

19, 20 April 2014 * Sunday of The Glorious Resurrection



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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
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Christ has Risen! He truly has Risen!

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Faith is a gift from God, finding an empty tomb does not prove Jesus was raised from the dead. Discovering and witnessing that it was empty because they saw Him alive made them believers. It is through faith that we believe their witness over the voices of millions who do not know or believe that the tomb was empty because they moved His body or simply didn't tell the truth.

The four Gospels tell the finding of the empty tomb different in the details, because this is not the focus of the Gospel. This is the frame in which we see and believe what is Life giving. Humanity was saved by the death of the One sent by the Heavenly Father who was raised up and now lives forever.

The stone did not have to be rolled away for Jesus to escape from the tomb. He now has a glorified body; nothing material can stand in his way. It is rolled away so we can go into the emptiness, come out and discover the fullness of Life found in the Risen Lord. It is important that we are able to go into the tomb, not necessarily the tomb He was buried in, but into

our own emptiness. We then discover that we too, are dependent on the power of God to be raised up, and completed through His loving grace and mercy. Christianity believes that we need to be redeemed in order to live eternally with God. We believe we can be restored to exist in perfect peace, joy, harmony, and embraced by an all-consuming love.

We don't need proofs that people die, hurt, grieve, and struggle with pain, disappointment, and can be devastated by betrayal. The fact that we can imagine a more perfect world to live in is innate because a perfect world was created for us and our spirit hungers and searches for this place.

Jesus the Son of God entered our world to experience it the way a human experiences. He can carry our burdens, forgive our sins, and restore our broken lives. The first to experience this is the thief that confessed Him on the cross who then entered Paradise to be with Jesus.

Jesus knows His message changes the way we exist. In the miracles that He worked, He healed the broken bodies and hearts of whomever He touched. Our bodies can do wondrous things in self-healing with medicines, but ultimately there comes a time and situation where the body and science can do no more, and more of life comes through Jesus.

We can study and read endlessly to help transform our thinking and attitudes, but at some point we will need what He has to have peace. As good and wise as a teaching may be, in the deepest recesses of the heart, it will be grace and mercy that mends. As hard as we try, we cannot do it on our own.

The ultimate power is the power that Christ has over death. The Good News is that we don't forever have to suffer the consequences of our actions if we turn away from the wrongs that we do. The power of God's love is that we change our responses to the world that we live in. When the soldiers were arresting Jesus, Peter used his sword to defend Jesus, in doing so; he cut the soldier's ear off. Jesus told Peter, that those who live by the sword die by the sword and then healed the soldier.

There is the temptation to make a judgment about whether Jesus should be followed based on the behavior of the followers. For this soldier, that would be a mistake, there would be no healing in his life. We have to be careful to make sure our beliefs are in the right place, for the right reason, and the right object of our faith.

Jesus heals, transforms, forgives, challenges, teaches, rescues, and finally brings us into His safe and protected Kingdom. Our creator still lives, He has conquered death. **Aboona**

Pardon, not wrath, is God's best attribute.

~Bayard Taylor

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: Hosanna Sunday

Entrance chant: Pg. 317, Creed: Pg. 748, Anaphora of St. Peter Pg. 786

Liturgy Intentions

LITURGIES OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 19 8:00 p.m.

† **Subdeacon Frank & Lucille Joseph**

Their Daughter Sheila Bonenfant

Intentions of the Parish

(No choir at this Liturgy)

Sun 20 10:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parish

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

Tue 22 9:00 a.m.

SI Don & Marcia Kendra

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Wed 23 9:00 a.m.

† **Selma (Joseph) Thompson**

By Morris Peters

Thu 24 9:00 a.m.

† **Louise & John Hooglund**

By Morris Peters

Fri 25 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 26 4:00 p.m.

† **Peter M. Joseph**

By Barbara Joseph

Sun 27 10:00 a.m.

† **Jerry Joseph**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

Thank You Choir

Thank you Fefa and choir members who gave that extra time to make sure that the music for Holy Week and Easter were exceptionally inspiring.

Altar Care

Thank you Theresa and Laurie for making sure the altar area was prepared for the special services during Holy Week.

Thank You Servers at the Alter

Thank you Servers and Readers who by your presence and help made the special Liturgies inspiring.

Alleluia! From the tomb our Savior rose in strength and might, giving his apostles joy on this great day. From their faces he dispelled all signs of grief, and brought joy to peoples who professed his name.

Maronite Liturgy

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

The Tomb is Empty!

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of Lord's Glorious Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 Mark 16:1-8

8 p.m. April 19 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 20 Joe Rowden

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

EVENTS FOR APRIL

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 19 8 p.m. Sundown

Sun 20 10 a.m. Sunday of the Resurrection

Sun 27 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 \$2,989.00

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!

***That person is truly humble
who converts humiliation into humility.***

~St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Christian One-Liners

* Peace starts with a smile.

* I don't know why some people change churches;

What difference does it make which one you stay home from?

* Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em - He'll clean 'em.

* Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.

* Coincidence is when God chooses to remain

anonymous.

* Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

* Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

Alleluia!

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.

Whose Prayers was God listening to?

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren. After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife.

The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes and more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife would leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a voice from heaven booming, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?" "My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings." "Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "what did he pray for that I should owe him anything?" "He prayed that all your prayers be answered." For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us.

This is too good not to share. My prayer for you today is that all your prayers are answered.

From the internet

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