

14, 15 December 2013 * The Dream of Joseph



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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 1:18-25 *Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.*

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today we are focused on a man of faith discovering that even though the circumstances are very

different now in the situation in which he has to take into consideration, he knows he is called to take Mary as his wife. His desire to protect her and the child from harm takes on a whole new dimension. It is not just physical harm, but also the dangers present in how they would be judged and treated, and live with the reaction of those who would harm Jesus.

Last week, the name was “God is gracious”. God was gracious to Elizabeth and Zechariah to be able to conceive John in their old age. God was gracious to us because the prophet John gave a message that prepared the culture and time for enough people to accept Jesus and to follow Him at the beginning of His ministry. This week, the name is, “God is with us.” God is literally with us in the womb of Mary. We have a song in the Maronite tradition called “God is with us”, or in Syriac, “Imanu Moryo”. God is gracious to us in a variety of ways, but to say God is with us in a literal sense is powerfully profound.

We all like empathy, which is identifying with our situations, but to become our situation, to free us, that is love. God became subject to each of our unique situations by becoming man. He is a sinless offering for us. He is able to save us. We might ask ourselves, save us from what? At the deepest level it is to save us from eternal death.

The Holy Spirit that empowered Mary to conceive also touches our lives to make us aware of our need to be saved. The Holy Spirit enlightens us to those behaviors and practices, attitudes and inclinations that are destructive in having a loving and obedient relationship with God, our self and our neighbor.

The more we think only of ourselves, the more we cannot enjoy who we are. God is always around us unless we are in hell. The suffering of hell is according to the distance we have pushed God out of our life. We are able to push the way of finding compassion and comfort from us. God is with us through letting He Who is around us to live inside of us by His power.

We are not only saved from spiritual destruction of sins we commit; we are also at a later date saved from the sin in creation. To enter into the paradise of Heaven, or to use additional words to describe this; a new earth and heaven will be created from the old. We are tested refined gold purified to now last forever immersed in God's Glory. All in a dream that is true! **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.

*Admitting errors clears the score
and proves you wiser than before.*

~Arthur Guiterman

*Better to expose ourselves to ingratitude
than fail in assisting the unfortunate.*

~Du Coeur

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Jan/13 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Dream of St. Joseph –Sunday pg.57

Entrance chant: Pg. 58, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

Sat 14 4:00 p.m.

† **Anthony Marin**

By Carole Levine

Sun 15 10:00 a.m.

† **Marion L. Maroon**

By Sylvia Plourde

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

Mon 16 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 17 9:00 a.m.

† **Ed Ticken**

By Mary Ticken

Wed 18 9:00 a.m.

† **Intention Available**

Thu 19 9:00 a.m.

† **Don & Marcia Kendra**

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Fri 20 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

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

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, 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.

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.

Food Pantry - December

Juice in plastic bottles Condiments
 Canned stews Toilet tissue
 Thank you for caring!

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

Birthdays in December

2	Norman Jabar	19	Sadie Pendexter
2	Frank Bouchard	20	Heather Mitchell
3	Melvin Nale	20	Heidi Mitchell
4	David Elias	20	Andrea Trinward
5	Janet Mitchell	21	Susan Webber
8	Mike Jabar	22	Sierra Lee
10	Anika Elias	25	Rosanna Joseph
10	Hanson Weed	26	Larry Mitchell
11	Bethany Mitchell	26	Emily Rowden
11	Jeanne Thomas	26	Joe Ferris
13	Hope Murphy	27	Milton Pendexter
13	Gregory Bard	27	Phillip Roy
18	Joseph Jabar Jr.	28	Brittney White
19	Linda Weed	28	Sara Taddeo
19	Thomas Nale Sr.	30	Alfred Joseph
19	Geraldine Nimon	30	Philip Joseph

Anniversaries for December

21 Jody & Rochid Elias

Parish Council

Tentative plans: Valentines Dance, Co-Sponsor the Franco-American weekend – Franco – Lebanese Weekend in September. A portion of the Lebanese Exhibit in Augusta will be exhibited at the Waterville Library. The Chapel relighting and hall remodeling is finished. The higher railings have received many compliments and have proved to be a great help for many.

READERS SCHEDULE

Revelation to Joseph

Ephesians 3:1-13	Matthew 1:18-25
4 p.m. Dec 14	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 15	Mary Jo Hodgkin

Genealogy Sunday

Romans 1:1-12	Matthew 1:1-17
4 p.m. Dec 21	Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 22	Mary Jo Hodgkin

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Sun 15	Religious Ed Christmas Party
Wed 18	6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
Thu 19	6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
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. 15: Children's Christmas Party

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

12/15 – 1/5 -2/2 – 3/2 – 4/6 - 5/4

MYO Schedule

12/15 Liturgy & Christmas party, 1/26 Lenten Discussion, Super Bowl Breakfast preparation, 2/2 Super Bowl Breakfast, 3/2 M'jadra dinner, 4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,336.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our condolences to **Lyn Rowden**, of our parish, on the loss of her father, **Frederick Martin Blaschke**, who went home to his eternal reward. May he rest in peace, and may his family and friends find comfort in the Lord during their time of grief.

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.

SONGS FOR THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

Opening Hymn: Pg. 57

Entrance Chant: Pg. 58

Glory: Al Majdu

Al majdu leel lah feel o 'la. wa a-lal-ar dee salam.

War ra-ja u ssa-leh lee ba neel ba-shar

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: Here I Am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts of love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Incense Hymn: Ik Bal

Iq-bal ya wad da tayeebeen bih noo hil-mak wa'thoobak 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 I-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 Tooba Lisa

1. Peace be with all God's children, / Faith, Hope, and Cha-ri-ty. / Show us Your love and mercy, / Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

2. Too-ba Lees-sa-ee-na ee-la sa-la-mee/ Fa-in-na-hoom ab-na- A-la-hee yoo-d'own.

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: A-ya Rab-boo rooh-mak wash-feq'a li-na. Waq-bal qa-ra-bee-na-na ya ra-heem. Wa-ha zeez-za-bee-ha ta'-lool kha-ta-ya. Ka-ma-qad ra-

sam-ta bee-fad-len 'a-meem. Ka-ma-qad ra-sam-ta bee fad-len 'ameem.

Closing Hymn: The Heavens Are Praising

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

Angels Explained By Children

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. - Henry, age 8

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. - Mitchell, age 7

