

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Rite

WEEKLY BULLETIN -FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Year for Priests



"O. how great is the priest! ... If he realized what he is, he would die... God obeys him" St. Jean Marie Vianney



PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST **Oración para el Año Sacerdotal**

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to

Señor Jesús,

te rogamos que tu Santísima Madre cubra con su manto a los sacerdotes y, por su intercesión, les de fuerza para ejercer su ministerio. Pedimos que María guíe a tus sacerdotes para que sigan las mismas palabras de ella: "Hagan lo que él les diga" (Juan 2,5). Que les enseñe a tener el mismo corazón que tenía San José, esposo castísimo de María.

Que el corazón traspasado de la Santísima Virgen les inspire a recibir

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*embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross. May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.
Saint John Vianney, pray for us.*

*a todos los que sufren al pie de la cruz.
Que sean sacerdotes santos, encendidos con el fuego de tu amor que sólo buscan tu mayor honor y Gloria y la salvación de las almas. Amén.
San Juan Vianney, ruega por nosotros.*

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY
SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Sunday February 7, 2010, 9:30 AM (Spanish)

For: Jorge, Maria & Jorge Azze **By:** Lori Azze

Sunday February 7, 2010, 11:00 AM (English & Aramaic)

For: Jeanine Khoury **By:** Her sister Carole wife of Mr. William Saade

Monday, February 8, 2010, 8 PM– Vigil Liturgy—Feast of Saint Maron

For: Good health & the benefits of the parishioners **By:** The Pastor

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 12 Noon Feast of St. Maron - Office Closed

Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 12 Noon

For: Mary & Michel Slan **By:** Genenieve Bunassar

Thursday, February 11, 2010, 12 Noon , Our Lady of Lourdes

For: Georges Harb **By:** His Daughter

Friday, February 12, 2010, No Liturgy

Saturday, February 13, 2010, No Liturgy

SEASON OF THE GREAT LENT
CANA SUNDAY

Sunday February 14, 2010, 9:30 AM (Spanish)

For: In Honor of Javier & Andrea Cartaya **By:** The Pastor

Sunday February 14, 2010, 11:00 AM (English & Aramaic)

For: Emilio Sale **By:** Loris Azze

TIEMPO DE LA GLORIOSA EPIFANÍA
DOMINGO DE LOS DIFUNTOS

Domingo, Febrero 7, 2010, 9:30 AM (Español)

Para: Jorge, Maria & Jorge Azze **Por:** Lori Azze

Domingo, Febrero 7, 2010 11 :00 AM (Ingles & Arameo)

Para: Jeanine Khoury **Por:** Su hermana Carole, esposa del Sr William Saade

Lunes, Febrero 8 , 2010 8 PM– Liturgia de San Maron

Para: La Salud de los feligreses **Por:** El Pastor

Martes, Febrero 9, 2010, 12 Mediodía Fiesta de San Maron - Oficina Cerrada

Miércoles Febrero 10, 2010, 12 Mediodía

Para: Mary & Michel Slan **Por:** Genevieve Bunassar

Jueves, Febrero 11, 2010, 12 Mediodía Nuestra Señora de Lourdes

Para: Georges Harb **Por:** Su Hija

Viernes, Febrero 12, 2010 No Liturgia

Sábado, Febrero 13, 2010, No Liturgia

TIEMPO DE LA CUARESMA
DOMINGO DE CANA

Domingo, Febrero 14, 2010, 9:30 AM (Español)

Para: En Honor de Javier y Andrea Cartaya **Por:** El Pastor

Domingo, Febrero 14, 2010 11 :00 AM (Ingles & Arameo)

Para: Emilio Sale **Por:** Loris Azze

Bienvenidos a los Seminaristas de el Seminario San Juan

Los Seminaristas de San Juan en el Archidiócesis de Miami, van a honrarnos en su visita y su participación en la liturgia de Febrero 14 a las 11AM.

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Pope's Prayer Intentions - February 2010

For all scholars and intellectuals, that by means of sincere search for the truth they may arrive at an understanding of the one true God.

<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Epistle</i>	<i>Intercessions</i>
<i>February 7</i>	<i>Karim Manassa</i>	<i>Samira Awad</i>
<i>February 14</i>	<i>St John Seminarists</i>	

PLEASE WELCOME ST. JOHN SEMINARIANS

FEBRUARY 14, @ 11AM LITURGY - Reception to Follow in the Parish

"What is most helpful to the church in such cases is not only a frank and complete acknowledgment of the weaknesses of her ministers, but also a joyful and renewed realization of the greatness of God's gift, embodied in the splendid example of generous pastors, religious afire with love for God and for souls, and insightful, patient spiritual guides."

Friday Stations & Lenten Meals

Starting February 19, 2010. Volunteers needed for Fridays Lenten Meals. Please contact the office.

New Readers Required

Proclaim the Word of God and make the Truth and the Light shine in our darkened world. Please contact Miss. Hilda Cuglievan @ cuglievan785@bellsouth.net

Ofrezcamos nuestras oraciones y nuestros apoyos para la confirmación de las vocaciones y para la edificación de la Santa Iglesia

Que es el Año Sacerdotal

El Año Sacerdotal, promulgado por nuestro amado Papa Benedicto XVI, para celebrar el 150 aniversario de la muerte de San Juan María Bautista Vianney, el Santo Cura de Ars, está a punto de comenzar. Lo abrirá el Santo Padre el día 19 del próximo mes de junio, fiesta del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y de la Jornada Mundial de Oración para la santificación de los Sacerdotes. debe ser una año de oración de los Sacerdotes, con los Sacerdotes y por los Sacerdotes; un año de renovación de la espiritualidad del presbiterio y de cada uno de los presbíteros.

Intención del Papa: Febrero 2010

Por todos los científicos y las personas de la cultura, para que por medio de la sincera búsqueda de la verdad puedan llegar al conocimiento del único Dios verdadero.

Clases de Comida Árabe e Italiana

Estaremos empezando las clases de cocina de nuevo. Tendremos varias clases de diferentes países . Más adelante le daremos mas información.

Marón, Santo Eremita, Febrero 9

Martirologio Romano: En una montaña cerca de Apamea, en Siria, san Marón, eremita, muerto después de una vida de áspera penitencia e intensa piedad, fundándose sobre su sepulcro un célebre monasterio, alrededor del cual se originó la nación que lleva su nombre (c. 423). San Marón nació en Siria; hombre humilde, que un día oyó la voz de Dios, aceptando inmediatamente el desafío que significaba seguirle.

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Arabic & Italian Cooking Classes

We will be resuming the cooking classes for different world kitchen and food. More information to come....

An Open Letter to those who don't go to Church

Dear Fellow Pilgrim:

I greet you as someone who is looking for meaning and happiness, as we all are. I know you're sincere or you wouldn't be reading this letter. Know this first of all: We miss you at church. There's not a Sunday goes by when your absence isn't felt. You're missed. Join us.

Yes, I know this isn't a simple thing. The heart has its reasons, Pascal said. Well the church too has its complexities. Perhaps it is precisely one of these complexities that make it difficult for you to walk regularly through a church door. So I won't try to sugarcoat the church. It is a far-from-perfect expression of God's love and mercy and it is a far-from-perfect expression of God's universal salvific will for everyone. Sometimes the church blocks God's love as much as it reveals it. It has been, and remains, a vehicle both of grace and sin. How do we get past its dark side?

Carlo Carretto, the renowned Italian spiritual writer, in his old age, wrote this Ode to the church:

How much I must criticize you, my church, and yet how much I love you!

You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe more to you than to anyone.

I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence.

You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.

San Marón eligió una morada solitaria no lejos de la ciudad de Cirrus en Siria, y allí, por espíritu de mortificación, vivía casi siempre a la intemperie. Ciertamente es que tenía una pequeña cabaña cubierta con pieles de cabra para guarecerse en caso de necesidad, pero rara vez la utilizaba. Encontró las ruinas de un templo pagano, lo dedicó al verdadero Dios, y lo convirtió en casa de oración. San Juan Crisóstomo, que lo estimaba mucho, le escribía desde Cucusus, donde estaba desterrado, y se encomendaba a sus oraciones, rogándole le diera noticias suyas con la mayor frecuencia posible. San Marón había tenido por maestro a San Zebino, cuya asiduidad en la oración era tal, que se dice que pasaba días y noches enteras orando, sin experimentar cansancio. Generalmente rezaba de pie, aunque cuando ya era muy anciano, tenía que sostenerse con un báculo. A los que iban a consultarle, respondía con la mayor brevedad posible; tan deseoso estaba de pasar todo su tiempo en conversación con Dios.

San Marón, no solo fue ejemplo, sino que además fue para aquellos hombres un líder lleno de sabiduría y del Espíritu Santo, que supo dar sentido a cada acción, con inflexible disciplina. Alcanzó en vida, fama de santidad en incluso realizó milagros de curación y conversión.

Sus virtudes fueron ampliamente conocidas: justicia, templanza, castidad y trabajo duro, semillas que él mismo plantó en otros, quienes se convirtieron en el campo fértil, que llevó a Dios numerosas vocaciones, que serían tiempo después labradores diligentes y sabios, que harían florecer la Montaña de Líbano en la fe sólida y verdadera de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

San Marón imitó a su maestro en la constancia en la oración, pero trataba a sus visitantes de modo diferente. No sólo los recibía con suma bondad, sino que los invitaba a que se quedaran con él, aunque muy pocos estaban dispuestos a pasar toda la noche en pie, rezando. Dios recompensó sus trabajos con gracias abundantísimas y con el don de curar enfermedades tanto

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Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false, and yet I have never touched anything more pure, more generous or more beautiful.

Countless times I have felt like slamming the door of my soul in your face-and yet, every night, I have prayed that I might die in your sure arms!

No, I cannot be free of you, for I am one with you, even if not completely you.

Then too-where would I go?

To build another church?

But I could not build one without the same defects, for they are my defects. And again, if I were to build another church, it would be my church, not Christ's church.

No, I am old enough. I know better!

That's a mature description of the church, expressing both love and realism. It's an honest description too. The church has a long history, both of grace and of sin and we who make up the church on earth don't do God very well. Nobody does. We need to admit that.

I can only guess at your reasons for not coming to church regularly or for not coming to church at all: Perhaps you have been hurt by the church, by the institution itself or by one of its priests or ministers. Perhaps you have been one of those who have experienced it as callous, as insensitive, as denigrating you in some way. Or perhaps you are intellectually disenchanted with the church, unable to square its claims with your own sane grip on life and its mysteries. Or perhaps you have found what you are looking for elsewhere, outside the doors of the church you attended when you were little. Or perhaps you have just drifted away and don't think about church very much at

corporales como espirituales. No es sorprendente por tanto, que su fama como consejero espiritual se extendiera por todas partes. Esto le atrajo grandes multitudes, Formó a muchos santos ermitaños y fundó monasterios; sabemos que, cuando menos, tres grandes conventos llevaron su nombre. Teodoreto, obispo de Cirrus, dice que los numerosos monjes que poblaron su diócesis fueron formados por las instrucciones del santo. San Marón fue llamado al premio después de una corta enfermedad, la cual dice Teodoreto, reveló a todos la gran debilidad a que estaba reducido su cuerpo. Los pueblos vecinos se disputaron sus restos. Finalmente obtuvieron el cuerpo los habitantes de un centro relativamente populoso y construyeron sobre su tumba una espaciosa iglesia con un monasterio anexo, cerca de la fuente de Orontes, no lejos de Apamea.

Los Maronitas son los cristianos que deben su nombre a San Marón, santo hombre, rígido defensor de la fe católica de oriente. fue ejemplo para muchas personas, estos fueron sus discípulos, escuchando sus enseñanzas, imitando sus virtudes. Estos disipulos fueron llamados "Discípulos de San Marón" que después de su muerte en el año 420, crecieron mucho.

¿Qué propone la Iglesia ante el desempleo?

Un grave problema de la sociedad que trae como consecuencia otros tipos de problemas

El desempleo es uno de los problemas más graves de la sociedad y el origen de otros muchos conflictos personales, familiares, morales y humanos.

Un paro generalizado es un mal social, es un desorden moral, es un drama humano al que es necesario poner remedio con carácter prioritario. Todos estamos llamados a contribuir en la solución del problema, porque todos somos responsables de cuanto afecta a la comunidad humana a la que

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all. Perhaps you don't feel a need for church in your life. Or, perhaps you are convinced that Jesus and his teachings are in fact tainted by the church, that Jesus never wanted to found a church, but wanted only that people take his teachings to heart and live in love and graciousness. There are many reasons why people don't go to church. I can only guess at yours.

But your reason for not going is not important for this letter. I don't want to defend the church here, make some kind of apologetics for it, or argue against any of the reasons that people give for not coming to church. And I don't want to try to show you reasons why, I think, it is important to go to church. This I not an apologetics, but a plea, an invitation:

Come back! Try us again! Or, if you have never belonged to the church, try us!

Maybe this time you will find life in the church and be able to drink in some of its graces. Maybe this time you will find it in you to forgive the church for its faults, see those faults are your own faults, and see why Jesus picked such an imperfect vehicle to carry on his presence. Maybe this time you will be able to see in the church what Jesus saw in it - an imperfect body made up of men and women like you and me, full of sin, full of ourselves, petty, small-hearted, less-than- sincere, miserly, and tainted, but also full of grace, full of Christ, big-hearted, sincere, generous, and pure, a group of men and women worth dying for - and belonging to. Come be with us!

A fellow pilgrim and a flawed church member.

Pondering the praydreams

As I allow myself to dream crazy dreams, I then begin to ponder their

pertenecemos +(Juan Pablo II, Sollicitudo rei socialis (SRS), 38).

En la medida de sus limitadas posibilidades, la Iglesia promueve diversas iniciativas, tanto para el conocimiento y difusión de la doctrina social de la Iglesia como para contribuir positivamente a remediar el desempleo. Organizaciones e iglesias realizan una constante y meritoria labor de acercamiento a la clase trabajadora, ofreciéndole la doctrina social a la Iglesia y poniendo en marcha, con los limitados recursos de que disponen, sus programas de promoción de empleo y de formación ocupacional.

La comunidad cristiana está cerca de las personas que pasan por la dolorosa situación de desempleo o de inseguridad en el puesto de trabajo. Más allá de cualquier calificación laboral, de los grupos sindicales a los que pertenezcan, de las ideas que sigan o de la religión que practiquen, está su condición de personas, con una dignidad que tenemos que respetar y defender.

La misión de la Iglesia no es social, sino religiosa. Su función es la de predicar el Evangelio. Sin embargo, como Madre, se preocupa de todo lo que atañe al hombre. Con respecto al trabajo lo ha elevado a una categoría y dignidad muy altas, considerándolos un derecho del hombre, que lo hace más humano. En repetidas ocasiones ha instado a los gobiernos a que busquen por todos los medios hacer que este derecho se cumpla.

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meaning. As I praydream the possibilities of living out my great desires in each option, I try to note the stirrings in my heart. I ask myself:

After the initial excitement of new possibilities, or after the initial fear of potential problems, which dreams leave me in consolation? That is:

- Which of these dreams leave me filled with holy and wholesome desires?

- Which leave me with a sense of closeness to God?

- Which leave me filled with faith? With hope? With love?

- Which make me want to go out and share them with the people I love? With my mentors and friends?

- Which leave me with a deep-down peace and tranquility? With a sense of rightness? With a fits-like-a-glove sort of feeling?

Then I discern, Which dreams leave me in desolation? That is:

- Which leave me without faith? Without hope? Without love?

- Which leave me with a sense of distance from God?

- Which leave me disquiet and agitated?

- Which leave me with no passion and zeal? With a sense of boredom and tepidity? With no energy? Feeling deflated?

- Which fill me with deep-down anxiety and fear?

- Which are the dreams I'm not very excited to talk about with my mentors or friends? Which are the ones that I avoid mentioning to them?

As I dream these praydreams, I pay particular attention to the fluctuating moments of peace vs. disquiet, and of impassioned energy vs. deflatedness.

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