

26, 27 April, 2014 * New Sunday



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Thomas touches the wounds

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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

Teachers **DRE: 3-5th** Lenore Boles **K-1st** Rosanna Joseph **2nd** Jane Lee

Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant David Elias, Lisa Grard, Frank Griffin, Lowell Hawes. Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson

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“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

John 20:24-31

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Conclusion: Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of [his] disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Even now billions do not believe that God would want to be identified as also being human through taking on the flesh of our humanity through what we call the Incarnation. He became sin and died so that we can become free of sin and have eternal life. This is a scandal to many.

It is obvious that we do not truly accept or want to see ourselves as we truly are, otherwise there would not be multibillion-dollar industries responding to our desire to feel and look better than what we see in the mirror. Our desire to numb our senses or intensify them supplies billions to those trafficking in illegal products. There is even the trafficking of people. Not everything that improves our sense of well-being is necessarily always wrong. Like anything else; all creation is created good, but we are capable of misusing what is created.

God loves us, and He loves the world, this is why He sent His Son. His love is of no value to us, if we reject Him. He became us, so we can become Him. In the Eastern Church this is called Divinization. Not that we become a God, but that we inherit all that He

has by grace and mercy. With Him, we are raised up like Him. Our death, our wounds lose the ability to cause us pain.

The importance of this Gospel reading is to witness that Jesus truly was crucified and He did die, and now is raised up in glory. He touched wounds that rob a body of life, yet becomes a body now living in glory.

Based on history and the present constant global news, revenge, hatred and anger is the message of the world. If the world were following the message of Jesus, the world we live in would be a very different place. Jesus didn't hide his scars, nor terrorize the families, country or culture in which those responsible came from. He didn't take the scars, flaws and hurts of any family, country, or culture and demean them to be less than what He knows He can lift them as high as anyone who lives by His grace and mercy.

The wounds of Jesus were the proof that Thomas asked for to believe that Jesus was alive. He already had proof that Jesus was a healer and a forgiver of sins. Jesus didn't have to hide His wounds, because they brought Him no shame or pain any longer. In fact He showed His wounds to witness His mission of the price and the victory of salvation.

We all carry the wounds of our humanity. No one can be born without knowing pain. From the beginning of our existence in the womb, with our first breath and our last, we sometimes experience pain without understanding why and where it comes from. Jesus after experiencing the heart wrenching pain of physical, spiritual, and psychological distress, left it all behind Him and chose to forgive the thief and His tormentors.

For us, He shows His wounds, to demonstrate to us, that no matter how life may have scarred us, for all eternity the scars can no longer bring us pain, not to our body, not to our spirit, and not to our mind. Like Jesus, when we die with Him and live for Him, our scars exist in peace; no longer able to bring us shame, no longer a mark that would make others uncomfortable. We can see the power of God's love and compassion triumphing over death and sin.

Thomas touched the wounds, but Jesus was not them for sympathy, but to build faith. Every thought, every action, every plan, was directed to bring the message of reconciliation us all. Victory over the sting of all that hurts; Divine Mercy awaits us. We win what He won when we run the race with Him.

Aboona

Thank you! for the Easter Cards, and gifts. They are most appreciated. May the Spirit of Easter remain in your heart and the hope in the Resurrection sustain you throughout your life.

Fr. Larry

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection 5/4-National Shrine Of Our Lady of Lebanon 5/11 Catholic School Subsidy

Liturgy: New Sunday - Divine Mercy

Entrance chant: Pg. 387, Creed: Pg. 748, Anaphora of St. Sixtus Pg. 856

Liturgy Intentions

LITURGIES OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 26 4:00 p.m.

† **Peter M. Joseph**

By Barbara Joseph

Sun 27 10:00 a.m.

† **Jerry Joseph**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

Tue 29 9:00 a.m.

SI Michael & Lisa Kendra

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Wed 30 9:00 a.m.

† **Madame Jeannette Sleiman**

By John T. Sleiman

Thu 1 9:00 a.m.

† **Rose Lombardo**

By Janet George

Fri 2 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 3 4:00 p.m.

† **Eddy Atkins, Sr.**

By John T. Sleiman

Sun 4 10:00 a.m.

† **Jordan Maroon**

By Lebanese Youth Society

Correction:

Last week's Liturgy for **Louise and John Hooglund** was offered by Janet George.

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, Kendra 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

*Lord Jesus,
make us worthy to celebrate
with spiritual hymns your appearance
to Thomas and your apostles.
You desired to strengthen the faith of your holy
Church by inviting Thomas
to put his hand in your pure side.
Strengthen our faith, like his, in the mystery of
your glorious resurrection.
Fill us with your hope and love,
so that we may raise glory to you, to your Father,
and to your living Holy Spirit, now and for ever.*

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

April Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Victor & Stella Chadwick

By Dominick Rinaldi

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For John Tardiff

By Bernice Tardiff

Altar Bread and Wine:

For Victor & Stella Chadwick

By Dominick Rinaldi

READERS SCHEDULE

New Sunday – Divine Mercy Sunday

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 John 20:26-31

4 p.m. April 26 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 27 Subdeacon Steve

Third Sunday of the Resurrection

2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 24:13-35

4 p.m. May 3 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 4 Mary Jo Hodgkin

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 27 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Lebanese Supper

EVENTS FOR MAY

Sun 4 Annual Rosary Sodality Banquet

Wed 7 6:30 Parish Council

Sun 11 Mothers' Day

Sun 18 First Holy Communion

There is coffee and donuts served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy, sponsored by the Rosary Sodality. Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Religious Education Schedule - 5/4

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,497.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Mount Merici Academy is accepting registrations for Nursery School, Pre-Kindergarten, and grades 3-7 (K, 1 & 2 are currently full). Please call or email the school to schedule a visit or for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

Christian One-Liners

- * Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- * God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- * God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- * God loves everyone, But probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'
- * God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- * He who angers you, controls you!
- * If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

Yom HaShoah:

Holocaust Day of Remembrance event coming up on Sunday, May 4th at 1 PM in the Augusta Civic Center, To find out more about the event click below:

<http://hhrcmaine.bpt.me/>

Entrance:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the holy anthem rise

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the holy anthem rise, And the Choirs of heaven chant it in the temple of the skies. Let the mountains skip with gladness and the joyful valleys ring. With hosannas in the highest to our Savior and our King.

2. Alleluia! Alleluia! Like the sun from out the wave, He has risen up in triumph from the darkness of the grave. He's the splendor of the nations, he's the lamp of endless day; He's the very Lord of glory who is risen up to day.

Entrance Chant: Pg. 387

Glory :

I Will Lift My Eyes To God - Psalm 121

1. I will lift my eyes to God who dwells upon the mountaintops.

He is strong, He is my help and in Him I place my trust.

I will lift my eyes to Him for he has made the heavens bright. And the earth He clothed with life when he made the day and night.

2. I will lift my eyes above for He will save me from all harm.

For the Lord He is my strength and He keeps me from alarm.

In His shade I will find rest He never sleeps He watches guard. He is near by my right hand leading me along His path.

Transfer of Gifts:

The Lord Reigns Pg. 750

Incense Hymn: Ik Bal

Iq-bal ya wad da tayeebeen bih noo hil-mak wa'thooba-tak al-ba khor al moo-qaddam lak Min-al moomeenee ab-na bee'a tak bi-dee ar-bab-eel kah-noot lee-ree-dak re-ba-na, (w)ra-hat la-hoo-tak.

Wa-ka-ma qa-bil-ta bee-ra-see toor qorban I-br-heem kha-lee-lak (w)shib(ha) ma lath-that-lak (too)(yoob) Ha-roon ka-hin sha'-bak, ya-lath-thoo lak rab-ba-na ba khor-na war da 'annaMowla-na bee-(w)-foor rah-ma-tak.

Peace: Tu Ba

Anaphora Parts when Sung

Cong: We remember Your death! We proclaim Your resurrection! We await Your coming!

Cong: Have mercy on us, Almighty Father, have mercy on us.

Cong: We praise You! We bless You! We worship you, Hear us, O Lord.

Maronite Charity Appeal

You will soon receive information regarding the Maronite Charity Appeal. This year we are asked to raise \$4,000 for the needs of the Maronite Church. This money goes for the education of Seminarians, support of the retired priests, and other charities of the Maronite Church. Ordinarily this is done during Lent, but due to the collection for fuel, we delayed this Appeal.

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***“The Catholic Church, East and West,
breaths as two lungs in the same body”***

Closing – Christ is Risen