



# SAINT JOSEPH

## Maronite Catholic Church

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Mass Times

February 18, 2024

Healing of the Leper

### Liturgy Schedule

*Saturday*

*5:00 PM*

*English & Aramaic*

*Sunday*

*9:00 AM*

*English & Aramaic  
(in the chapel)*

*11:00 AM*

*English & Aramaic  
and Arabic*

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

*Confessions*

*BY APPOINTMENT*

*Eucharistic Adoration  
every Thursday at 9:30 AM  
(before Mass)*

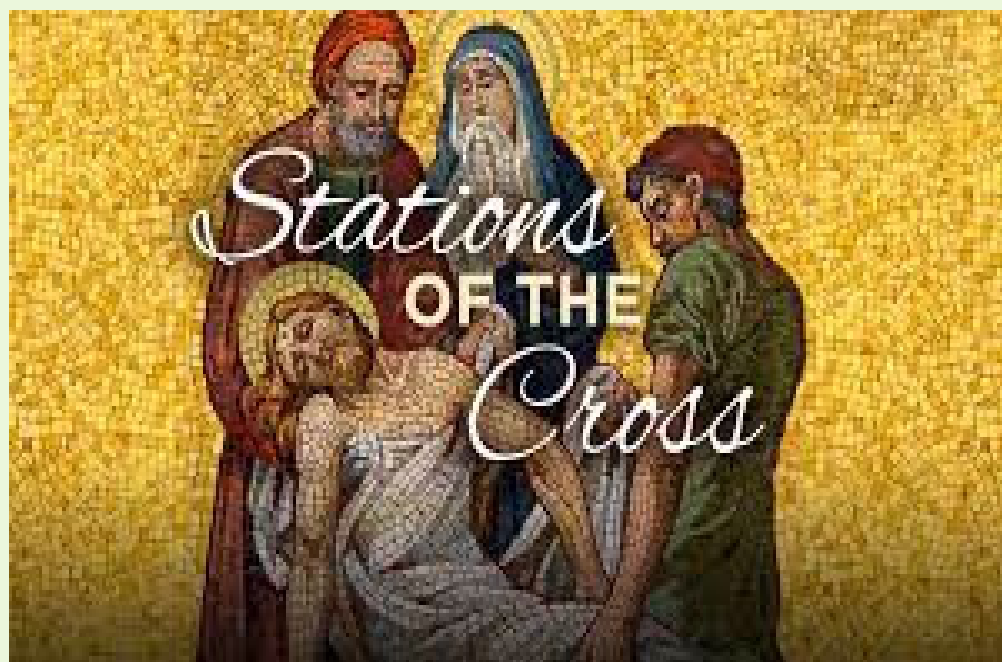
### Our Clergy

Rev. Tony K. Akoury  
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Robert Calabrese  
Deacon

Rev. Mr. David Nasser  
Sub deacon

Rev. Mr. Michel Bassil  
Sub deacon



## Friday, February 16 7:00 PM

### Followed by Lenten Reflection by Father Martin Connor and Lenten Supper

## Readings of the Week

<b>Sunday, 2/18</b>	<b>Rom 6: 12-23</b>	<b>Mk 1: 35-45</b>
<b>Monday, 2/19</b>	<b>1 Thes 3: 6-13</b>	<b>Mt 6: 22-24</b>
<b>Tuesday, 2/20</b>	<b>Gal 2: 11-17</b>	<b>Mt 7: 1-12</b>
<b>Wednesday, 2/21</b>	<b>Rom 3: 19-27</b>	<b>Mt 12: 38-45</b>
<b>Thursday, 2/22</b>	<b>Phil 4: 4-10</b>	<b>Lk 8: 4-15</b>
<b>Friday, 2/23</b>	<b>Rom 1: 18-25</b>	<b>Mt 18: 23-35</b>
<b>Saturday, 2/24</b>	<b>Heb 12: 28-13: 9</b>	<b>Mk 11: 19-25</b>

### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 18**  
**9:00 AM**  
 For Antoine Abi-Rached  
 and Violette Kassab  
 Requested by the Abi-Rached Family

**Tuesday, February 20**  
**10:00 AM**  
 For Ernest Najjar  
 Requested by the Shamatta Family

**Wednesday, February 21**  
**10:00 AM**  
 For Cecilia Nassar and Betty Mango  
 Requested by the Shamatta Family

**Thursday, February 22**  
**10:00 AM**  
 For Michael, Beulah, and Sharon  
 Mansour  
 Requested by Tommy Mansour

**Friday, February 23**  
**10:00 AM**  
 For Betty and Tom Thomas  
 Requested by the Shamatta Family

**Saturday, February 24**  
**5:00 PM**  
 For Colton Walker  
 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.

#### Call for Altar Servers!!

Boys who have received First Holy Communion are eligible to serve.  
 Please see Deacon Bob before or after the 11AM Divine Liturgy on Sunday  
 or contact the parish office.

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# Lent 2024



## Fasting Guidelines

All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 12) 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.

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.

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening of Lent:

February 16 and 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22,  
at 7:00 PM.

The Stations will be followed by a Lenten supper.

## Bishop's Lenten Appeal

A second collection will be taken every Sunday of Lent for the support of our seminarians and retired priests, and for the charities of the Eparchy.





## EASTER BASKET & NEW SOCKS DRIVE

### Suggested NEW Items for Completed Baskets for Newborns - Teens:

- Chocolate, candy, or gum
- Stickers, markers, crayons, or coloring books
- Stuffed animals/stuffed toys
- Small toys (yo-yos, balls, jump ropes, bubbles, cars)



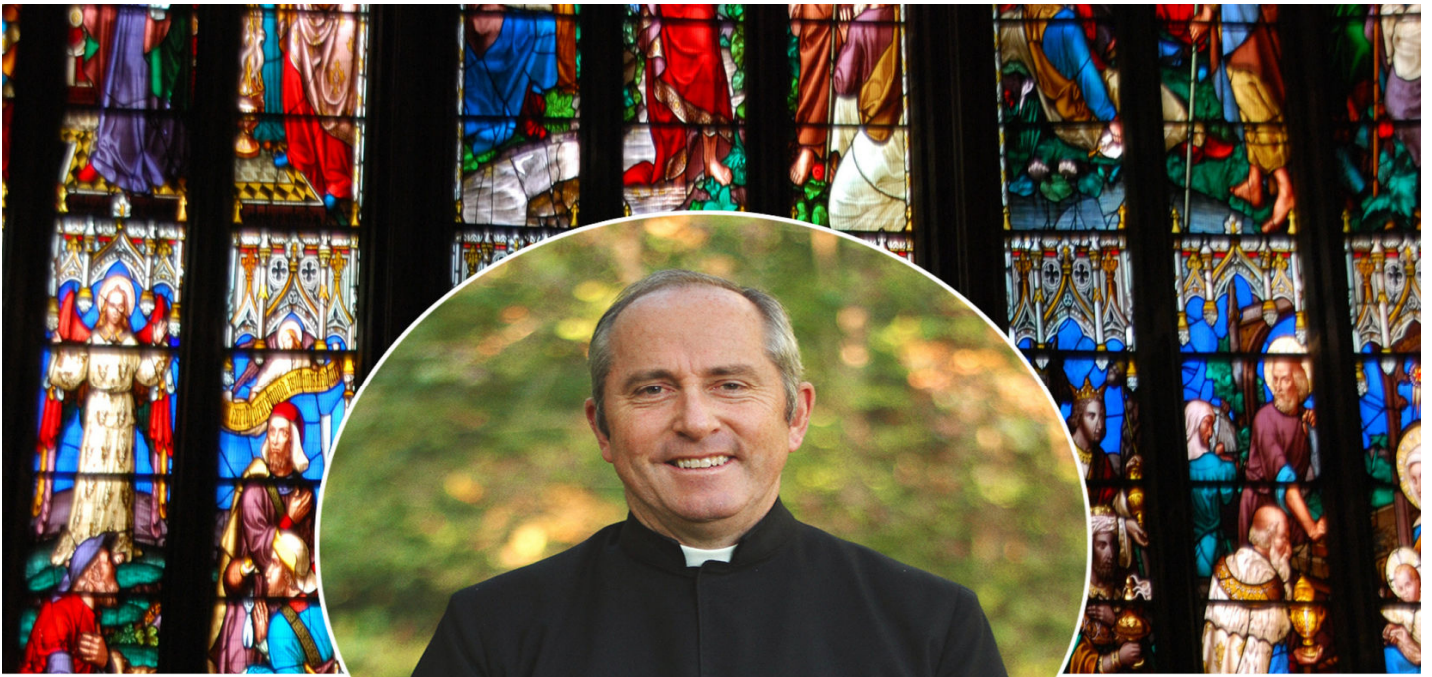
***\*Purchased or homemade completed baskets are welcome. NEW Socks only, please!***



Drop-off Dates: March 28-30  
10am - 2pm

Children's Restoration Network  
11285 Elkins Road, Suite C-4  
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We are thrilled to announce a special event at Our Parish that promises to be spiritually enriching and inspiring. Our beloved parish is honored to welcome Fr. Martin Connor, LC, an experienced mission leader, and spiritual director with the Legionaries of Christ. Fr. Martin Connor is a highly regarded Roman Catholic priest who serves as the Vocations Director for the Legionaries of Christ. He is renowned for his insightful teachings on theology of the body and his dedication to spreading the message of faith.

Join us for an evening of faith and inspiration as Fr. Martin Connor shares his wisdom with our congregation. He will be preaching on the first Friday of Lent, February 16th, at 7:00 pm.



*Thank You*



**The flowers on the altar  
for February are given by the  
Cassar Family in memory of  
Joseph Cassar and Sam Morcos.**

**The candles, bread, and wine for February  
are given by the Abi Rached Family  
in memory of  
Antoine Abi Rached and Violette Kassab.**



**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](mailto:info@sjmcc.org).  
Names will be published in the bulletin.**



# WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT



**MARCH 16, 2024**

**BREAKFAST:**  
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

**RETREAT:**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**LOCATION:**  
ST. JOSEPH'S  
MARONITE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

In preparation for Easter, the Lady's Altar and Rosary Society (LARS) will be holding a Lenten retreat with breakfast on March 16th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. All women of the parish are invited to attend. The retreat will be led by Mrs. Julie Wilborn, a founding board member of St. John Bosco Academy and a national and local speaker on various Catholic marriage and family related topics. A \$10 donation is being requested to help cover the cost of the retreat. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Additionally you may RSVP by clicking [here](#) or by emailing Marie Chidiac at mboustani3b@msn.com.

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