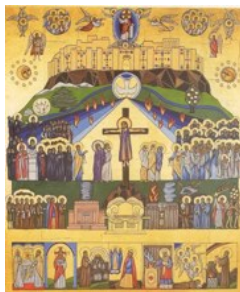


9, 10 November 2013 * Renewal Sunday



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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-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 Grard & Elizabeth Wilson		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

John 10:22-42

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense?

If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.

The Father and I are one.” The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?”

The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.” Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If those to

whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’ — and the scripture cannot be annulled — can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there.

Many came to him, and they were saying, “John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Jesus knew that the murmuring people were not interested in a plain statement that He was the Messiah. No one believes something like that just because they said so. We are meant to be thinking, questioning people, yet, open to sound reasoning and explanations.

I grew up in an area where prejudice toward Catholics was common. This was also true where I served as a priest in the south. It was easy to tell if a person was seeking information out of a genuine desire to understand, or with an antagonistic attitude. Are we allowing ourselves to be led into Sabbath worship, away from idols, away from hate into compassion and mercy? Are our decisions based on hurt and fear, or trust and a confident faith? Worship of God is not trying to figure out what most impresses and satisfies our wants. True worship is recognizing God, as He reveals Himself, and how He asks us to worship Him. The most perfect worship of God, is how His Son worshiped Him on the cross, and how we worship Him through the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, (Mass).

What strength and courage Jesus had to step forward and proclaim in the Temple that He and the Father are One. It makes perfect sense that those in the temple wanted to know if He was the Messiah, with all that He was doing; it was having a major impact on the people. Today, it is hard to understand why anyone would get upset about someone performing miracles on a Sabbath. For many, the Sabbath has no significance nor the need to worship that is distinctly Christian or Judaic.

Like a Shepherd He leads us to the right pastures at the right time. Every day, every hour, every moment is a good time for a miracle, the right time for doing good. If we were so smart about always picking the right things to eat spiritually, Jesus would not bother identifying Himself as a shepherd to keep us safe.

Why do we need to recognize His voice if any voice leads to the eternal pasture of the saved? A Divine gift of grace and mercy in a mystical way does make us "gods". Through the Son of God we become children of God. In the purest sense of course, we do not become God, but by inheritance we receive all that is good all that a loving God can give.

You will notice in the Maronite Liturgy how often the word inheritance is used. That is the language of a loving Father. This is our prayer, "You have united O Lord your Divinity to our humanity." He leads us to Himself. We are led to the Eucharist. This is the process of Divinization. We bear the image of God with ever increasing intensity as we are transformed by His grace by following His voice. **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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Nov. 10 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Renewal of the Church Pg. 9

Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 834

- Sat 9 4:00 p.m.**
† **Ida George (40 Day Mass)**
By Carol George
- Sun 10 10:00 a.m.**
† **Fernande Bard**
By Ryan and Mary Bard

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

- Mon 11** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 12 9:00 a.m.**
† **The Ticken Family**
By Mary Ticken
- Wed 13 9:00 a.m.**
† **Isabelle Kalil**
By Norma Osta Kalil
- Thu 14 9:00 a.m.**
† **Simone Vashon**
By John & Jeanne Thomas
- Fri 15 9:00 a.m.**
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale
- 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

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.

Food Pantry - November

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

Parking is no longer allowed on the East (river) side of Front Street.

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

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.

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.

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

READERS SCHEDULE

Renewal of the Church

Hebrews 9:11-15	John 10:22-42
4 p.m. Nov 9	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 10	Sub-Deacon Steve

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

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sun 10	Rosary Sodality Corporate Communion
Wed 13	Make Meat Fatayir
Thur 14	Prepare Cabbage Leaves Make Apple Pies 6 p.m. Set up Hall
Fri 15	Roll Cabbage
Sat 16	Christmas Bazaar

There will be Coffee and donuts served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy. Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Nov. 10: April Mitchell & Larry Mitchell (Muffins)

Nov. 17: Nancy Elias & Cindy Elias

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 \$3,316

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.

Congratulations to Eric Mitchell

Eric Mitchell, son of Darrell & Donna-Jo Mitchell, on Friday November 1, 2013 was promoted to Major in the Marines as an Aviator. May he continue to serve our Country proudly.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge one for yourself.

~James A. Froude