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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday March 18, 2012 – Sunday, March 25, 2012**



## Healing of the Paralyzed Man

Today we celebrate the healing of the paralytic or paralyzed man. This story on the surface shows a man being healed, but like many of the other miracle stories there is a deeper message. We see once again an act of faith, that Jesus praises, and how that act of faith is the main turning point in the story and in lives of those who are recipients of the miracle. Many times we read Jesus telling the person, after they have been cured, "Go in peace. Your faith has saved you." We see that faith is the

doorway that we open to allow God to work in our lives. In not having faith we turn ourselves away from God and the blessings He wants to bestow upon us. His grace and blessings come freely, but if we do not have faith to accept them, than we are only hurting ourselves. If those people in the miracle stories did not do what they did, by faith, like the blind man getting Jesus' attention to see, the hemorrhaging woman pushing her way through a crowd to touch Jesus' cloak, the friends of the paralytic doing all they could to reach Jesus, and the list goes on, they would have never been cured. We also see that Jesus cures two parts of the person. It is evident we see that Jesus cures the physical ailments that a person may have, but more importantly he cures their spiritual ailments. We know that although we would like our physical ailments cured and to never have them again, our physical body is only temporary, because it is our spiritual life that is permanent. This is what the season of Great Lent is about. It is a time for us to purify ourselves, to cleanse ourselves, and to find the cure for our spiritual ailments. We must remember though, this is attainable only through God's grace and mercy. If our faith is not a faith that allows us to be recipients of God's grace and mercy, than how can we expect Jesus Christ to cure us in the same way He cured those who asked?

*by Fr. Tony Massad*

**Clergy**  
Rev. Paul Tarabay, O.M.M.  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte  
The Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Parish Leaders**  
Erik Lindhurst- Parish Council  
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Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.  
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse –  
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## Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

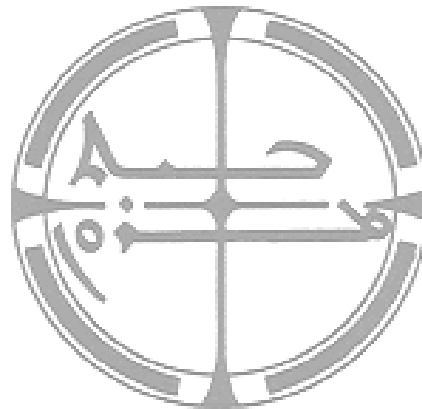
Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

*Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:*



Patti Pollack  
Sharon Griffiths  
Dorothy Mattar  
Hanneh Chammas  
Sue Stubbert  
Nina Rachid  
Ann Faris  
Helen Zerka  
Wanda Maroun

Hector & Rose Khoury  
Delore Shaker  
Baheje Zerka  
Ann David  
Helen Azzarello  
Patsy Joseph  
Fayez Zerka  
Bruce Lindhurst  
Ron Delling  
Zeidan Zerka  
Ophelia Polovina



## Liturgy Schedule

Mon. – Wed. 9a.m.  
Friday 12noon  
Saturday 5p.m.  
Sunday 10a.m.

**Adoration and Rosary**  
Friday 11:00a.m.

**Confessions**  
½ hour before liturgy on  
Saturday and Sunday and  
by appointment.

- \* **Sacrament of Baptism**, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.
- \* **Sacrament of Marriage**, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.
- \* **Sick calls**, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.



## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY March 18<sup>th</sup>: Healing of the Paralytic

**10A.M.:** (1 Tim 5:24-6:5, Mk 2:1-12) Religious Education, Josef Massoud

- Rep. Wayne Cherry by Pat & Vikki Haley
- Int. of Wanda Maroun by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Reps. Sam & Denise Marino by Mary Marino & Family

### MONDAY 19: St Joseph the Virgin, the Spouse of Mary, Confessor

- Rep. Kim Gardener by Duane and Dee Gardener

### TUESDAY 20: Bl. John of Parma

- Rep. Albert Karram by Tony and Dee Marshall

### WEDNESDAY 21: St. Edna

- Rep. Joe Faris by Bob and Joann Potts

### THURSDAY 22: St. Lea

NO MASS

### FRIDAY 23: St. Rafka, Confessor

**MASS 5:30 Stations of the Cross 6:00PM Mass**

**Followed by Adoration of the Cross**

- Rep. Deceased members of the Theresa Manoharan Family by James and Theresa Manoharan

### SATURDAY 24: St. Aldemar

- Rep. The Adado Family by Phil Adado
- Rep. John Abdella by Dan Smithingell

### SUNDAY March 25<sup>th</sup>: Healing of the Blind Man

**10A.M.:** (2Cor 10:1-7, Mk 10:46-52) Joe Pavlovich, Elias Chammas

- Rep. Ray Faris by the Smithingell Family
- Rep Linda Macksood by Michael & Kay Mattar

### SUNDAY April 1<sup>st</sup>: Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)

**10A.M.:** (Phil 1:1-13, Jn 12:12-22) MYO, Anthony Chammas

- Rep. Peter Joubran by Joe and Eva Joubran
- Rep. Albert Karram (1 yr.) by Family
- Rep. Shaheen Okal by Family

Lenten Meal Plan



### Great Lenten Friday Feast

The MYO are taking time out of their day to celebrate the great season of Lent with the church. Friday nights, after mass, they will be serving dinner for the church and asking for donation.

#### Menu

**March 30<sup>th</sup>:** Potato Kibbee or dish to pass  
**April 6<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY:** Majadra & Salad

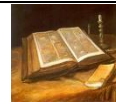
### Mark Your Calendar

#### March:

- All Fridays during Lent: Lenten Supper
- March 23-25 NAM Lenten Retreat
- March 24-25: Easter Flower Collection
- March 31: Church Cleaning
- March 31: Easter Bake Sale



## Announcements:



### Bible Study

Please notice that Bible Study is moved to **7:00 pm on Tuesdays**. The new schedule will continue throughout Lent. The reading for Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> is **John 15:1-27**. The topic is **The Vine and the Branches**.  
*Scripture is the lens through which we see all of life!*



### Stations and Adoration of the Cross

Fridays during lent we will celebrate the **Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM**. This service will be followed by **Mass at 6:00 PM**. Adoration of the Cross will follow the mass. Please remember that we will be offering Friday dinners after these services. Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to worship and share a Lenten meal with your fellow parishioners.



### Easter Flower Collection

The Altar Society will be taking up donations for Easter flowers after both Masses March 24<sup>th</sup> & March 25<sup>th</sup>.



### Easter Church Cleaning

The Altar Society will be doing an Easter church cleaning on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>. They are asking members of the MYO to assist them with this cleaning.



### Lenten Bake Sale

The Altar Society Lenten bake sale will be held after liturgy on Saturday March 31st and Sunday April 1st for our parishioners. They will have their bake sale open to the public on Monday, April 2nd.



### Eparchial Appeal

The 2012 envelopes for the Eparchial Development Appeal will be arriving shortly. We will be sending them to all parishioners as soon as we receive them.

### Altar Servers Schedule

#### March 25: Team 1

(Chris Dabish, Michael, George, Joey Chammas)

#### April 1: Palm Sunday (All Servers)

### Ushers Schedules

#### March 25: Team 1

(Josef, Phil, Gino, Marcus)

#### April 1: Team 2 MYO

(Hikmat, Bob, Elias, Najib)

### Church Cleaning April

**Hala Kaspar**





## St. Joseph Feast Day March 19<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph was a carpenter, a working man. He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He planned to divorce Mary according to the law but he was concerned for her suffering and safety. He knew that women accused to adultery could be stoned to death, so he decided to divorce her quietly and not expose her to shame or cruelty (Matthew 1:19-25).

We know Joseph was man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him without knowing the outcome. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph immediately and without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Joseph is the patron of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth. Joseph is also patron of the universal Church, fathers, carpenters, and social justice.

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=4](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=4)

*When someone tells you that you can't go any farther, just tell them to look behind you and see how far you've come*

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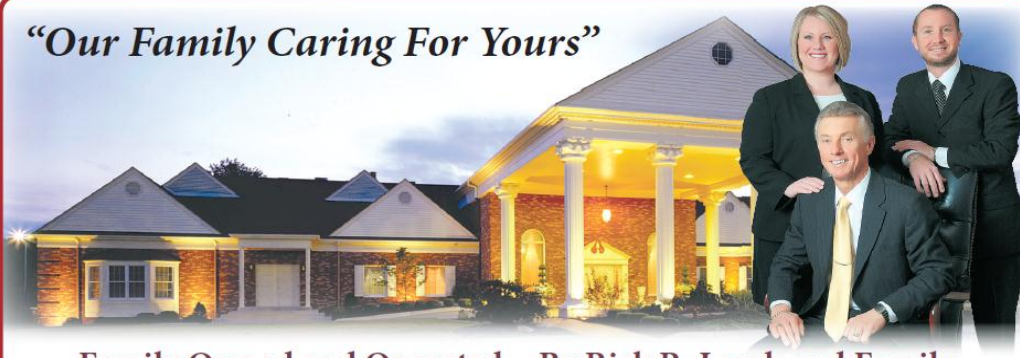
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*Weekend Mar.10 – Mar. 11, 2012*

**Weekly Envelopes**

Distributed 180  
Received 75

Weekly envelopes \$ 2,166.50  
Loose \$ 231.50  
Fuel \$ 474.00  
**Total Sunday Collection \$ 2,872.00**

**Second Collection -0-**

Budgeted for March \$ 17,000.00

**Amount needed for Mar. (\$11,312.00)**

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When Jesus saw  
their faith, he said  
to the paralytic,  
"Son, your sins  
are forgiven."

*Mark 2:5*



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