

28, 29 December 2013 * Sunday after Christmas 2013



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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

Pope John XXIII

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., * Sunday 10:00 a.m. * Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

***Suggested donation** for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

Choir Director:	Fefa Deeb	Sacristans:	Yvonne Nemer, Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale
Teachers	DRE: 3-5th Lenore Boles K-1st Rosanna Joseph 2nd Jane Lee		
Parish Council:	David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Gerald Joseph, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Lowell Hawes, Aaron Rowden, Lisa Gard & Elizabeth Wilson		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Matthew 2:13-18 Flight into Egypt / Killing of the Infants

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

Dear Parishioners and friends,

I remember this Gospel from when I was a little child and hearing my parents talk about the Holy

Innocents, that an evil king wanted to stay king, and didn't want this baby to take away his power. I was not so sure about what kind of power, but I knew he wanted to do something really bad to keep his power; to kill babies. Around this time, I had a little cousin who died shortly after being born, and being told that he had a hole in his heart. This is the first time I recall thinking about death and innocence. Why should babies suffer?

It doesn't really matter how old we are, at some level we do think about what would be better and what would be worse. What makes us happy what makes us sad?

There is a dark reality in the world. Rejecting God, bitterness, anger, and all the multiple forms of emotion and thought cannot change this reality. Using these methods to deal with what is wrong cannot make the world better. The question is, when we wrestle with these feelings and knowledge what is the healthiest way to cope with them. We can learn everything

possible about safety and take every precaution, but still, through no knowable fault, accidents and events can bring incredible harm and destruction.

The stories of Genesis still tell us in a simple manner, yet profoundly insightful, can present a foundation to begin to understand this mystery. God is good, God creates and what he creates is good. When God created us with the ability to image Him we also had the ability to distort this image of Him by going against His will.

Creation, like all art reflects the abilities and mind of the artist. Man and woman have the ability to distort God's artwork; to transform the perfect into the imperfect. Creation now is imperfect and able to be disfigured and deeply wounded. The Christ Child is the perfect image of God for us to see and experience.

God promised to send into the world a way to restore our image. A child shall be born that will finally crush the power of evil. God knows the past, present and future all at that the same time. Prophecy is a way of revealing this knowledge to us. In the Old Testament there are prophecies that guide us to be prepared to identify these events when they happen.

Still, right to this day, innocent people are killed and suffer because the message of Christ is not followed and believed. Even when a person identifies himself or herself as a Christian, this does not mean they will act as a Christian. The love and greed for power and wealth can infect anyone of any religion. Herod symbolizes this.

The news is saturated with people killing others because they want something and are willing to trespass against another's dignity and God's plan to accomplish this.

Herod believed in prophecy, he believed in the promises of God, unfortunately his belief was more similar to the Evil One, who knows God, knows all about the teachings but knows it with hatred and all consuming revenge. This Gospel is manifested over and over in the world. In some manner a person kills to obtain something. Whether revenge, to eliminate competition, to solve a problem they perceive, or a threat they want to end.

The world is always in need of this message. This Child will grow in wisdom and die for us so that we may live. He will be raised to raise us to the light of Eternity. Praise be to God Always!

Aboona

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Jan/12 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Christmas Liturgy

Entrance chant: Pg. 78, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 28 4:00 p.m.

† **Joseph & Mary Smus**

By Paula, David, & Patricia Smus

Sun 29 10:00 a.m.

† **Rev. George Hickey**

By Kevin Michaud

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

Mon 30 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 31 9:00 a.m.

† **John & Sadie Maroon**

By Lowell & Mary Hawes

Holy Day New Years Day For Peace

Wed 1 9:00 a.m.

† **Madame Jeanette Marie Sleiman**

By John T. Sleiman

Thu 2 9:00 a.m.

† **Rolande Latulippe**

By Ronald & Alice Stauble

Fri 3 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 4 4:00 p.m.

† **Marietta Thomas**

By Dan & Thomas Casavant

Sun 5 10:00 a.m.

† **Donald, Teresa & Doug Day**

By The Family

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Heal Your servants, who are sick,

O Lord, and send them help

And comfort from Your holy place.

Those who seek our prayers: **Theresa Clark, Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Gerry Joseph, Alice Lachance, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Gerard Nadua, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

See someone new? Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,626.00

God bless you for your generosity.
If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

January Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Bernie Thomas

By The Bernie Thomas Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Kathleen Hawes

By Lowell & Mary Hawes

Altar Bread:

Intention Available

Altar Wine:

Intention Available

TO PROTECT THE LITURGICAL BOOKS we are asking that you place them on the pew instead of using the book-rack because of the tight fit it makes them difficult to remove and return. Please handle them carefully and respectfully. If you have a child that might mishandle them, be sure to provide another item for them to be entertained with.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday after Christmas

Hebrews 11:23-31 Matthew 2:13-18

4 p.m. Dec 28 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 29 Kevin Michaud

Finding the Lord in the Temple

Hebrews 7:11-19 Luke 2:41-52

4 p.m. Jan 4 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 5 Kevin Michaud

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Sun 5 Religious Education

Wed 8 Parish Council Dinner

Sat 18 Turkey Dinner after Liturgy

Sun 12 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Mon 13 Maronite Priest Retreat

Fri 24 Fr. Larry Returns

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 2 Super Bowl Breakfast

Wed 5 Parish Council

Sun 9 Rosary Sodality

Sat 15 Valentines Party in Hall

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sun 2 Cana Sunday - Mjadra Dinner

There is coffee and donuts served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Dec. 29: Lenore Boles & Theresa Nemer

Jan. 5: Jane Lee & Jody Veilleux

Jan. 12: Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell (Muffins)

Religious Education Schedule

2/2 – 3/2 – 4/6 - 5/4

MYO Schedule

1/26 Lenten Discussion, Super Bowl Breakfast preparation, 2/2 Super Bowl Breakfast, 3/2 M'jadra dinner, 4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

Food Pantry - January

Juice in plastic bottles Condiments

Canned stews Toilet tissue

Thank you for caring!

Thank you

Thank you everyone for the Christmas Cards, care packages, and gifts. They are deeply appreciated. May God bless you and keep you, and may 2012 be one of many blessings.

**Aboona Larry, Deacon Peter,
& Subdeacon Steve**