



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON  
CANADA

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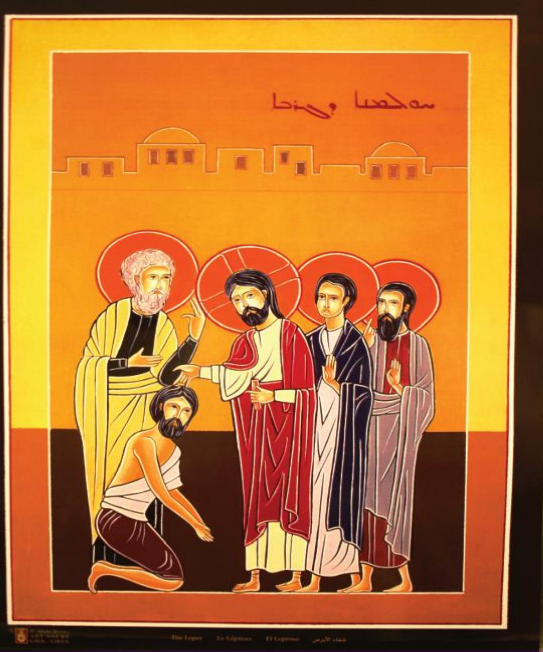
**Secretary:** Sophia Gebriel

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**Bingo Committee:** Abdallah Khalifeh

**Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



**MASSES AND CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM.

English Mass, Sunday: 5:00 PM.

Daily Mass: 6:00 PM.

Daily dedication Prayers: 5:30 PM.

Tuesday: Rosary & Litany: 5:30 PM.

Wednesday: Our Lady's Confraternity: 5:00 PM.

Thursday: Adoration: 5:00 PM.

First Sunday of each month: Youth English  
Mass at 5:00 pm

**CONFESSIONS:**

15 Minutes before daily Mass at 5:45 PM.

**SICK/SHUT-IN VISIT:**

Please call 519-322-2282

**BAPTISMS:**

Call the Church Office at least one month  
prior to Baptism date.

**MARRIAGES:**

Please contact the Parish Priest a  
minimum of six months in advance of  
the desired date of marriage.

**Our Parish Mission Statement**

*The Faith Community of Saint Anthony's Parish,  
Leamington, open to the Spirit as disciples of  
Jesus Christ, envision our mission as proclaiming,  
witnessing and celebrating the Kingdom of God  
and keeping alive the Maronite Tradition among  
us through SERVICE, HEALING and  
RECONCILING LOVE.*

*St. Anthony's is a Registered, Charitable,  
non-profit organization.*

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Gospel: Mark 1: 35 - 45**

**Reading: Romans 6: 12 - 23**

We remember the leper, on the second Sunday of Lent. Leprosy is a contagious disease. Lepers were outcasts of society because they are not clean and their disease is punishment for their sins. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper. The lepers lived a miserable life, they were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Jesus touched the leper who approached him and He made him clean. By touching the leper Jesus transferred His holiness and healed him. Jesus asked him not to tell anyone but his priest. Jesus didn't obey Moses' Law. In His opinion, the Law is to serve the people not the contrary. He touches the leper to reach his human soul. Jesus met the man's misery with compassion and tender kindness. The leper disowned Moses' law because he found a mightier and deeper law which is the "Law of Love" that he discovered with Jesus' face and with His touch. So he went spreading the good news. The Lord is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unclean.

*Second Sunday of the Great Lent,*

*The Healing of the Leper / شفاء الأبرص*

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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Designed and maintained by Acev Gaspard

# Parish Information

**Thank you:** Msgr. Charles would like to cordially thank the parishioners and friends for their generous donations towards the New Saint Anthony's Church, Leamington.

EACH FAMILY IS KINDLY INVITED TO MAKE A YEARLY DONATION IN ORDER TO BUILD THE NEW CHURCH.

Every Sunday we share in the Bulletin the last 12 donations:

- 1- In Memory of Joe B. Najem: \$ 161.00
- 2- Bakhos & Marlene Hanna (London): \$ 1,000.00
- 3- Jennifer Thomas Law Firm: \$ 1,000.00
- 4- Anonymous: \$ 700.00
- 5- Taylor Clark (purchased Picture) offered by Tony Touma: \$ 250.00
- 6- Doctor Antoine Sassine: \$ 1,000.00
- 7- SAJ Luncheon (Feast of St. Anthony): \$ 1,500.10
- 8- In Memory of Salime Knati: \$ 40.00
- 9- In Memory of Joe Hanna Youssef: \$ 865.00
- 10- In Memory of Hanna El Zouki (London): \$ 250.00
- 11- Gold donated by Anonymous Family: \$ 1500.00
- 12- Doctor Julien Saad: \$ 600.00

**TOTAL: \$ 397,385.79**

**CONDOLENCES:** Deepest condolences to the Family of Jamele Slieman Abdou who passed away in Lebanon, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the age of 77. Jamele is the Sister of Sayide Sassine. The Memorial Mass for the repose of her soul is being held Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30 AM. May God rest her soul in Peace and grant consolation to her family and relatives.

**THANK YOU:** Father Charles would like to Thank a Maronite family from Windsor who donated Gold and that we changed into \$ 1500.00 which was put towards New Church Fund. Also, Father Charles would like to thank Doctor Julien Saad for donating \$ 600.00 to New Church Fund. May God Bless them and there family.

**LENT SEASON:** This year, Ash Monday was February 27, 2017, therefore Good Friday falls on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Easter Sunday is April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Both, Catholic and Orthodox Churches celebrate at same time this year. Stations of the Holy Cross, every Friday at 5:30 PM and Veneration of the Holy Cross after 6:00 PM Mass.

**FRIDAY LENT COLLECTION:** During Lent Season, the Friday Collection during mass will be for Families in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**YOUTH ENGLISH MASS:** Every First Sunday of each month at 5:00 PM, the Youth Groups of Saint Anthony's & the first communicants will be conducting and participating in the Mass. Next Mass, Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## UPCOMING MEMORIAL MASSES

INTENTION	DATE	TIME
1- Hanne Zakaria (6 Month Memorial Mass)	March 5, 2017	11:00 AM
2- Najla Jitani (1 Year Memorial Mass)	March 19, 2017	9:30 AM
3- Salime Knati (40 Day Memorial Mass)	March 19, 2017	11:00 AM
4- Paul Raheb (1 Year Memorial Mass)	March 26, 2017	11:00 AM

## NEXT SAJ LUNCHEONS

1-	Saint Anthony of Padua	Sunday June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	SAJ and FALAFEL Luncheon
2-	First Sunday after Festival	Sunday August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	SAJ and FALAFEL Luncheon
3-	Jesus the King	Sunday October 29, 2017	SAJ and Falafel Luncheon
4-	Saint Anthony the Great	Sunday January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	SAJ and FALAFEL Luncheon

All proceeds will go to the New Saint Anthony's Church

## Last Week's Collection

82 Envelopes	\$	981.00
Loose	\$	322.50
Candles	\$	126.60
<b>New Church Donations:</b>		
Gold donated by Anonymous Family	\$	1,500.00
Doctor Julien Antoine Saad	\$	600.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$	<b>3,529.60</b>

## Income of the Shrine – February 2017

Canadian	\$	1,550.05
US	\$	86.00
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>1,636.05</b>

## MONTHLY AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL

Eleven Parishioners are donating to date.

1- \$ 50	2- \$ 35	3- \$ 15	4- \$ 30	5- \$ 50	TOTAL
6- \$ 25	7- \$ 30	8- \$ 100	9- \$ 25	10- \$ 50	
11- \$ 25					\$ 435.00

**MONTHLY AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL:** To date we have 11 families donating through monthly withdrawal. For your convenience, automatic withdrawal forms are available at church office.

**THANK YOU:** Father Charles would like to Thank Marie G. Obeid, Foule Tannous and Chehade Abdul Massih for painting the Tabernacle. God Bless you and your families.

**THANK YOU:** Father Charles would like to Thank Charlie Challita Saad for donating \$ 500.00 towards New Projector and for helping church purchase and set up of it. May God Bless him and his family.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Every First Friday of each month. Next meeting will take place on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM. For information, contact Noel Tawil.

**MEETING:** Next Pastoral Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM

**FIRST COMMUNION:** This year's First Communion practices are every Tuesday from 4:30 until 6:00 PM. Mrs. Jihane Mouawad is preparing our 14 children for their First Holy Communion. First Communion ceremony is Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Saint Anthony's Church. Registration still available for 2017 Communion. May God bless them all.

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT:** Priests of The Eparchy of Saint Maroun, Canada will be having a Spiritual Retreat from Monday April 24 to Saturday April 29, 2017. All Priests from our area will be attending.

**YOUTH CONVENTION:** This year's Youth Convention will take place May 19 – 21, 2017 in Halifax. There will be a gathering of Youth from all Maronite parishes in Canada. Every youth, 19 years of age and over can attend. Cost of trip is approximately \$ 400.00. Saint Anthony's Church will be financially assisting the youth for this trip. For more information, contact Vicki Tawil @ 519 566 9335 or Jihane Mouawad @ 519 995 5442.

**2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The Offertory Envelopes for the year 2017 are available at the Church Entrance. If you are unable to locate your envelopes or if you would like to request new envelopes, please contact the office at 519-322-2282. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**Saint Anthony's Maronite Parish  
Masses & Celebrations during the week**



**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Second Sunday of the Great Lent / The Healing of the Leper**

**الأحد الثاني من زمن الصوم، شفاء الأبرص**

- 9:30 AM – Memorial Mass for Jamele Slieman Abdou  
With Rite of Incense (Family)
- 11:00 AM – Mass for Hanne Zakaria (6 Months) & Husband  
Tannous Zakaria (Laura Joseph & Family)
- 5:00 PM – ENGLISH YOUTH MASS for intention of Youth  
And for Boula Tannous (Family)
- 5:00 PM – MEMBERS Meeting at Lebanese Club

**Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Saint Colette (+1447)**

- 5:30 PM – Prayers
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Danny Abdul Massih (Family)  
And for George Raffoul (Stephanie Casper)  
SAINT JOSEPH PRAYERS

**Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Saint Perpetua & Felicity (+203 Martyrs)**

- 5:30 PM – Rosary, Litany & Ya Omm Allah
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Theresa Georges (Khalil Abraham)  
And for Badiha Georges (Mr. & Mrs. Nohra Nohra)  
SAINT JOSEPH PRAYERS

**Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Saint Frances of Rome (+1440)**

- 5:00 PM – Prayers of our Lady's Confraternity
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Sarkis Tannous Salim Nohra (Family)  
And for Jamila Gebrail (Sister Daniel Raheb)  
SAINT JOSEPH PRAYERS

**Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**The Forty Martyrs (320)**

- 5:00 PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
ساعة سجود أمام القربان المقدس
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Elias & Claude Obeid (Youssef Obeid)  
And for Mike Malkoun (John & Sonia Obeid)  
SAINT JOSEPH PRAYERS

**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- 5:30 PM – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Challito & Yasmine Youssef and  
Assad Keirouz (Joseph Youssef & Family)  
And for Joe B. Najem (Mrs. Helen Raffoul)  
VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Arabic School

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Third Sunday of the Great Lent  
The Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman**

**الأحد الثالث من زمن الصوم، شفاء المنزوفة**

- 9:30 AM – Mass available
- 11:00 AM – Mass for Sarkis Nohra and his Parents, Youssef &  
Shamma (Family)
- 5:00 PM – ENGLISH MASS (Available)

**Second Sunday of the Great Lent,**

**The Healing of the Leper**

**الأحد الثاني من زمن الصوم، شفاء الأبرص**

في الأحد الثاني من زمن الصوم المبارك نتذكر شفاء الأبرص. البرص هو مرض خبيث يُمنع من يُعانيه مخالطة الناس، لأنه غير طاهر ولأن مرضه عقاب على خطيئته. يعيش الأبرص معاناة قاسية، إنه إنسان أضاع هويته واعتباره، يعيش في حالة أسر لمرض جعله مهمّشاً ومنبوذاً من الآخرين. لكن هذا الأبرص لم يستسلم لهذا الواقع المرير، لم يرضخ للعزلة ولعدم العيش الطبيعي في الجماعة، بل راح يتوسل إلى يسوع، جاثياً مستسلماً لإرادته، وواقعاً بأنه هو القادر على تطهيره. لمس يسوع الأبرص لمسة حنان فطهره. لم يخف يسوع من لمس الرجل النجس، فالتجاسة لا تجعله دنساً، لأن قداسته تنتقل كالعدوى وتشفى. لما برى الأبرص نهاه يسوع عن أن يُخبر أحد، وطلب منه أن يذهب إلى الكاهن ويقدم ما تفرضه الشريعة. تحطى يسوع الشريعة، بلمسه للأبرص، ليصل إلى كيان الإنسان الداخلي. فالشريعة وُضعت في خدمة الإنسان وليس العكس. شعر الأبرص بلمسة حنان يسوع التي غيرت مجرى حياته كلها، جمرة دخلت قلبه فأشعلته حناناً وفرحاً. رذل الشريعة لأنه وجد أسمى وأعمق، شريعة المحبة التي اكتشفها في وجه يسوع وكمسته. فانطلق يُذيع الخبر.



**Next Sunday:**

**Third Sunday of the Great Lent  
The Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman**

**الأحد الثالث من زمن الصوم، شفاء المنزوفة**

**Gospel: Luke 8: 40 - 56**

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 7: 4 11**