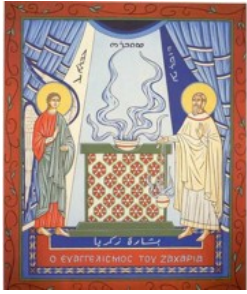


16, 17 November 2013 * Zachariah Sunday



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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.

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

Luke 1:5-25 “... the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of [the] Lord. He will drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb, and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.” Then Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” And the angel said to him in reply, “I am Gabriel, who stand before God. I was sent to speak to you and to announce to you this good news. But now you will be speechless and unable to talk until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time.” Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and were amazed that he stayed so long in the sanctuary. But when he came out, he was

unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He was gesturing to them but remained mute. Then, when his days of ministry were completed, he went home. After this time his wife Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months, saying, “So has the Lord done for me at a time when he has seen fit to take away my disgrace before others.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Would you have joy and gladness if you had a son, or a brother, who was great in the sight of the Lord, and it was because he preached repentance? This is what Zechariah’s son is going to do. Many of us are not convinced that turning away from sin is turning toward joy and happiness. Lasting joy and happiness is not a temporary feeling of elation, but a stable balanced conviction of self-worth and awareness of being right with God, themselves and with their neighbor.

Sin that we are tempted to act on will appeal exciting and fulfilling to whatever we are struggling with. Only afterwards and sometimes

a long time afterwards do we realize how much it may have messed up our life and the lives of others. This is why it is so wise to trust God's word.

Sometimes the guilt and shame isn't even what we did, but our perception of the situation. This particularly applies to the person that is over scrupulous. It seems like whatever they do they doubt the goodness of themselves. Still, we need to beware of our need for God's grace, to see clearly how we must change through His mercy to become able to live in His freedom of joy.

This Gospel story says that when you wait upon the Lord and remain faithful, He will grant you what will bring you joy and happiness. Many times we are wrong about what will make us happy. Sometimes it remains unclear, but if we keep seeking Him within our heart with trust and honesty, we will be delivered through knowing how much He loves us, and this keeps us coming to His temple to worship Him. **Aboona**

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.

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.

God gives us always strength enough, and sense enough, for everything He wants us to do.

~John Ruskin

JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Nov 15,16 aid to the Philipines
12/1 Maronite Patriarchal Charities 12/8 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Announcement to Zechariah Pg. 19

Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Sixtus Pg. 856

Sat 16 4:00 p.m.

† **Ida George**

By Hebert W. Joseph, Sr.

Sun 17 10:00 a.m.

† **John Trinward**

By Jim & Mary Jo Hodgkin

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

Mon 18 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 19 9:00 a.m.

† **Intention Available**

Wed 20 9:00 a.m.

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Thu 21 9:00 a.m.

† **Don & Marcia Kendra**

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Fri 22 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 23 4:00 p.m.

† **Ida George**

By Badia Spencer

Sun 24 10:00 a.m.

† **John & Sadie Maroon**

By Lowell & Mary Hawes

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, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout.**

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

*I think in terms of the day's resolutions,
not the year's.*

~Henry Moore

Food Pantry - November

Cake mixes Soup
Canned ravioli mix Jelly or Jam
Thank you for caring!

November Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle
James E. Peters

By the Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle
For Doris Peters Poirier

By the Family

Altar Bread:

For Salem & Nazera Peters

By the Family

Altar Wine:

Maroon & Sofia Peters

By the Family

We are looking for Lectors for Sunday 10 am Liturgy.
If you would be willing to do so, please contact
Aboona or Yvonne Nemer. Will Train.

Congratulations to:

Aaron Rowden: who was elected to the Fairfield
Town Council.

Pilar Elias, Jordan Jabar, Cody Veilleux for an
exceptional season for the Waterville High School
Soccer Team. Good job girls.

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.

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

READERS SCHEDULE

Announcement to Zachariah

Romans 4:13-25	Luke 1:1-25
4 p.m. Nov 16	Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 17	Sub-Deacon Steve

Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Galatians 3:15-22	Luke 1:26-38
4 p.m. Nov 23	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 24	Sub-Deacon Steve

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sat 16	Christmas Bazaar
Wed 20	Finance Committee 6:00 pm

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Wed 4	6 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
Sat 7	Bean Supper after Liturgy
Sun 8	Rosary Sodality Christmas Party
Sun 15	Religious Ed Christmas Party
Wed 20	Finance Committee 6:00 pm
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.

Nov. 17: Nancy Elias & Cindy Elias
Nov. 24: Laya Joseph & Lauraine Mansur
Dec. 1: Sharon Crowe & Elizabeth Wilson
Dec. 8: Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell

Religious Education Schedule

12/15 – 1/5 -2/2 – 3/2 – 4/6 - 5/4

MYO Schedule

11/14 – Set up for Bazaar, 11/16 Bazaar, 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 \$1,714.00
God bless you for your generosity.

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

MYO – Food for Thanksgiving

MYO is collecting non-perishable items for
Thanksgiving. We will be preparing a basket to
donate to the Salvation Army. Items should be
placed in boxes in the front or side entrance of
the church on or before Sunday, Nov. 24.