

27, 28 July 2013 * Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost



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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, Susan Mitchell, Lowell Hawes, & Aaron Rowden.		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, **“Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.”** So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, **“Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Zacchaeus, being a tax collector meant that he was automatically prejudged to be a dishonest man. That

meant if someone said they saw Jesus eating with a tax collector, it was assumed that He was eating with a sinner and was doing something wrong.

Jesus was trying to put an end to this kind of judgment and behavior. He told the story of a Pharisee and a publican praying in the temple, and it was the publican who left justified because he prayed with sincere sorrow and a commitment to change his life. The Pharisee prayed a comparison game of self-accomplishment and success. The Pharisee did do many good moral things, but that is not the same as salvation. Jesus did not redeem us by walking through the park”.

Zachaeus, was more generous than the 10% tithe that was asked by the religion that Jesus lived. He didn't point out the failures of others to measure His worth before God. He did not accept for his morality what was legally permissible, but what reflected a deep concern and care for those things that would reflect the generosity that God has for us.

Salvation came into his life because he chose to live differently, with an extraordinary generous heart. Zachaeus was a talented and skilled man; he had the power, the political status, and the opportunity to

keep getting richer and richer with his hard work and connections. What he chose to do is give half to the poor, and if he should still take advantage of others by working the system, he decided he would give back four fold.

Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost." Zacchaeus found and lived justice.

Jesus made it absolutely clear that you had to belong to His covenant; in this case it was the covenant that God made with the children of Abraham. Through our belief in Christ, and our baptism, we inherit the same, as His sons and daughters as members of the flock of Christ. This teaching is expressed when we baptize someone into the church.

When Jesus says save the lost, this is not just a passive expression. When a person is lost, the finder doesn't say, "Oh there you are, and then leave them there." The finder takes the person to his loved ones. In the story of the Prodigal Son, the son leaves the disgraceful way of life and goes back to the home of the loved one. The Shepherd carries the lost sheep back to the flock.

What is intrinsic to Christianity alone, is Jesus believing with every fiber of His being that the only way any one could enter into the eternal Kingdom of God is through His sacrificial death on the cross. This is why for a Maronite Catholic; the Sunday Liturgy (Last Supper Banquet) is believed to be the highest form of worship for a Christian. Zacchaeus invites Jesus into his home for supper, the Prodigal Son is invited to the Banquet, and the lost sheep are brought safely to the flock and shelter.

In this story it calls us all to task to not judge the powerful and rich to be more sinful than the weak and poor or vice versa. He also calls the outspoken religious leaders to make sure their words do not incite others to hate and justify acts of disrespect, whether it is snide remarks, to bullying, or to extreme terrorizing.

Cheating, defrauding, greed, envy, all sin destroy human compassion. It hardens the heart of one group against the other groups. It even hardens the heart between family members.

Jesus made it clear that to be His follower is to be someone who forgives others. The imperfections and sins that we see in others is not permission to reject and act in an unloving manner. This is Christianity.

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Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, no food or drinks in church, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off. Modest clothing is expected and appreciated.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection

Aug. 4: Peter's Pence Aug. 11: School Subsidy
Liturgy: Sunday of Pentecost A: Pg. 425-7
Creed: Pg. 748 Anaphora of St. Peter: Pg. 774

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 27 4:00 p.m.
† **The Schneider Family**
By The Taddeo Family

Sun 28 10:00 a.m.
† **Intentions of the Elias Family**
By Gayle Misner

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

Mon 29 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 30 9:00 a.m.
† **Rollande Latulippe**
By Ron, Alice & Josie Stauble

Wed 31 9:00 a.m.
† **Edna S. Crate**
By Subdeacon Steve Crate

Thu 1 9:00 a.m.
† **Jimmy Edelman**
By Subdeacon Steve Crate

Fri 2 9:00 a.m.
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 3 4:00 p.m.
† **Tofe Joseph**
By Badia Spencer

Sun 4 10:00 a.m.
† **Ludwig Zelenkewich**
By Marie Deeb

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, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, and Virginia Poulin.**

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

Food Pantry - July

Soup Canned ravioli
Cake Mixes Condiments (mustard, ketchup,
Mayonnaise. Thank you for caring!

Church Security.

After discovering the Censor with the bells missing, we have to accept that the missing brass Hand Cross, New Liturgical Book, and the Censor were stolen and not misplaced. I suspect it is someone who has illegally entered the church to take these items with problems probably "playing priest", rather than a thief looking for something to sell.

Steps will be made to keep the church more secure.

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

August Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 days Sanctuary Candle
Intention Available

St. Jude 7-Day Sanctuary Candle
Intention Available

Altar Bread:
Intention Available

Altar Wine:
Intention Available

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,106.00

Maronite Charity Appeal	\$ (4,000.00)
Collected last week	\$0.00
Collected before last week	\$3,866.00
Total yet to collect	\$(134.00)

God bless you for your generosity.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

Gone a lot? Please consider electronic giving. You can contact your bank to schedule your contribution to be sent to St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church.

Birthdays in August

1 Reginald Michaud	12 Lacey Williams
1 Nancy Karter	13 Lowell Hawes
2 Steve Crate	14 Brenda Williams
3 Elizabeth Wilson	14 Robert Mower
5 Maria Poirier	17 Kati Joseph
8 Tim Mitchell	19 Jibryne Karter III
8 Cam Mitchell	22 Mary Ayoob
9 Shawn Lee	22 Barbara Joseph
10 Melissa Roy	22 Sheila Bonenfant
12 Patricia Thomas	30 John Thomas, Sr.

READERS SCHEDULE

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 2:17-22 Luke 19:1-10
4 p.m. July 27 Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 28 Subdeacon Steve

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 3:1-13 Matthew 15:21-28
4 p.m. Aug 3 Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 4 Kevin Michaud

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Sun 4 11-1p.m.: BBQ Chicken Dinner \$8.00 per person

Wed 14 7 a.m. Dead Sea Scroll Trip to Boston

Thu 15 Feast of the Assumption

Coffee & Muffins will be served during the Summer

There will be Coffee and muffins served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Sunday Liturgy during the summer.

Hafli - October 5, 2013

Dust off your Hafli jar; ink in this date for a great time. The Funds from this Hafli will be used toward the new roof for the Rectory. \$35 a person.

Hafli Jar

If you start now putting in **88¢** a day or **\$2.50** a week in your Hafli jar, you will have the amount for the Hafli ticket.

New Liturgical Books

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.

Wanted - 4th Degree K&C regalia.

Do you have or know someone who can donate their no longer used regalia for a 4th degree Knight?

Anniversaries for August

- 8 Andre & Salim Nasr
- 11 Charles & Holly Plourde
- 13 Jason & Heather Jabar
- 19 Renee & Joe Jabar
- 20 Jane & David Lee
- 20 Yvette & Paul Mitchell
- 23 Allison & Steve Crate
- 27 Laurie & Mark Nale
- 31 Jeanne & John Thomas

Mahrajan 2013, a Middle Eastern food festival, will be held on the grounds of **Our Lady of the Cedars Melkite Catholic Church** at 140 Mitchell St., **Manchester NH** on Friday August 16 from 5-10 PM, Saturday August 17 from 12-10 PM, and Sunday August 18 from 12-5 PM. For more information, go to www.bestfestnh.com.
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