

21, 22 December 2013 * Genealogy Sunday



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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.

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Matthew 1:1-17 *The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. ... Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah, fourteen generations.*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is the Sunday to listen to the tongue twisters. “Azor was the father of Zadok,” and so on. The writer of the Gospel wants to give names to show that Jesus was a descendent of David, to show that He is the one that was promised by God to restore us to the Father.

This list of names is not just about His ancestors; it is also about who will become His spiritual descendants. Because of the Incarnation our name can be in the Book of Life. Jesus descends to us so we can ascend to Him restored in a manner that glorifies the power of God.

It is still a radical belief that God has a Son named Jesus, both God and man. Every Eucharist is a

testimony to the Incarnation, God taking on our humanity. Every Eucharist is a proclamation that our sins are forgiven, and that in Him we have eternal life.

Jesus didn't get in trouble for claiming to be a descendent of David, but when the significance of His complete identity began to be known; troubles began. King Herod, in his understanding, saw him as a threat to his kingship and had male children under the age of two destroyed.

In a spiritual manner Jesus will always be a threat to earthly “kings”. Power and greed can distort our understanding of others and ourselves. If we feel no power over our life and lack an understanding of our own dignity and worth we can choose to do horrible things. The opposite is also true; if we have an exaggerated sense of our power we can choose to take horrible actions toward those we perceive as a threat to this power.

There are two Gospels that have names listed; they are not identical because they are for a different group. The Jewish community that embraced the teachings of Jesus would be looking for different details than the Gentiles. This is important to

understand, because it is the nature of anyone telling a story to surround the core message with details that the listener is more able to comprehend and identify with.

Not so long ago we could just present a chapter and verse from the Bible and a Christian would accept it as God's word to us. Many were taught to believe the Scriptures is the Word of God, simply because it claims to be the Word of God, which is not actually a logical statement because anyone could put the same sentence in their writings for "proof". Today, unfortunately, there are many who simply ignore and know very little about what is in the Scriptures.

During the Season of Announcement we have several people experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit. Hearing the experiences of a number of people each relating their story strengthens our faith. They point to the promise and the promised One. Each telling how their lives are forever changed and convinced that God has visited them and God is with them. The Messiah has come to us.

During the Season of Announcement, the Holy Spirit is able to reveal the message to people who are just and open to the faith. It takes faith to believe the Bible used by Christians is the word of God and is a message of salvation.

The Church is human and also supernatural. The history of the Scriptures is the history of the Church's faith. Since the Resurrection of Christ there are many writings regarding Jesus. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church selected the writings that confirmed what Jesus commanded His Apostles to teach to all nations. This is what they believed and practiced. Members of the church can distort the teachings of the church and the Scriptures. Along with the promise made to Peter, the Lord continues to give the church Saints to call us back to a deeper and faithful understanding of His message.

Aboona

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

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.

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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Jan/12 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Genealogy Sunday

Entrance chant: Pg. 67, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 834

Sat 21 4:00 p.m.

† **Laurette G. Brouillard**

By Gerard E. Brouillard

Sun 22 10:00 a.m.

† **Brian, Robert & Nancy Sturtevant**

By The Sturtevant Family

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

Mon 23 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Christmas Eve

Tue 24 4 p.m.

Intentions of the Parish

Christmas Day

Wed 25 10:00 a.m.

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Thu 26 9:00 a.m.

† **Joe & Marie Kendra**

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Fri 27 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

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

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.

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.

Christmas Collection

The custom of giving the Christmas Collection to the priest is still followed in the Maronite Eparchies (Dioceses). In some Latin Rite Dioceses they have discontinued this tradition, and substantially increased their salaries. One of the reasons for doing this is so priests in smaller or poorer parishes would receive a more equal income compared to priests in a larger or wealthier parish.

December Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For John and Margaret Joseph Family

By Rosanna Joseph

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For John and Margaret Joseph Family

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Bread:

For Shackie and Rose-Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine:

For Shackie and Rose-Marie Joseph

By Rosanna Joseph

READERS SCHEDULE

Genealogy Sunday

Romans 1:1-12 Matthew 1:1-17

4 p.m. Dec 21 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 22 Mary Jo Hodgkin

Finding the Lord in the Temple

Hebrews Matthew 1:13-18

4 p.m. Dec 28 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 29 Mary Jo Hodgkin

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Tue 24 3:35 p.m. Christmas Program

4 p.m. Christmas Eve Liturgy

Wed 25 10 a.m. Christmas Liturgy

There are Coffee and donuts served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Dec. 22: Marie McMahon & Jan Bourque

Dec. 29: Lenore Boles & Theresa Nemer

Jan. 5: Jane Lee & Jody Veilleux

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

Religious Education Schedule

11/5 - 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 - December

Juice in plastic bottles Condiments

Canned stews Toilet tissue

Thank you for caring!

This years Giving Tree

This year we will be giving to those who are victims of Domestic Violence. Please take a tag and place unwrapped (DO NOT wrap gifts) gifts under the tree.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

As we prepare for a fairly comfortable Christmas 2013 many of our brothers and sisters in the Middle East are preparing for a rather harsh one. Still there is "no room" at the inn for Jesus.

Here below we have posted a video produced by *Aid to the Church in Need* on Lebanon. We must pray for and assist the good Lebanese people, especially those working with *Caritas Liban* and *Catholic Relief Services* to make Christmas a little better for the many Syrian refugees who have sought shelter in their country.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLIZIXs7wPk>.

From Bishop Gregory Mansour.

SONGS FOR THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Opening Hymn: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Entrance Chant: Pg. 67

Glory: Glory : L Glory

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good hope to all.

Praise the Lord all you nations, glorify him all you peoples, for steadfast is his mercy toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures for ever. **Refrain:**

HYMN: Arsal Allah

Arsal Allah ebnahoo al-wa-heed nooran. Lel-oo-mam. What-ja ba fee ha-sha mar-yam. Ol-ba-tool wa-men-ha ta-jas-sam.

Ash-ra nag-moo-hoo fee hoo-dod fa-res ka-ma 'al- bel-'ha-m Wa-ana-ra l'ma-joos/fa-ha-ma-loo eli-hee/ ha-da-ya l'ik-ram.

Ha-lel, Ha-lel, Ha-le-loo-no.

Transfer of Gifts: Blessed are You, Lord

1. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, Thru' your goodness, Lord, Bread and wine are taken.

Refrain: Bread is your body, come to be our bread of life. Wine is your blood and we offer both as a sacrifice. Blessed be God forever.

2. Blessed are you, Lord, taking on humanity, Thru' your goodness, Lord, we can share divinity.

Incense Hymn: Ik Bal

Iq-bal ya wad da tayeebeen bih noo hil-mak wa'thooba-tak al-ba khor al moo-qaddam lak Min-al moomeenee ab-na bee'a tak bi-dee ar-bab-eel kah-noot lee-ree-dak re-ba-na, (w)ra-hat la-hoo-tak.

Wa-ka-ma qa-bil-ta bee-ra-see toor qoorban l-br-heem kha-lee-lak (w)shib(ha) ma lath-that-lak (too)(yoob) Ha-roon ka-hin sha'-bak, ya-lath-thoo lak rab-ba-na ba khor-na war da 'an-naMowla-na bee-(w)-foor rah-ma-tak.

Peace Hymns Sibelius

Anaphora Parts when Sung

Cong: We remember Your death! We proclaim Your resurrection! We await Your coming!

Cong: Have mercy on us, Almighty Father, have mercy on us.

Cong: We praise You! We bless You! We worship you, Hear us, O Lord.

Hymn after the Intercessions: You have United

Closing Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1, O come, O come, Emmanuel. And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, O wisdom from on high. Who order all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain:**

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“The Catholic Church, East and West, breaths as two lungs in the same body”

Angels Explained By Children

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. Daniel, age 9

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy.

If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow.

Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. Sara, age 6

