

# *Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Feast of Saint Joseph*

## *March 19, 2017*

<b>Sunday</b>	March 19	<i>Parable of the Prodigal Son</i> <i>Feast of Saint Joseph the Virgin, Spouse of Mary - Confessor</i> 9:00 am Diane Arbeeny Craigmyle 11:30 am Khalil Mansour	Req. by: John and Iliana Shaia Req. by: William and Rafka Abou Chrouch and Family
<b>Monday</b>	March 20	NO LITURGY	
<b>Tuesday</b>	March 21	10:00 am No Intention	
<b>Wednesday</b>	March 22	10:00 am No Intention 7:30 pm Monthly Devotions to Saint Sharbel and Healing Liturgy	
<b>Thursday</b>	March 23	<i>Feast of Saint Rafka - Confessor</i> 10:00 am For cancer patients	Req. by: Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	March 24	10:00 am No Intention 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Cross	
<b>Saturday</b>	March 25	<i>The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary</i> 10:00 am World Peace	Req. by: Anonymous
<b>Sunday</b>	March 26	<i>Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic</i> <i>Saint Gabriel the Archangel - Angel</i> 9:00 am For all the Parishioners 11:30 am 5th anniversary of Selma Revuelta 40 Day Liturgy Georgette Achkar Naddof	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Children Req. by: Ghada and Antoine Safi

<i>Weekly Offering</i>	
Collection:	\$ 2,505.00
Appeal:	\$ 1,330.00
Donation: Confraternity	\$ 1,500.00
Candles:	\$ 141.00
Debt Reduction:	\$ 40.00
Rent:	\$ 2,000.00
Dividends:	\$ 100.80
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 7,616.80</b>

<i>Readings</i>	
<b>March 19, 2017</b>	<i>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</i>
<b>Reading:</b>	II Corinthians 13: 5 - 13
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 15: 11 - 32
<b>Lectors:</b>	Raymond Gill - 9:00 am Norma Haddad - Arabic Denise Abou Chrouch - English

<i>Yearly Budget – 2017</i>	
<i>Annual Operating Budget:</i>	\$ 375,000.00
<i>Collections to Date:</i>	\$ 29,520.00
<i>Candles to Date:</i>	\$ 1,504.00
<i>Donations to Date:</i>	\$ 7,635.00
<i>Cathedral Stipends to Date:</i>	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Memorials to Date:</i>	\$
<i>Dividends to Date:</i>	\$ 332.35
<i>Rentals to Date:</i>	\$ 70,415.00
<i>Fund Raising/Advertising:</i>	\$ 285.00
<i>Debt Reduction to Date:</i>	\$ 1,195.00
<i>Easter /Christmas Flowers:</i>	\$
<i>Bishop's Appeal to Date:</i>	\$ 1,330.00
<i>Altar Bread/Wine/Lamps:</i>	\$
<i>Bequests:</i>	\$
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 113,708.35</b> <b>(- 261,291.65)</b>
Each Quarter we must generate \$93,750.00 in revenue to keep the Cathedral on budget.	

<b>March 26, 2017</b>	<i>Sunday of the Paralytic</i>
<b>Reading:</b>	I Timothy 5: 24 - 6:5
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 2: 1 - 12
<b>Lectors:</b>	Raymond Gill - 9:00 am Melissa Safi - English Nicole Safi - Arabic
<b>April 2, 2017</b>	<i>Sunday of Healing of the Blind Man</i>
<b>Reading:</b>	II Corinthians 10: 1 - 7
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 10: 1 - 7
<b>Lectors:</b>	Raymond Gill - 9:00 am Marise Frangie - English Lina Fakhoury - Arabic

*Dear Parishioners and Friends:*

*This week we commemorate two Saints of great importance. The first is Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus and Spouse of the Blessed Virgin; and secondly, Saint Rafka, a nun of the Lebanese Order.*

*Saint Joseph is described in the Gospel of Matthew as the son of Jacob and a descendent of King David.*

*Devotion to Saint Joseph spread throughout the world. Churches and Shrines were built in his honor. Patriarch Paul Massad introduced the blessing by the Icon of Saint Joseph; which we will witness today. Saint Joseph has also been attributed as the Patron Saint of Families. May his prayers be with us and overshadow our families.*

*Secondly we celebrate the Feast of Saint Rafka. She was born on June 29, 1832 in Himlaya, a village in Northern Metn District of Lebanon. She was the only child of Saber El-Shabq and Rafka Gemayel. On July 7, 1832, she was baptized and given the name Boutroussieh (female of Peter). She was taught by her parents to love God and pray daily. At the young age of 7 her mother passed away. Shortly after her father realized financial difficulties and sent her to Damascus to work for a Lebanese family there. On her return some four years later she found that her father remarried. Her step mother seeing how beautiful she was wished for her to marry her brother. She refused and instead went to the convent to live a religious life. She decided to go to the Convent of Our Lady of Deliverance in Bikfaya where she joined the Mariamites, founded by father Joseph Gemayel. After a few problems in the Order she prayed for guidance as to what she should do. She then joined the Baladyeh Order at Saint Simon El Qarn in Aito. She spent 26 years in the Monastery. During that period she continuously asked the Lord to allow her to experience His Passion. Her prayers were answered and she began to have severe headaches.*

*The Order decided to establish a Monastery in Jrabta in Batroun. Six sisters were sent and Rafka was one of them. It was during this period that she became blind and finally crippled.*

*Miraculously she managed to crawl to the Chapel in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to the astonishment of the Sisters. Although she was totally blind and crippled she never stopped smiling and praising God.*

*On the 23rd of March, 1914, supplied with the Holy Sacrament, she called upon Jesus, the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, and then she rested in peace after a life of prayer, service and years of unbearable pain and suffering.*

*Pope John Paul II declared her Venerable on February 11, 1982. She was Beatified on November 17, 1985 and Canonized a Saint for the Universal Church on June 10, 2001. May her prayers be with us.*

*Aboona James*

### *Second Collection*

There will be a second collection each Sunday of Great Lent. The second collection will be for the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Our goal is \$5,500.00. We ask that you be as generous as possible.

### *Caritas Liban*

We will take up a Free-Will Offering at the Lenten meals every Friday. The monies collected will be given to Caritas Liban to be used for their needs. Please be as generous as possible.

### *Walk-a-thon for Lebanon*

Our MYO is sponsoring a Walk-a-thon to aid Caritas Liban. It will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2017. The MYO members are asking for sponsorships for this worthy cause. I am proud of our young people. Additional information will be given in the near future.



### *Happy Saint Joseph's Day!*

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Men of the Knights of Saint Maron for once again sponsoring the Annual Saint Joseph's Day Breakfast. I pray that Saint Joseph, Patron of all families, will continue to intercede for you and your families. God bless you.



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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holy Days at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month from

10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

## Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 Sunday

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday and  
upon Request.

## Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet  
with the Rector for Instructions and  
then a time will be set for the Baptism  
and Chrismation of the child.

## Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six  
months in advance to set up  
instructions.

## Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

## New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of  
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the  
Rector as soon as possible.

