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One Family in Love and Joy



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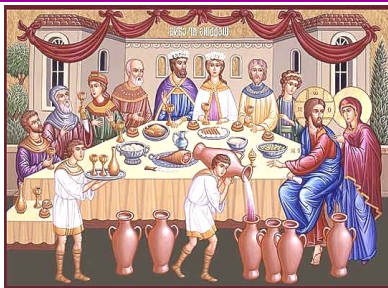
CANA SUNDAY: ENTRANCE INTO THE GREAT LENT

27 February 2022

THE GOSPEL

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. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there a few days.

Jn 2:1-11



Next Sunday:

Sunday of the Leper

Rom 6:12-23 / Mk 1:35-43

ADORATION



Spend one hour with Jesus.

Every Thursday at 7:00pm after our 6:00pm Mass.



Ash Monday
28 February 2022

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"

7:00am & 6:30pm

Mass & Rite of the Blessing & Distribution of the Ashes.

(Church open all day for personal prayers & receiving ashes)

THE EPISTLE

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 up building. 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.

Rom 14:14-23

FRIDAYS OF LENT

5:30pm: Mass

6:30pm: Stations, Evening Prayer & Ziah of the Cross
Arb/Eng

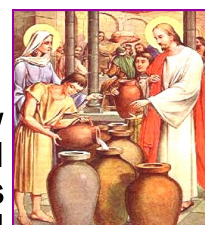


"Fill the jars with water?" - Fr Sam Wehbe

On this Sunday of The Entrance into the Great Lent, Cana Sunday, the Lord Jesus is calling me: Firstly, to do as the servants did in the gospel, to put my jars in the hands of Jesus, which are my body, my mouth, my eyes, my ears, my heart, my mind, my family, my church, my work... that at times contain bad words and thoughts, desires, hatred, problems. Then, Jesus will transform and change them and fill our jars with his spirit, his love, his joy, his peace and his forgiveness. For this to happen, I'm called to invite Jesus and Mary into my life and renew my relationship with them, then Jesus will resolve my problems through the intercession of Mary as it happened in the wedding of Cana in Galilee.

Secondly, to "do a full spiritual service" by living the fasting and prayer, to do charitable work and to repent, just as I do a full service to my car, so the journey of my life can continue on the right track without stopping or accidents.

Lord, help me to fast and to pray, to do charitable work and penance. Lord, bless our Lenten journey this year and accompany us so that we may become holy and love you and love each other more. Amen



Let us pray for our sick: Linda, Roger, Rose Therese, Joe, Michael, John, Eva, Ray, Tony, Arthur, Rochelle, Simon, Hanna, Milad, Antoinette & all the sick.

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7.MAR.2022
7PM START

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"...so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."
PSALM 103:5

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Bishop's Corner— Cana Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Sunday of the Wedding of Cana, we contemplate the presence of Jesus and His Mother Mary at the centre of our human activities. Jesus and Mary bring with them the presence of God wherever they are, and where God is, there is love, grace and miracles. God is goodness, truth, beauty, and abundance. When we allow God to draw near to us, goodness, peace and happiness grow in our hearts.

The means that God has chosen to be present among men and to enter into a relationship with them is through Jesus Christ. The work of God reaches the heart of the world through the humanity of Jesus and the presence of Mary.

Jesus' presence at the wedding indicates to us that he enjoys sincere human relationships and community life. And through His presence, Jesus made God present in this family celebration. "What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory..." (Jn 2:11). It was at Cana in Galilee that Jesus began his prodigious signs. "When Christ changes water into wine, he opens the hearts of the disciples to faith, thanks to the intervention of Mary, the first among believers." (John Paul II, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 2002)

Lenten Penitential Practices

At the beginning of Lent every year, we often receive questions about the Lenten penitential practices of the Maronites residing in Australia. Our Patriarch, His Beatitude and Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, has issued his letter for Lent 2022 and in it, he recommends the following practices:

Fasting from midnight to midday on all weekdays from Ash Monday (28 February) to the Saturday of Light (16 April): no food or drink is to be consumed, with the exception of water;

Abstaining from meat and dairy throughout the first and last week of Lent (Holy Week);

Abstaining from consuming meat and dairy on the Fridays of Lent;

Fasting and Abstinence on Saturdays and Sundays are not an obligation (according to the Apostolic Constitution of the year 380), with the exception of the Saturday of Light (Easter Saturday), where fasting and abstinence are to be observed;

In 2022, the following feast days fall within Lent: St John Maroun (2 March), The Forty Martyrs (9 March), St Joseph (19 March), St Rafqa (23 March), The Annunciation (25 March). We do not fast or abstain on these days or on the feast day of the patron of your Maronite Church.

It is important to note that food and water are always permitted when needed to take medicines or in case of illness, old age or children. A person who cannot fast or abstain is encouraged to choose another form of penance.

The theme for our Maronite Lenten Homilies this year is "You are Apostles of Hope!" We are called to be Apostles of Christ, ambassadors of His truth and His goodness. In this time of Great Lent, let us also come closer to the humanity of Christ revealed at the wedding of Cana, let us learn about and love more and more His human journey, listen to His words, grow in faith and trust, and radiate His joy and hope.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Feast of the Guardian Angels - 1 March

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.



The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the calendar.

عيد الملاك الحارس - ١ آذار

تعلّم الكنيسة الكاثوليكية أن الملائكة ترسل لحراسة البشر. وتعليمها هذا عقيدة إيمانية يجب على كل مؤمن أن يتمسك بها معتقداً أن لكل من المؤمنين ملاكاً يقوم بحراسته. واعتقاد الكنيسة هذا قائم، منذ صدر المسيحية. قد أثبت آباء الكنيسة وعلماءها استناداً إلى الكتاب المقدس. وقد أثبت القديس توما اللاهوتي أن لكل إنسان ملاكاً حارساً يقيه الأضرار الروحية والجسدية. لأجل ذلك رسمت الكنيسة عيداً معيّناً للملاك الحارس لتحرضنا على الشكر لله تعالى الذي أقام ملاكاً لحراستنا، فعلينا أن نكرمه لاهتمامه بنا ونعمل بحسب الهاماته الخلاصية، ونطلب شفاعته متذكّرين أنه يراقب جميع أعمالنا الخفية والظاهرة. وبما أنه قدير لدى الله، فيساعدنا لنجيد عن الشر ونصنع الخير. قدّرنا الله على تمجيد اسمه القدوس، بشفاعة ملاكتنا الحارس. آمين.

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Services of the week

Monday 28 February: Ash Monday

Mass & Blessing of Ashes at 7:00am, 6:30pm

Tuesday 1 March & Wednesday 2 March: 5:30pm Rosary + 6:00 Mass

Thursday 3 March: 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass followed by adoration

Friday 4 March: 5:30pm Mass, 6:30pm Stations, Evening Prayer & Zeh of the Cross Arb/Eng

Saturday 5 March: 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass

Sunday 6 March - Sunday of the Leper:

8:00am Arabic Mass

10:00am Eng/ Arb Mass

Confessions: will be held Half an hour before and during Masses.

خدمات الأسبوع

الأثنين ٢٨ شباط : إثنين الرماد

قُدَّاس مع رتبة تبريك الرماد الساعة ٧ صباحًا و ٦ مساءً

الثلاثاء ١ آذار والأربعاء ٢ آذار: ٥:٣٠ مساءً مسبحة و ٦:٠٠ قُدَّاس

الخميس ٣ آذار: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة، ٦:٠٠ قُدَّاس وساعة سجود

الجمعة ٤ آذار: ٥:٣٠ مساءً قُدَّاس، ٦:٣٠ مساءً: مراحل درب الصليب، صلاة

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الأحد ٦ آذار: أحد شفاء الأبرص:

٨:٠٠ صباحًا: قُدَّاس باللغة العربية

١٠:٠٠ صباحًا: قُدَّاس باللغة الإنكليزية والعربية

الإعترافات: نصف ساعة قبل وخلال القداسات



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Interested in helping to keep the House of God clean? **Please contact the office**



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8. Utilities (Gas, Electricity & Water) \$75 per week
9. Parish Priest Accommodation (\$125 per week)
10. Office Phone Bill + Internet (\$100 per week)
11. Technical Network Maintenance . *Done - Thank you & God bless you*
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14. Diocesan Levy (\$750 per week)
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عائلة واحدة بمحبة وفرح



٢٧ شباط ٢٠٢٢

أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير: آية عرس قانا الجليل

عدد ٣٨٢

الرسالة

يا إخوتي، أما الأزمنة والأوقات، أيها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيدًا أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلامٌ وأمن! حينئذٍ يدهمهم الهلاك دهم المخاض للحنبل، ولا يفلتون. أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فلستُمْ في ظلمةٍ ليُفاجئكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلُّكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستْنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون في الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون في الليل يسكرون. أما نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين حوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كُنّا أم نائمين. فلذلك سجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، وليبين الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلمون.

تس ١: ١١-١٠



الأحد القادم:

أحد شفاء الأبرص:

روم ٦ : ١٢-٢٣ / مر ١ : ٣٥-٤٣

ساعة سجود



تعالوا نسجد للقربان
ونتمتع بحضور يسوع
معنا كل يوم خميس
الساعة ٧:٠٠ مساءً بعد
قداس الساعة ٦:٠٠

إثنين الرّماد ٢٨ شباط



”أذكر يا
إنسان أنك
تراب وإلى
التراب تعود“

٧ صباحاً، ٦.٣٠ مساءً
قداس مع رتبة الرّماد.

(الكنيسة مفتوحة طوال النهار
للصلاة والحصول على الرماد)



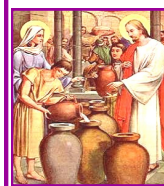
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الإنجيل

في اليوم الثالث، كان عرس في قانا الجليل، وكانت أم يسوع هناك. ودُعِيَ أيضاً يسوع وتلاميذه إلى العرس. ونفد الخمر، فقالت لیسوع أمه: "ليس لديهم خمر". فقال لها يسوع: "مالي ولك، يا امرأة؟ لم تأت ساعتي بعد!". فقالت أمه للخدم: "مهما يقل لكم فافعلوه!". وكان هناك ستة أجران من حجر، معدة لتطير اليهود، يسع كل منها من ثمانين إلى مئة وعشرين ليترًا، فقال يسوع للخدم: "إملأوا الأجران ماءً". فملأوها إلى فوق. قال لهم: "إستقوا الآن، وقدموا لربيس الوليمة". فقدموا. وذاق الربيس الماء، الذي صار خمرًا وكان لا يعلم من أين هو، والخدم الذين استقوا يعلمون فدعا إليه العريس وقال له: "كل إنسان يُقدّم الخمر الجيد أولاً، حتى إذا سكر المدعوون، يُقدّم الأقل جودة، أما أنت فقد أبقيت الخمر الجيد إلى الآن!". تلك كانت أولى آيات يسوع، صنعها في قانا الجليل، فأظهر مجده، وأمن به تلاميذه.

يو ١: ١١-١٠

”إملأوا الأجران ماءً“ – أخوري سام وهبه



في أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير، أحد عرس قانا الجليل، يدعو الرب يسوع:
أولاً أن أفعل كما فعل الخدام فأضع أجراني بين يدي يسوع، أي أضع جسدي، وفيه، وعبوني، وأذني، وقلبي، وعقلي، ونفسي، وعائلي، وكنيستي، وشغلي، بما فهم من كلام سيء وشهوة وكراهية وأفكار شريرة ومشاكل... وهو يحولها ويغيرها ويملاها من جرتته، من روحه، أي يملأها محبة وفرح وسلام وغفران. فالمطلوب مني أدعو يسوع ومريم إلى حياتي من خلال تجديد علاقتي معهما، ويسوع يُصلح كل مشاكل وتبعي وحياتي بشفاعته وطلب مريم، كما حصل في عرس قانا.
ثانيًا أن أعيش الصوم والصلاة وعمل الخير والتوبة، أي أن أعمل "نفضة" كاملة لحياتي، تمامًا كما أعمل لسيّارتي (Full Service)، لكي تقدر حياتي أن تسير بدون توقف أو حوادث أو "تخریط".

فيا رب، ساعدني لأصوم وأصلي وأعمل الخير والإماتات أكثر. بارك يا رب صومنا هذه السنة، ورافقنا لتتقدس ونحبك ونحب بعضنا أكثر. آمين

كل يوم جمعة في زمن الصوم



٣:٥ مساءً قداس

٦:٣٠ مساءً مراحل درب الصليب، صلاة
المساء وزيّاح الصليب باللغة العربية و
باللغة الإنكليزية.