

16, 17 August, 2014 * Eleventh 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	
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Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.

So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

As a little boy it really impressed me that Zacchaeus could climb a sycamore tree because they are hard to climb, there are not many branches to hold on to and the bark

can be smooth and slippery. I know I never tried to climb one. The Gospel isn't really about what kind of tree it is, but that a grown man was willing to climb one just to see Jesus. He heard enough about Him that motivated him to want to see Him. He was not indifferent about Jesus. Are we becoming indifferent?

So here we are; a short rich man climbed a tree to make sure he would be able see. What is wonderful, is that Jesus noticed him a man in a profession that most everyone assumed was a thief, uncaring, a sinner unworthy of a Rabbi's time or attention. Maybe Zacchaeus was all these things. None of this is as important as what Zacchaeus became after taking Jesus into his home. Not only was Zacchaeus transformed, but the lives of many were changed through the transformation of his heart and life.

A person who makes the effort to know the true identity of Jesus, and not just the many opinions of the crowd, will get to discover for themselves Jesus changes the lives of many through the change of a few. Sadly, it doesn't take very many people with delusional and or animosity toward what they think is Christianity to make life miserable for others.

Zacchaeus's life was changed by the truth of the message of Jesus. He told Jesus what he would do. I will give half to the poor, I will pay four times back what I have defrauded. He isn't saying that he did defraud and stole from the poor, but if he discovered that through his new

found understanding of what it means to have the mind of Jesus, he would make restitution.

This is how we should want the world to be, lives transformed and healed and empowered to do what is good and pleasing to the Lord. That what is heard and experienced about Jesus motivates all to want Him to effect their life this way. It can be difficult to fight through the crowds of opinions to see for themselves that they can bring Him home and dine with Him. True wealth and peace for the world is to touch the heart in a manner that gives rather than takes.

Even though Zaccheus could legally and/or through his craftiness take advantage of others; he stopped and became generous. Jesus is the ultimate example of sacrificial love and pardon that He gives to all of us. We are of infinite value to Him. **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>

August Food Pantry

Bisquick Jelly Cake Mixes
Family sized items – soups, ravioli, etc.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Aug 16. 17 Aid the Christians in Iraq and Syria

Liturgy: Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Entrance chant: Pg. 427 (A), Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 16 4:00 p.m.
† **Rita Buker & Vi Paulette**
By Ron & Sandra Paulette
† **Rev. Paul Coury**
By The Parish
Sun 17 10:00 a.m.
† **Yvonne Nemer**
By Gordon & Sue Webber

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

Mon 18 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation
Tue 19 9:00 a.m.
† **Kenneth Stevens**
By Janet George
Wed 20 9:00 a.m.
† **Madeline Vashon**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
Thu 21 9:00 a.m.
† **Gerry Joseph**
By Barbara Mitchell
Fri 22 9:00 a.m.
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale
Sat 23 4:00 p.m.
† **Yvonne Nemer**
By Lorraine & Ray Cyr
Sun 24 10:00 a.m.
† **Fr. Marcel Dumoulin**
By Greg & Maryanne Gillespie

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.

August Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle
Available

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle
Special Intention
By Gerry Brouillard

Altar Bread:

For **Shackie and Rose Marie Joseph**
By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine:

For **John and Margaret Joseph Family**
By Rosanna Joseph

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,341.00

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.

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**

READERS SCHEDULE

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 2:17-22 Luke 19:1-10
4 p.m. Aug 16 Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 17 Joe Rowden

12th Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 3:1-13 Mathew 15:21-28
4 p.m. Aug 23 Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 24 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

S&S 16-17 Collection for the persecuted
Christians of Syria and Iraq
Thu 21 8 years, 1 month I arrived in Waterville.
(I forgot to put this in for July 21st. 8th anv.)
Sun 24 Chicken BBQ 11:30 am-1:30 pm

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

* information on insert sheet

Coffee Schedule

For the summer: Larry Mitchell (Muffins)

Special Collection for the Churches under severe persecution.

The Maronite Bishops have asked for a collection to be taken on the 16, 17 of August in all Maronite Churches. The Patriarchs of the Middle East are pleading for help as their churches are being burned and their homes are being confiscated. Many have lost their lives. They have nothing as they flee from lands they have lived for centuries before Islam even came into existence. This persecution is against anyone who does not embrace this gross and wicked distortion of what should not even be identified as Islam. Many Muslims of different traditions are suffering the same fate.

Throughout history, without justice and sound teaching, religions have suffered the infection of a like cancer on the body. Evil triumphs when the good do nothing. Pray for justice and pray for peace to the Prince of Peace.

*To have a good friend
is one of the highest delights of life; to be a good
friend is one of the noblest
and most difficult undertakings.*

~Anon.