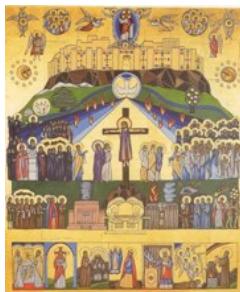


2, 3 November 2013 * Consecration Sunday



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

Matt. 16:13-20 When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today’s readings are of major importance in understanding the Catholic Churches and the role of the Pope. I used the plural for Churches, because the Catholic Church is Sister Churches who are in union with each other, and the sign of that union is the Pope; the Bishop of Rome. The Catholic Church

consists of twenty-two Churches of different rites and traditions. Over the centuries Popes have expressed this unity in a Variety of ways. Pope John XXII referred to the Eastern Churches as a treasure. Pope John Paul II used the expression of one body, breathing with two lungs. To deny that the Eastern Churches stand equal to the dignity of the Western (Roman) tradition is to deny the definition of being Catholic and the authority of the Pope.

As Catholics we believe the Pope is not only the successor of the Apostles, but also uniquely the successor of the role Peter played in the church from the time Jesus chose him to follow Him. Peter was given the keys to the door of the Kingdom, and the promise that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church. When the church is locked up in controversy of what to believe about Jesus and what he meant by what He taught, Peter has the gift to proclaim the truth as believed from the beginning.

The most important and profound truth Peter expressed through the power of the Holy Spirit. This truth is that Jesus is the Son of God, sent to us by the Heavenly Father, because out of love wants us to find salvation and recover from sin and all the harm that has come upon us because of sin.

History has revealed over and over that controversy produces division and animosity toward each other. The Scriptures are a living Word, so rich in meaning that there is always a variety of opinions and understanding of what is written and how it applies to each generation. It is unfortunate that huge amounts of resources, time and people duplicate the work of Jesus because they believe the other is not right enough to work together. The role of Peter through each Pope is to not let these differences in traditions and emphases of certain beliefs reach a point in which falsehood takes over causing a division in which they no longer want to or are willing to worship together.

Jesus proclaimed to Peter that through the Holy Spirit, he was capable of professing that Jesus is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit protects the church so that what is known to be true transcends through history. In a profound way this frees the members of the church from spending all their time being "professors" of dispute, but focused on the call of discipleship of living out the will of the Father.

Jesus said, "I am the Vine, you are the branches." We know that some branches will need to be pruned off. As Maronite Catholics, we believe Peter has the promise of Jesus to know which growths (teachings of faith and morals) must be pruned back or cut off and what must be encouraged. When the church has been slow at pruning away its sins, there is the temptation for someone to separate from the original vine and replant, emphasizing the corruption.

Jesus did not break the human race into separate groups and teach something different to them. Jesus does not contradict Himself.

Zeal is not proof of what is true. Unfortunately, what is replanted, at first, grows sometimes with incredible vigor, but always mutates to where there is a continuous splitting over teaching of faith and morals. With the promise given to Peter, there remains one faith, one Baptism, one identity of being Lord and Savior.

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.

*Opportunities multiply as they are seized;
they die when neglected.*

Life is a long line of opportunities.

~John Wicker

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Nov. 10 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Consecration of the Church Pg. 9

Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of the St. Peter Pg. 774

Sat 2 4:00 p.m.

† **Ida George**

By Anna Mitchell

Sun 3 10:00 a.m.

† **Kathleen Hawes**

By Freda Nassar & JudieLynn Nassar

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

Mon 4 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 5 9:00 a.m.

† **Emil Kalil**

By Norma Kalil Osta

Wed 6 9:00 a.m.

† **Simone Vashon**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 7 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Fri 8 9:00 a.m.

† **Gabrielle George**

By Carol George

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

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

READERS SCHEDULE

Consecration of the Church

Hebrews 9:1-12	Matthew 16:13-20
4 p.m. Nov 2	Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 3	Mary Jo Hodgkin

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

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sat	2	4:30 – 6 p.m. Bean Supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Sun	3	Religious Education
Wed	6	Parish Council Meeting
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. 3: Jody Veilleux & Jan Bourque

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

Nov. 17: Nancy Elias & Cindy Elias

Religious Education Schedule

11/3 – 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 \$1,945.00

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.

Congratulations

May God grant many happy years to, **Adam & Kristina Hikel**, who became one in the Lord Thursday, October 31, here at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church. **Adam** is the son of **Adam and Rita Hikel** of this parish.