

27, 28 December, 2014 * Sunday after Christmas

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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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: Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers	DRE: 3-5 th Lenore Boles, K-1 st Rosanna Joseph, 2 nd Jane Lee	
Parish Council:	Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson	
Ex-officio:	Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus	

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with

joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

What first caught my attention is Herod, who was an evil man, yet he believed in the prophecies regarding the Messiah and acted on the information known. Secondly even though the Magi were not of the faith, God was revealing to them this new and completing revelation.

The evil one does believe in God, does believe in the prophecies and the teachings that come to us through the Bible. Unfortunately, that belief is not an obedient submission to the will of the Father who is all that is good. Evil is an angry rebellion and in an all-consuming fixation of hate and bitterness of what is lost when what is all good and true is rejected.

The power of forgiveness and regaining this joy and peace escapes their comprehension. This is a pattern as humans that we also can become slaves to evil. We all need God’s grace and mercy to over

come spiritual blindness toward our sins. Herod knew that homage and adoration was the correct way of "faking" a love for this child and used it to try to mislead the Magi into sharing all they learned about the child. He would use the true information to do evil.

A truthful dream warned them not to return to Herod. Even though not quite so dramatic, this story is still happening in various ways and with varying degrees of evil. We can know enough about beliefs and Scriptures to convince our self that we have embraced the message of the Messiah, and yet be immersed in behavior that proves that we have strayed far from the actual life changing power of the message.

We have to be careful to not let our selves reject the form of worship that Christ gave to us for one that is simply used to please our self. There are many ways a person's misinformed sense of adoration of Jesus actually diminishes the probability of gaining the knowledge and willingness to worship as Christ revealed. Not only to our self but those who look to us to make their decision to be faithful or abandon the faith.

What are the probability non-church goers are raising their children capable of saying the prayer that Jesus taught, or remember the Last Supper and bow in adoration of His real presence in the Eucharist? In varying degrees, we all have a bit of Herod in us. We can end the continuation of our faith heritage by leaving our children clueless about the importance and place the faith has in our lives. The writers of the Gospels want us to believe that it was worth the long journey to Bethlehem to adore and protect this Savior of all. They embraced a new faith.

Aboona

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: **Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Jay Petersen, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

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

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Jan 11 Fuel (Pink Envelope)

Liturgy: Sunday After Christmas

Entrance chant: Pg.78, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles: Pg. 754

The Song number and page is on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 27 4:00 p.m.

† **Joseph & Mary Smus**

By Paul, David & Patricia Smus

Sun 28 10:00 a.m.

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By Ronald & Marian Ciccia

NO Weekday Liturgies

Sat 3 4:00 p.m.

† **Paul & Marlene Peters**

By Eric Peters

Sun 4 10:00 a.m.

† **Mary (Paul) Maroon**

By Peter Maroon

Liturgy Codes: †= Faithful Departed, SI=Special Intention, BD=Birthday, AV.=Anniversary, H=Health.

January Food Pantry

Ravioli	Condiments
Toilet paper	Stews

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

Fuel Budget	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$203.00
Collected before last week	\$1,261.00
Total yet to collect	\$(18,536.00)

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Aboona** and the **Jensen Family** for the loss of their Mom, **Bertha**, who died Monday evening. We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.

January Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

Peter Joseph

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

Peter Joseph

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

Altar Bread:

Bernie Thomas

By The Family

Altar Wine:

Available

By

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,182.00

God bless you for your generosity.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions when you are unable to attend, our monthly bills still continue to arrive every month.

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

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

READERS SCHEDULE

The Sunday after Christmas

Revelations 21:9-10

Mathew 2:1-12

4 p.m. Dec 27 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 28 Joe Rowden

Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Hebrews 7:11-19

Luke 2:41-52

4 p.m. Jan 3 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 4 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Sat 3 Madcap Madrigal 6:00 pm

Sun 4 Religious Education

Wed 7 6 p.m. Parish Council

Sat 10 Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00 pm

Mon 12 Maronite Priest Retreat Begins

Coffee Schedule

We will continue to serve muffins at the coffee hour - thanks to Larry Mitchell and Gareth Belton

Dec 28: Theresa Nemer & Jane Lee

Jan 4: Dale Sturtevant & Lenore Boles

Jan 11: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

Use of the Hall – Guidelines will be posted.

We really have a beautiful hall and because it is used more often now, there needs to be more attention to its proper use and care. Sometimes there is a request to use the hall, and without guidelines, it is not always clear what is expected of the group after they are done using the hall. Guidelines will be made available in the hall.

When anyone asks to use the hall, it is expected they will take responsibility to be sure it is clean after each use. We do not have a staff to do this for you.

From the Maronite Liturgy

O Child, Ancient of Days,
wrapped in swaddling clothes,
the shepherds of Bethlehem
and the Magi from the East
came to worship you,
and the angels gathered to sing to you:
“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace.”

The Church throughout the world
prepares for your birth with joy and gladness.