

13, 14 September, 2014 * Exaltation of the Holy Cross



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Season of Pentecost

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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, David Elias, Lisa Grard, Frank Griffin, Lowell Hawes. Rosanna Joseph, Pearly Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson	
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus	

John 12:20-32:

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.

Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder.

Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Dear Parishioners and friends.

The Feast of the Holy Cross reminds us that salvation is through the Christ who was crucified. Even though this was humiliating, and Jesus prayed for this hour to pass, it also glorified Him. Jesus was troubled as he went through this experience and found comfort in His Father’s voice of unconditional love spoken to Him. The glory is that life has more power than death. The glory is that the radiant light of healing and joy is more powerful than darkness and pain.

Jesus felt immense physical and emotional pain on the cross. He knew the power of evil was finally being crushed and conquered. The pain was left behind when He gave up His spirit from His body. This is the Glory when His Father received Him, embracing His son in the return of the eternal embrace that has no beginning or end. The glory is that we can also receive this embrace because of Him. We are called to embrace His sacrificial way of salvation and inherit the Kingdom of God.

In our walk toward salvation and its glory, we will experience moments of being troubled deeply. We will experience moments of humiliation, and find our self searching and even begging for a voice providing comfort and meaning to the situation we are going through. Like the Crucifixion of the Messiah suffering is meaningless without the power and the belief in the Resurrection.

We can experience the voice of God who glorifies us through His Son, the anointed one, when we invite Him

into our lives, into each situation to guide us. Jesus uses the symbol of light and darkness. In the physical world we live literally in a pattern of darkness to light over a 24-hour period. In this manner we are kept aware that darkness ends. The darkness of the world completely ends when Christ returns making a new earth and heaven at the general resurrection. This does not necessarily mean literally this earth we are on right now, but certainly one that all our senses will be fulfilled in a manner that pleases us beyond anything we can imagine.

Jesus says for a while you have the light, so walk in it. Darkness comes and you must prepare for it. The more we understand and know God, just like the more we know and understand the world around us; we will not experience the "terror of the night" as Scripture says. When our faith is superficial, built on sand, we crumble and fall in times of trials. When our love for others is superficial our relationships soon crumble away. When fear makes our decisions we lose our heart's goal and destination.

There is a judgment. In many ways the judgment of God is Him accepting our decisions. The evil ruler of the world is driven away. This means the day will come when evil cannot take place in the presence and place of God's dwelling. God does not have to literally drive away each person judged to be evil, but that they follow the evil one who is driven away. If we are following the evil one, we are moving on our acts and decisions that we wish to follow. If we are following the One who was raised up on the Cross, we are moving through our actions of faith and decisions that we wish to follow, the commandments of love He teaches us through the Scriptures He inspired to be written and those He called to teach us all things that Jesus taught them.

It is the rebellious that cannot learn from God's revelation. This is why the first sin is revealed in a story that expresses disobedience to the knowledge of God. Thus in Genesis, Adam and Eve ate from the tree of knowledge in a disobedient way. The cross, the new tree of knowledge, restores supernatural life. We do not have to make the same mistakes over and over. We move from consequences of our disobedience to the victory of our obedience to the Will of the Father. Jesus lived the perfect way of obedience. He picked up His cross, lost His worldly life and gained the eternal embrace of Love for all of us.

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, Deacon Peter Joseph, Theresa Lee, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, 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: Sept. 14 School Subsidy
Liturgy: Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Entrance chant: Pg. 608, Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. Sixtus Pg. 856

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 13 4:00 p.m.**
† **Khalil & Abousleiman, & Frangieh Harfouch**
By John Sleiman
- Sun 14 10:00 a.m.**
† **Evelyn Blaschke (40 Day Liturgy)**
By The Family

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

- Mon 15** Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 16 9:00 a.m.**
SI All our Soldiers
By Doris Labranche
- Wed 17 No Liturgy**
- Thu 18 No Liturgy**
- Fri 19 No Liturgy**
- Sat 20 4:00 p.m.**
† **Gerard Nadeau**
By Charles & Rina Morin
- Sun 21 10:00 a.m.**
† **Caroline Nale**
By The Nale Family

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

Maronite Cathedral in Brooklyn is filmed with a history of the Maronites in New York
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Zldb8aLchA>

September Food Pantry

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| Ravioli | Condiments |
| Stews | Toilet Paper |

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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

November Bazaar - White Elephant Sale

Any items 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.

September Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Fred & Evelyn Blaschke
By Joe & Lyn Rowden

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Fred & Evelyn Blaschke
By Joe & Lyn Rowden

Altar Bread:

For Bernie Thomas
By The Family

Altar Wine:

For Bernie Thomas
By The Family

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,992

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.

Remember St. Joseph in your will

Consider including your parish in your will.

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.
~W. T. Purkiser

READERS SCHEDULE

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 12:20-32
4 p.m. 13 Lenore Boles	
10 a.m. 14 Joe Rowden	

1st Sunday After Holy Cross

2 Timothy 2:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
4 p.m. 20 Lila Hallowell	
10 a.m. 21 Joe Rowden	

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 14 Rosary Sodality Meeting
17-24 Father will be away for the 40 Anniversary
at St. Michael's in Fayetteville
S&S 27-28 Registration for Religious Education

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Wed 1 Parish Council Meeting
Sat 4 Bean Supper 4:30 – 6:00
Sun 5 Religious Education
Sun 12 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Coffee Schedule

For the summer: Larry Mitchell (Muffins)

E-Mail Bulletins

The **Monthly** and **Weekly Bulletin** is sent out by E-mail. If you have Internet service and would like to have the bulletin sent to you this way, send an E-Mail to the church. The email address is on the front of the bulletin.

What you think about yourself is much more important than what others think of you.

~Marcus Annaeus Seneca

Religious Humor

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven."

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.