

## 18, 19 October, 2014 \* Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross



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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.

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

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

### **Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

Jesus is talking to people who are asking questions. They are concerned about the kingdom of heaven

because they are concerned about the after life. Everyone at different times and reasons wonders about what happens after death. Sometimes it might be in response to someone they love dying. It might also be considering one's own mortality. Because of these universal thoughts and questions, it is also a religious question. What is Jesus teaching about the after life?

There are some who do not believe in an after life they just decay and become part of the earth. They are gone. Some believe the body dies and becomes a part of the earth and a spirit of sorts becomes something else in some other form. Some believe that the spirit continues to keep its original identity now freed from the body. In beliefs accepting an after life there is also a belief that the good is separated from the bad. Who does the separation and how varies immensely among groups and individuals.

Jesus is talking to the people of His religious upbringing, fellow Jews. Even among the Jews there was a split between those who believed an complete resurrection from the dead, the body and the spirit, and those who did not believe there was a resurrection of the dead. By what Jesus said to

them; He identified Himself as one who does believe in the resurrection of the dead; and that through one's decisions they would enter into joyous life built on justice, peace, and intense love or absence of all that is good.

The majority of Americans have moved away from belonging to any particular organization that is specifically formed to teach, follow, learn, and worship Jesus in the manner the Apostles did. The Sacred Scriptures are the collected letters of those who were taught directly by those who walked with Jesus and believed He was the long awaited Messiah.

In this Gospel, Jesus is the Groom and the Church is His bride. In the tradition of His people, bridesmaids light candles and light the way for the bride to be led to the groom. The smart ones make sure they have with them all that is necessary to keep the lights burning until they reach the groom's home, and they meet. The foolish fail in making the right choices to make sure the light lasts until the groom joins with the bride. The foolish is focused on their own need for position. The wise is focused on the responsibilities of their calling.

Jesus believes that He is the King of this heavenly Kingdom. At the beginning of every Liturgy we sing this truth because the Divine Liturgy is where heaven meets earth. Where the groom comes to us the church, His bride, through the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

We are offered enough grace and mercy to make it to the day of light, the day we are to meet Jesus. We as members of the church, His bride, are given all the gifts necessary for our salvation. We also can make decisions that block the oil of grace He offers to us.

Christianity does not remove accountability and responsibility from what is rightfully to be expected of us. Grace is not immunity, but the forgiveness for the repentant, the healing for the sick, the compassion for the grieving, and the door to eternal life. **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, Deacon Peter Joseph, Theresa Lee, 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.

#### **Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Nov. 9 School Subsidy Envelope will be used toward fuel from now on.

#### **Liturgy: Fifth Sunday after Holy Cross**

Entrance chant: Pg. 608, Creed: Pg. 748, Anaphora of St. Mark Pg. 835

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 18 4:00 p.m.**

† **Roy, Elaine & John Scott Joseph**  
By The Family

**Sun 19 10:00 a.m.**

† **Kathleen Hawes**  
By The Family

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

**Mon 20** Father's day off for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

**Tue 21 9:00 a.m.**

† **Celia & Nicholas Nichols**  
By Janet George

**Wed 22 9:00 a.m.**

† **Yvonne Nemer**  
By Carl & Beverly Eppig

**Thu 23 9:00 a.m.**

† **Lucille Huber**  
By Dan & Pam Casavant

**Fri 24 9:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**  
By Mark & Laurie Nale

**Sat 25 4:00 p.m.**

† **Marie Aboussi (40 Day Liturgy)**  
By Laya Joseph

**Sun 26 10:00 a.m.**

† **Buddy & Eva Mitchell**  
By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

**CHURCH DINNER:** The Rosary Sodality will be sponsoring an **Ala Carte Dinner** on October 18 in the Church Hall from 4:30 to 6:30. The menu will include: Meat and Spinach Fataya (turnovers), Salata, Lubi (String Beans) and rice. Items may be purchased separately or a dinner plate may be purchased for \$7 which will include: 2 Fataya, Salata, Lubi & Rice. **Please, support this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the church.**

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

## October Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

### St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

**For Special Intention**

By Gerard E. Brouillard

### St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

**For Subdeacon Deeb Ferris**

By The Family

### Altar Bread:

**For Shackie & Rose Marie Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

### Altar Wine:

**For John & Margaret Joseph**

By Rosanna Joseph

### Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Judith Ferris**, family, and friends on the loss of her sister **Dale Ferris** who recently died. We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.

A memorial Liturgy will be at Notre Dame, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m.

### Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,938.00

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.

### Parish Council & Finance Council

A large portion of our conversations focused on how to improve attendance and the need to become more financially stable. It was necessary to recently transfer \$10,000 from investments in order to pay our expenses. **If this continues to be necessary** each year, we only have reserves for another 10 years. We all need to work together on finding a solution. **Please support our Fund Raisers; this is necessary to be financially stable.**

## READERS SCHEDULE

### 5th Sunday After Holy Cross

Philemon 2:12-18 Matthew 25:1-13

4 p.m. 18 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 19 Mary Jo Hodgkin

### Sunday of Christ the King

Romans 12:9-12 Matthew 25:31-46

4 p.m. 25 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 26 Joe Rowden

## EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Sat 18 Ala Carte Lebanese Dinner 4:30-6:30

## EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Sat 1 Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00

Sat 8 Bazaar 9:00-3:00

Sun 9 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Sa&Su 9 NAM Awareness Weekend

Wed 12 Parish Council Meeting 6:00

## Coffee Schedule

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

Oct 19 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque

Oct 26 Emily Fournier & Sharon Crowe

Nov 2 Cindy Elias & Nancy Elias

Nov 9 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

## Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015

11/2, 12/14 (Christmas Party) 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

## Remember St. Joseph in your will

Consider including your parish in your will.

## November 8<sup>th</sup> Bazaar - White Elephant Sale

Any items (no clothing needed) should be left at the school. Let Larry Mitchell or Aboona know that you are bringing them, and they can be left on the landing if we are not available to unlock the Maronite Center for you.

**CRAFT TABLE:** If you are crafty and would like to help now would be a good time to start knitting those mittens or dish cloths, making Christmas ornaments or anything else that we will be able to sell on our Craft table. We are relying on you to make this year's Bazaar a success.

## Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Laya Joseph, Nassim Nasr, and Salim Nasr** of this parish on the loss of their sister **Marie Aboussi** who recently died in Lebanon. We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.

## October Food Pantry

Variety of Soups Jiffy Mixes

Juices in Plastic Personal Care Items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.