

30, 31 August, 2014 * Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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Season of Pentecost

<http://www.sjmaronite.org>

“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	

Luke 8:1-15

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'" "Now the parable is this:

The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those

who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The Kingdom of God, is not the same as the earthly kingdom we are experiencing now. A common danger is to think that there is no need for us to be open or even hear the word of God. We have trouble identifying what is fertile ground for the good wheat to sprout and provide a nutritious meal of peace and security. One the greatest threats to the message of peace, is the growing attitude that the followers of Jesus and the multiple and sometimes contradictory interpretations of the Gospel are responsible for the lack of peace and security.

When we fail to do what makes the ground fertile. When we fail to believe in the importance of the seed to be planted. When we ignore and deny the damage and effect of loving riches and pleasures over the value of protecting the growing wheat of faith the transformation of the broken hearted and hurting ends. What happens is the broken and downtrodden not experiencing the authentic living of

the faith become susceptible to a different kingdom; the kingdom of death instead of life. We are witnessing the withering of the good and the sprouting of the evil.

When Jesus tells the meaning of the parable, He obviously believes there is an evil power ready and willing to snatch His message from their heart. That implies that a person could have personally received the message in his or her heart, but remains there briefly. We don't lose freewill when we accept the Word of God, nor are we held against our will. Like the story of Adam and Eve, we can be fooled to accept what is false about God and through misinformed arguments we can be led from the truth.

Sometimes we worship the joy we felt, like a mood altering experience, the focus is to lopsided on the entertainment, feel good, rather than the endurance of patience of following even when it is difficult. Christianity is not what we "get out of it" but what can transform and change us by Mercy and Compassion. Too many people give up, letting the thorns and trials of life drive them away rather than strengthening them into a mature living of the faith.

Jesus transforms the good wheat into His Body, and His Body through the Eucharist transforms us into Him. Not that we become a duplicate of Jesus, but that our lives are meant to manifest His power over evil, His light over darkness.

To neglect the Word of God, to not provide a fertile ground for the seed of faith to be planted, to not learn how to survive among the thorns and rocks; the world we leave will be one starved ravenously feeding on evil and an endless litany of grievances of hate against one another. To know truth from the Giver of truth is necessary to conquer the giver of falsehood.

The successful farmer is the one that knows what is harmful to his plants and what is beneficial and acts upon this knowledge. **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, Brent Maroon, Mitch Michaud, 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

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

Ravioli Condiments
Stews Toilet Paper

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Sept. 7 Catholic University of America
Sept. 14 School Subsidy

Liturgy: Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Entrance chant: Pg. 427 (A), Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. John Pg. 815

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 30 4:00 p.m.
† **Eddie & Van Joseph**
By Jo Gottardi

Sun 31 10:00 a.m.
† **Ferris Ferris**
By The Family

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

Mon 1 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 2 9:00 a.m.
† **Massoud & Eva Harb**
By Janet George

Wed 3 9:00 a.m.
† **Yvonne Nemer**
By Kate & John Garofalo

Thu 4 9:00 a.m.
† **Jeanette Pratt**
By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 5 9:00 a.m.
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 6 4:00 p.m.
† **Gerard Nadeau**
By Jackie Doucette

Sun 7 10:00 a.m.
† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**
By John Sleiman

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

Movie and Article on St. Sharbel

To read about and watch a movie on St. Sharbel you can follow this Link.

<http://te-deum.blogspot.com/2014/07/saint-charbel-movie.html>

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 \$1,677.00

God bless you for your generosity.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions while gone during the summer, our monthly bills still continue to arrive during the summer.

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.

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

13th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 3:1-11 Luke 8:1-15
4 p.m. Aug 30 Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 31 Joe Rowden

14th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 Luke 10:38-42
4 p.m. Aug 30 Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 31 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed 3 Parish Council Meeting
Sun 7 Festival at the Falls 12-4 pm
Sat 13 Bus Trip to Boston
Contact person Emily Fournier 314-8607
Sun 14 Rosary Sodality Meeting
S&S 27-28 Registration for Religious Education

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.

**Chaldean Patriarch Sako's
prayer for peace follows:**

Lord, The plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience, and courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever.

Visitation of the Maronite Patriarch

His Eminence and Beatitude Bechara Peter, Cardinal Rai, the **Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and the East** will be celebrating a Divine Liturgy for all the Christians of the Middle East September 11, 2014 in Washington D.C. Several other Cardinals, Bishops, and priests will be attending. If you would like to attend let me know. **Aboona**

*Be submissive to good,
unbending to evil, gentle in generosity,
untiring in love, just in all things.*

~St. Columbanus