

# REVELATION TO JOSEPH

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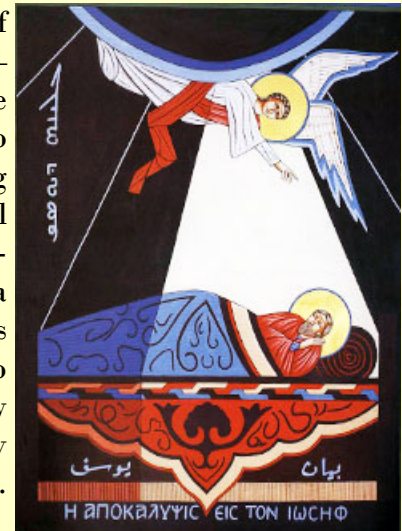
Sunday, Dec 13, 2009

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## Gospel Reflection : Mt 1: 18-25

How many restless nights preceded the night of Joseph's blessed dream? Yes, he was her husband – the wedding contract had been drawn. It was the fruit of long and prayerful discernment, coming to what was a difficult decision for a vibrant young man: a virginal marriage with a very beautiful woman. They took time to come to that discernment, and it seemed in the end so clear and clearly a thing of grace. This beautiful young woman was truly one of God's chosen and he had been chosen to share life with her in a most special way. And now this! So incomprehensible. How could she possibly be pregnant? And yet the fact was undeniable. What did God want of him now?



Yes, there were many sleepless nights. Everything had been so clear, so beautiful. And now it was all a nightmare. Painfully, at last, the young man, a just man who truly wanted what God wanted, came to a decision and fell into a fitful sleep. And then came the dream. Only after he had done his very best to discern and say "YES" to God, did God finally allow him to enter into the mystery of love and give him the sure guidance he had so earnestly sought. Joseph would certainly understand the pain and confusion we sometimes experience in our quest for inner peace in the knowledge and fulfillment of God's holy will. His experience can assure us that if we do our best to know and do God's will, in the end the Lord will not let us down.

*Prayer: Lord, I do want to do Your will. I don't always get it right. But I trust that in the end You will make the way clear to me.*

### Words of Wisdom

- *The scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying (J. Flavel).*



**A Week Without God Is:**

- Sin**day
- Mour**nday
- Tear**sday
- Waste**day
- Thirst**day
- Fight**day
- Shatter**day

### Quick Laughter

Every ten years, the monks in the monastery are allowed to break their vow of silence to speak two words. Ten years go by and it's one monk's first chance. He thinks for a second before saying, "Food bad." Ten years later, he says, "Bed hard." It's the big day, a decade later. He gives the head monk a long stare and says, "I quit."

"I'm not surprised," the head monk says. "You've been complaining ever since you got here."



**WEEKEND of DEC 12-13 \*\*\* Revelation to Joseph Sunday \*\*\***

Sat., Dec.12 – 5:00 P.M. – **Gebran Constantine (40 Day Mass)** by family  
 - **Soubhi Constantine** ( birthday remembrance) by family  
 Sun., Dec.13 – 10:00 A.M. – **Youssef Milan** by Viviane Rizk & Schawki Milan & family.

**WEEKDAYS**



Monday	Dec. 14	<b>6:00 P.M</b>	<b>Josephine Melhem</b> by Marta & Camille Gabriel
Tuesday	Dec.15	<b>6:00 P.M</b>	<b>Wanda Lauer</b> by Mr. & Mrs. John Boulos and Sons.
Wednesday	Dec. 16	<b>6:00 P.M</b>	<b>Agnes Pellicotti</b> by Michael & Mary Jabbour
Thursday	Dec. 17	<b>6:00 P.M</b>	<b>Anthony Vaccaro</b> by Eva Oliver, Jody & Gregg Piagesi.
Friday	Dec. 18	<b>6:00 P.M</b>	<b>Yasmaine Shortell</b> by Dora & Canon Anthony.

**WEEKEND of Dec. 19-20 \*\*\* Genealogy Sunday \*\*\***

Sat., Dec. 19 – 5:00 P.M. – **Katherine John** by the St. Theresa Sodality  
 Sun., Dec. 20 – 10:00 A.M. – **Elias & Souad Haddad** by family



**AMOUNT**

Collection: Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009	\$ 637.00
Collection Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009	\$ 305.00
Collection: Sunday, Nov. 8 , 2009	\$ 1160.00
Collection Saturday, Nov.14, 2009	\$ 501.00
Collection: Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009	\$ 449.00
Collection Saturday, Nov. 21 , 2009	\$ 551.00
Collection: Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009	\$ 444.00
Collection Saturday, Nov. 28 , 2009	\$ 309.00
Collection: Sunday, Nov. 29 , 2009	\$ 1223.00
Parking Income ( November 2009)	\$ 2015.00
Bingo Income ( November 2009)	\$ 5630.50

**THANK YOU  
&  
GOD BLESS**



**Nov. Collections: \$ 5579.00**

**Readers**

Saturday, Dec. 12	Dorothea Toumeh
Sunday, Dec. 13	Mona Milan
Saturday, Dec. 19	Marie Hanni
Sunday, Dec. 20	Marta Gabriel
Saturday, Dec. 26	Cheffie Melhem
Sunday, Dec. 27	Jordan Isaac

**REQUIEM** Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of **GEBRAN CONSTANTINE** who passed away. May the Lord grant eternal rest to his soul , and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn his death. May all the faithful departed rest in Peace.



# New Year Party

The church will be sponsoring a New Year Party in the social hall on December 31st. Only 300 seats will be available for this event. Prices are \$ 60 per adult. Bring your own alcohol. a Mediterranean Lebanese open Buffet with Dessert will be opened at 8:00 P.M.

Singer Tony Aoun and ensemble (of Boston) will be performing during this event.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Parish Council members. More info will be available inside the event's flier.

We look forward to see you celebrating as one family this wonderful night.

*(proceeds will benefit Father Youakim Moubarac Memorial Scholarship Fund).*



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
Dec. 15	Mona Milan	Aziz Koury, Susie Karam & Louise Jacob	Antonios Jabbour Muncy Farhat
Dec. 22	Badway karam	Aziz Koury & Naomi Shiner	Antonios Jabbour
Dec. 29	Mike Boulos	Rosann Constantine, Jawhara karam & Aziz koury	Cheffie Melhem Antonios Jabbour



## St. Theresa Sodality & MYO Events



\*\*\* St. Therese Sodality/MYO Christmas Party – The children's annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas "Pageant" normally scheduled on Christmas Eve will be moved to December 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following Saturday's Liturgy. The party will begin once the Pageant is concluded. Admission fee for adults will be \$5.00, children are free. All money collected for admission will be used to buy 150 sets of hats, gloves and scarves for underprivileged children in our local area. May God reward you for helping to keep these little ones warm during the cold winter months ahead.



## Christmas Poinsettias

Every Christmas our church looks beautiful when decorated with poinsettias . You can make your donation in memory of a loved one, for a special intention and for a family member or a friends. Please earmark your check with : Christmas flower offering , and drop it in the collection or give it to Father Paul. Thank You. (a complete list of donors and their intentions will be published in the bulletin)

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We are on the internet at:

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You can find us also at:

[www.catholicweb.com](http://www.catholicweb.com) church ID : 55071

**Christmas Mass**

Thursday, Dec 24th: 5:00 P.M

Thursday, Dec 24th: midnight

Friday, Dec 25th: 10.00 A.M



**Christmas Novena**

Tuesday, Dec 15 to

Dec 23rd.

6:30 p.m.



**Christmas Confessions**

Tuesday, Dec 22nd : 6:30 p.m to 8:00p.m

Thursday, Dec 24th : 10:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m



**Parish Christmas Spiritual Retreat**

*By Father Scott Ardinger*

*Sunday, December 20*

*St. Francis Retreat House*

*3918 Chipman Road, Easton*

*From 2:45 p.m to 6:30 p.m*

*Spiritual Talk, group discussion, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Quiet & Silent time, meditation, confessions and Christmas Novena*

*All are welcomed to join us : please respond by December 18th*

*by calling Fr. Paul at 610- 252-5275 or Deacon Anthony at 610- 253-1168*