

11:00 AM and 7:00 PM



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ASH MONDAY

Divine Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes

Monday, February 28,

11AM and 7PM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 7:30PM

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory Mansour have 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.



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.

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**RESTORATION:
ARISE & WALK
MARK 2:1-12**

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THE CODE BELOW!**



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Thank You

**The flowers on the altar for the month of February
are given by Claudette and Michael Andrea in
memory of Joseph and Mary Andrea
and Reda and Chafic Hanna.**

**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.**



The Ladies Altar and Rosary Society will host a take-out breakfast on Sunday February 20 after the 9AM and 11AM Divine Liturgies. Proceeds are used for our beautiful new altar linens and furnishings.

**Please support the Ladies' efforts
And enjoy a delicious breakfast!**



**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!!!

Thanks to all who donated to the International House of Women. Mass will be offered for your intentions on March 15.

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