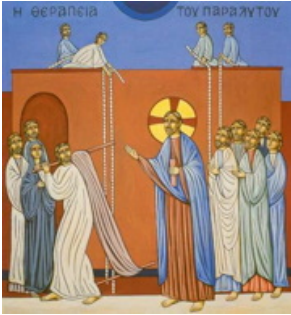


29, 30 March 2014 * The Healing of the Paralytic



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The Paralytic

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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

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

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

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Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" — he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once,

and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

In this translation men opened up the roof to let him in. In other translations it gives the impression that they tore the roof open. This reminds us to not overly focus on details to dispute over, but on the necessary responses and actions to reach the power of Jesus. We should not be surprised that sometimes it takes effort on the part of others and ourselves to reach healing and forgiveness.

Sometimes we do have to rip through all the negative attitudes and judgments to reach the mercy and healing power of God. Sometimes the best way to express what we need to do is our willingness to open up to Him. In this case all the efforts of his friends, and the openness in which the needs were laid before the Lord were met with someone who was paralyzed could now walk not only physically, but also spiritually

walk in the freedom of knowing what it is like to feel free deep inside in the soul.

To know forgiveness is an incredible and profound experience. To be able to forgive is being set free from the paralyzes of ones own mind that clings to all the pain of the hurt of sin, rather than the healing to be free of all the destruction that harboring pain can cause us.

The scribes were limited in understanding the promise of being sent a Messiah to restore the human race to a right relationship with God. So often we don't want the solution to the evils of the world or the problems in our life to be that we personally have to forgive.

At one level, the scribes are correct; only God can forgive sin. There is also a level in which we requested to also forgive sin. In the Our Father, we are taught that as we forgive we are forgiven. To forgive is to desire internal freedom from the effects of sin, not deny that something was a sin. We don't need to try to become indifferent or minimize the hurt and pain we usually experience when sin is involved, but how to not be destroyed by the repercussions and its effects on us.

Which easier for Jesus; to heal others physically or spiritually? I think it was easier to heal; to heal Jesus didn't experience vicious rejection. To challenge distorted beliefs and be the victim of misunderstandings is painful. We are far more willing to reveal our physical illnesses and want God's intervention than admit to Him our need for forgiveness. How blessed we are to have a Savior that heals and forgives. **Aboona**

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Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, no food or drinks in church, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

Food Pantry - March

Bisquick, Canned Stew, Juice in plastic bottles, & Toilet tissue. - Thank you for caring!

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection 4/13 School- 4/18- Holy Land

Liturgy: The Healing of the Paralytic

Entrance chant: Pg. 238, Creed: Pg. 748,
Anaphora of St. Peter Pg. 786

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 29 4:00 p.m.

† **Gerard Nadeau**

By The Bernie Thomas Family

Sun 30 10:00 a.m.

† **Biff, Margaret, & Gary Joseph**

By Gail Joseph Guthrie

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

Will be attending the Blessing of the Holy Oils in Brooklyn

Tue 1 No Liturgy

Wed 2 No Liturgy

Thu 3 No Liturgy

Fri 4 9:00 a.m.

† **Thelma Hanson**

By Barbara Joseph

Sat 5 4:00 p.m.

† **John Nimon**

By Gerry Nimon

Sun 6 10:00 a.m.

† **Jordan Maroon (40 day)**

By the Family

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, 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

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

*You would not exist if you did not have something
to bring to the table of life.*

~Herbie Hancock

March Devotions

Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Subdeacon Deeb Ferris

By the Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For John Tardiff

By Bernice Tardiff

Altar Bread and Wine:

For Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi

By Dominick Rinaldi, Sr.

March is NAM, National Apostolate of Maronites, Month at St. Joseph's

NAM is the official lay apostolate of the Maronite Church of the USA. The only lay apostolate of its kind in the Maronite World, it was established in 1964 and has held a national convention every year since. NAM was established before the presence of a Maronite Bishop or diocese in the USA. In fact it was begun to help unify and organize the Maronite faithful in order to petition Rome for a Maronite Bishop. Since 1966, NAM has served the then Diocese of St. Maron and now serves both our Maronite Eparchies and our Eparchial bishops.

CATCHING FIRE BECOMING A FLAME:

A 6-week journey of spiritual transformation with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM is a Lenten DVD and discussion series hosted by Corpus Christi Parish. These will be offered on two different days and times: Mondays (Mar10 –Apr 14) 7:00–8:30 pm; and Tuesdays (Mar 11–Apr 15) 12:30–2:00 pm. Sessions will be held at the Faith Formation Center next to St. John’s School in Winslow. For more information call Joshua Houde.

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.
~Aldous Huxley

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Paralyzed Man

1 Timothy 5:24-6:5 Mark 2:1-12
4 p.m. March 29 Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 30 Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Man born Blind

2 Corinthians 10:1-7 Mark 10:46-52
4 p.m. April 5 Lila Hallowell
10 a.m. 6 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR MARCH

Sun 30 Rosary Sodality Meeting

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Wed 2 10th Anniversary for Bishop Greg in his Ordination to being Bishop
Thu 3 6 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri 4 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder
4 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions
Sat 5 **No** Bean Supper
Sun 6 Religious Education
Wed 9 6 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
Thu 10 6 p.m. Choir Practice
Fri 11 4:30 – 6:30 Haddock Chowder
11 6:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions
Sun 13 Hosanna / Sha’neenee (Palm Sunday)

Holy Week Schedule

Thu 17 7 p.m. Washing of the feet
Fri 18 12 Noon Signing of the Chalice
7 p.m. Burial of Our Lord and Savior
Sat 19 10 a.m. Service of Light

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 19 Sundown, time yet to be determined
Sun 20 10 a.m. Sunday of the Resurrection

Sun 27 Lebanese Supper

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

Religious Education Schedule

5/4

MYO Schedule

4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

Last Week’s Collection

Regular Collection \$1,774.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Entrance: Pg. 237
Entrance Chant: Pg. 238

Glory :

Er-ham-ni Ya Allah. Ca-a zi-mi-rah-ma-tac.
Wa ca-mets li cas-rat-ra fa-tac. Om-hi-ou ma-
a-si-migh sil-ni ca-si-ran min is-mi-wa min
kha tif ay-ti ta he-ran-l Li-a-na-ni a-na ea ri-
fon bi-a-sam l wa kha ta ya ya-ma-mi fi cou-l-
hi-nen. Wa-la-ca ya li-qoul maj-dou ya Al-lah.

Hymn: O Daughter of David

1. Qamat Maryam bentoo Dawood behzal
'hood. Tan dob ebnaha almas loob be-eye
diljoo-nood. Rom-hool hosnee ghes
foonafseeha. Wamenalamaihee gha bat han
hes-see ha. Somma fa'at alwaleedat wasa hat
-ah ya wa-la dah.

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 khood 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 qoorban l-
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 khood-na war da 'an-
naMowla-na bee-(w)-foor rah-ma-tak.

Peace: Peace Like a River

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.**

Closing – The Heavens are Praising

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

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is observed on all the
Fridays of Lent by all faithful from the ages of 18 to
65.

Fasting from all food and drink (except water
and medicine) is to be observed on **Great Friday of
the Crucifixion**. Optional would be the traditional
abstinence from meat on Wednesdays. Those who
are unable to fast because of ill health must perform
other penances and acts of charity.