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# **WEEKLY BULLETIN - 02/19/2023 Sunday of the Entrance into Lent**



## **OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY** OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY - FRIDAY 10:30AM - 4:00PM

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## **Parish Council Meeting**

Monday, February 27, 2023 in the Church Hall at 6:00pm

## **ASH MONDAY**

Monday, February 20, 2023 9:00AM & 6:00PM

## Miracle at Cana in Galilee

Ask

Benedict XVI (pope from 2005 to 2013) Monday General audience of 21/02/07 (©Libreria editrice Vaticana)

## Lent, a way to true freedom

Feb 20, 2023 From the outset Lent was lived as the season of immediate preparation for Baptism, to be solemnly administered during the Easter Vigil. The whole of Lent was a journey towards this important encounter with Christ, this immersion in Christ, this renewal of life. We have already been baptized but Baptism is often not very effective in our daily life. Therefore, Lent is a renewed "catechumenate" for us too, in which once again we approach our Baptism to rediscover and relive it in depth, to return to being truly Christian. Lent is thus an opportunity to "become" Christian "anew", through a constant process of inner change and progress in the knowledge and love of Christ.

Conversion is never once and for all but is a process, an interior journey through the whole of life. This process of evangelical conversion cannot, of course, be restricted to a specific period of the year: it is a daily journey that must embrace the entire span of existence, every day of our life ... What does "to be converted" actually mean? It means seeking God, moving with God, docilely following the teachings of his Son, Jesus Christ; to be converted is not a work for self-fulfillment because the human being is not the architect of his own eternal destiny. We did not make ourselves. Therefore, self-fulfillment is a contradiction and is also too little for us. We have a loftier destination. We might say that conversion consists precisely in not considering ourselves as our own "creators" and thereby discovering the truth, for we are not the authors of ourselves. Conversion consists in freely and lovingly accepting to depend in all things on God, our true Creator, to depend on love. This is not dependence but freedom.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for **Special Intention** 

## SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading Romans 14:14-23 **Gospel Reading** John 2:1-11

#### **DIVINE LITURGIES**

Saturday, February 18, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in memory of Michael (Chubby) Simon requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. Sunday, February 19, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Melhem ElHajal requested by Manal and Claudine ElHajal. May his soul rest in peace.

#### Monday, February 20, 2023

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer & Ashes
- 6:00PM Divine Liturgy & Ashes

Friday, February 24, 2023 @ 6:00PM, Stations of the Cross & Blessing with the Holy Cross.

Saturday, February 25, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered in remembrance of Dominic D'Adamo requested by Ed. Sunday, February 26, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered in memory of Nahi Raie requested by Khalil and Madline Raie and family. May her soul rest in peace.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION February 11-12, 2023

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	•	3,697.00
Sunday Conection	Iφ	· ·
Fuel	\$	57.00
<b>Building Insurance\$</b>		60.00
Assessment	\$	30.00
<b>Bishop's Appeal</b>	\$	130.00
PayPal	\$	240.00
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	\$	48.00
Total:	\$	4,262.00

#### Saj Breakfast February 12, 2023

Income	\$ 1,282.00
Expenses	\$ 230.00
Profit	\$ 1,052.00

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or Fr. Andrawos at 978-241-2977.

## **CHURCH ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Rice Bowls*

Lenten Alms Change Lives Like every year, our parish supports the Catholic Releif Service in their participates in the Rice Bowl Lenten Program. We have received the rice bowls. You can find them in the back of the church and the hall entrance.



#### Maronite Rituals for a Great Lent Series

The Maronite Servants will be hosting a new series of online workshops via Zoom.



#### The Annual Discernment Weekend

The weekend of March 24-26, 2023 at Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary. For info: (202) 723-8831



## Women Discernment Retreat

The weekend of April 14-16, 2023 at the Mother of the Light Convent in Dartmouth, MA.



#### **IN OUR PRAYERS** Please keep in your prayers

Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas. Barbara Impriano, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina. Stephanie Devinnev. Angela Scorza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashlev Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacev Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intention.

## **EPARCHIAL LOAN**

Loan Principal and Interest Owed: \$ 57,125.00 Total Amount Paid as of January 2023: \$ 33,375.00 **Remaining Loan Balance:** \$ 23,750.00





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# Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church



February 18-19, 2023

## **First Reading** Romans 14:14-23

## A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوَتِي، إِنِّي عَالِمٌ ووَاثِقٌ، في الرَّبِّ يَسُوع، أَنْ لا شَيءَ نَجِسٌ في ذَاتِهِ، إِلاَّ لِمَنْ يَحْسَبُهُ نَجِسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجِسًا. فإنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُحْزِنُ أَخَاك، فَلا تَكُونُ سَالِكًا في المَحَبَّة. فَلا تُهْلِكُ بِطَعَامِكَ ذَاكَ الَّذي مَاتَ المَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ! إِذًا فَلا تَسْمَحُوا بَأَنْ يَصِيرَ الخَيْرُ فيكُم سَبَبًا للتَّجْدِيف. فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلاً وَشُرْبًا، مَاتَ المَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ! إِذًا فَلا تَسْمَحُوا بَأَنْ يَصِيرَ الخَيْرُ فيكُم سَبَبًا للتَّجْدِيف. فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلاً وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ بِرِّ وَسَلامٌ وقَرَحٌ في الرُّوحِ القُدُس. فَمَنْ يَحْدُمُ المَسِيحَ هكَذَا فهوَ مَرْضِيٍّ لَدَى الله، ومَقْبُولَ لَدَى النَّاس. قُلْنَسْعَ إِذًا إِلَى مَا هوَ لِلسَّلام، ومَا هُوَ لِئِنْيَانِ بَعْضَا بَعْضًا. فَلا تتَقُضْ عَمَلَ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَام؛ لأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيءٍ طَاهِر، ولكِنَّهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرًّا عَلى الإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَتْزَةٍ لأَخِيه. ومَقْبُولَ لَدَى لا تَأْكُلَ شَيءٍ طَاهِر، ولكِنَّهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرًّا عَلى الإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَتْزَةٍ لأَخِيه. ولا تَتْنَوْلَ كُلُ شَيءٍ طَاهِر، ولكِنَهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرًّا عَلى الإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَنْزَةٍ لأَخِيه. وقولَى لا تَأْكُلَ مَنْ يَعْ لَنْ لا يَذِينُ نَعْسَهُ في ما يُقَرِّرُهُ! أَمَا المُرْتَابُ في عَنْنَةٍ لِأَخِيك. واحْتَفِظْ بِرأَيكَ لَنَفْسَكَ أَمَامَ الله. وطُوبَى لِمَنْ لا يَذِينُ نَعْسَهُ في ما يُقَرِرُهُ! أَمًا المُرْتَابُ في قَتَرَانِ عَنْوَلا عَنْ يَقْتِنُ إِنْحَدِينَ والمِنْن وكُلُ عَمَلَهُ عَنْ عَمَلَهُ في مَا يُقَرِرُهُ! أَمَا المُرْتَابُ في قَتَنَ وَ لَكُنَ عَمَلَهُ فَذُكُمُ في مَا يُعَنِي فَعَنُو مَنْ والْمَان ويُنَ عَمَلَهُ عَنْ يَعْنَ فَنْ عَمْنَهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَالَ عَالِنُ عَانَ لا يَدِينُ فَيْنَا و وَعْنَا عَمَلَهُ فَيْ فَقُولُ عَمْ وَل والْنُنْ اللَهُ وعَلَنُ عَمَلَهُ عَلَهُ فَيْ وَالَا مَنْ يَعْمَنُ فَقْتِلُ مَنَ عَلَهُ عَلْ مُنْتَا لا يَدِينُ عَلَنُ فَيْعَلُ مَائِنُ عَا والْنُ والا يَعْذَلُ وا يَعْمَلُ فَا إِنَّ عَمَا إِنُو الْعَنْ مَا عَنْقَلِنُ مَنْ عَنْ عَامَ

## Gospel Reading Saint John 2:1-11

## The Apostle Writes:

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ القديس يوحنًا في اليَوْمِ الثَّالِث، كَانَ عُرْسٌ في قَانَا الجَليل، وكَانَتْ أُمُ يَسُوعَ هُنَاك. ودُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وتَلامِيذُهُ إلى العُرْس. ونَفَدَ الخَمْر، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمَّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِم خَمْر». فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوع: «مَا لِي ولَكِ، يَا اَمْرَأَة؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْد!». فقَالَتْ أَمَّهُ لِلْحَدَم: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُم فَأَفْعُلُوه!». وكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانٍ مِنْ حَجَر، مُعَدَّة لِتَطْهِيرِ اليَهُود، يَسَعُ كُلِّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إلى مِئَةٍ وعِشْرِينَ لِيترًا، فقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْحَدَم: «إملاً فَمَلاُوها اليَهُود، يَسَعُ كُلِّ مِنْها مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إلى مِئَةٍ وعِشْرِينَ لِيترًا، فقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْحَدَم فَمَلاُوها إلى فَوْق. قَالَ لَهُم: «إِسْتَقُوا الآنَ، وقَدَمُوا لِرَئِيسِ الوَلِيمَة». فَقَدَمُوا. وذَاقَ الرَئيسُ المَاءَ، الَذي صَارَ حَمْرًا – وكانَ لا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، والحَدَمُ الَّذِينَ آسَتَقُوا يَعْلَمُون – فَدَعَا إِلَيْ المَاءَ، الَذي صَارَ حَمْرًا – وكانَ لا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، والحَدَمُ الَّذِينَ آسَتَقُوا يَعْلَمُون – فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ العَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ حَمْرًا – وكانَ لا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، والحَدَمُ الَّذِينَ آسَتَقُوا يَعْلَمُون – فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ العَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُ إِنْسَانٍ حَمَّرًا – وكانَ لا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، والحَدَمُ الَّذِينَ آسَتَقُوا يَعْلَمُون – فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ العَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُ إِنْسَانٍ حَمَّرَ الحَبَي كَانَتَ أُولَى آيَاتَ يَسُوعَ وَالانَ الحَمْرُ الحَيْبَ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعَ مَا مَنْ أَنْنَ أُ