

# 15,16 February 2014 \* Sunday of the Righteous & the Just



## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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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.

<b>Choir Director:</b>	Fefa Deeb	<b>Sacristans:</b>	Yvonne Nemer, Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>DRE:</b> 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Lenore Boles K-1 <sup>st</sup> Rosanna Joseph 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee		
<b>Parish Council:</b>	David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Lowell Hawes, Aaron Rowden, Lisa Grard, Elizabeth Wilson & Sheila Bonenfant		
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

### Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of

my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The gospel is not about giving out a list to follow, and if you follow it you will be saved and if we don't we will not be saved. Ultimately we are saved by God's loving grace and mercy. Salvation is a relationship with God, our self and our neighbor.

Jesus presents Himself in a manner that makes Him very vulnerable and in some ways unappealing. We can't fake empathy, the ability to feel with the other

person. It is a tempting to observe a characteristic or action, and due to our perception and attitude write them off, and declare them unworthy of mercy and understanding.

Every day we make decisions. Some are small, some are big, but they all add up to something that can become very significant in who we become by the time we stand before the Lord.

Even if a person did not believe in God or Satan, he cannot escape from the difference between truth and lies. When Jesus sits on His throne, He does not turn us into a goat. He simply identifies our chosen characteristics. Until our physical death, we can choose how we will exist for eternity. Jesus has to be presented as the one who identifies and separates; this is because the liar to others is a liar to one's self. By Jesus telling a story of those doing good without knowing they were doing it for Him; He is able to say their goodness came truly from their love for others and not simply motivated to do good as a "form of bribery" to have Jesus ignore the evil they do.

The deceitful know exactly how to charm, who to charm, who to look good in front of, how to make it sound true, how to play on fears, to be convincing ... to get what they want. History is filled with tragedies of leaders who misled with convincing deception. Rich, poor, weak, powerful; no group is immune to having a hardened heart.

It would be great if it were easy to distinguish between those truly in need and those who are manipulating the system. It is better to error on the side of compassion.

Jesus offers a leadership that is motivated by compassion and mercy. The best hand out is the one that is combined with giving the inner moral character Jesus gives to those who believe in Him, that provides dignity, confidence and hope. There are ways of giving that enslaves others, and ways that provide dignity and a means of providing hope and the inner qualities to become free of what it is that enslaves them. **Aboona**

#### **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.

#### **In This Weeks Maronite Voice**

Read the Lenten Regulations and an article by Bishop A. Elias Zaidan; the new bishop for the Western Eparchy, who will be ordaining a married Deacon to the priesthood. Pope Francis has given permission to ordain married men to the priesthood in the West, on a case-by-case petition. (Fifty percent of the Maronite priests are married in the Middle East.

#### **Liturgy Helps:**

**Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** 2/23 Catholic Home Missions

**Liturgy: Sunday of the Priests**

Entrance chant: Pg. 158, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of the Twelve Apostles Pg. 754

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 15 4:00 p.m.**

† **Armand Brouillard**

By Gerard E. Brouillard

**Sun 16 10:00 a.m.**

† **Deceased Parents**

By Pearley & Alice Lachance

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

**Mon 17** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

**Tue 18 9:00 a.m.**

† **Thomas Namer**

By Larry & Paula Mitchell

**Wed 19 9:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

**Thu 20 9:00 a.m.**

† **Gerry Joseph**

By John Joseph

**Fri 21 10:00 a.m.**

**SI Don & Marcia Kendra**

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**Sat 22 4:00 p.m.**

† **Jeannette Marie Sleiman**

By John Sleiman

**Sun 23 10:00 a.m.**

† **Mary B. Maroon**

By Paul & Steven Maroon

#### **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: **Theresa Clark, Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, 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.

## **M'jadra Dinner and Talent Show** **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM**

A great Lenten meal and free entertainment.  
\$5.00 for an Adult \$2.00 for children under 12  
The Nale family has continued their mother's (Caroline) tradition of preparing the M'jadra.

**Menu:** Salad, yogurt, olives, Lebanese Bread, M'jadra (Lentils), Macaroni & Cheese, and Bahlewe (Baklava) for dessert.

If you attended the Talent show last year, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in this yearly event. From the singing of the 12 days of "Lent" using Lebanese words for foods, Aboona playing his accordion, Deacon Peter's jokes, and the sharing of other talents by young and less young alike makes for an enjoyable time to be together.

Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too. See Marie Deeb to add your name to the list of distinguished entertainers.

### **February Devotions**

#### **Sanctuary Candles**

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

**For**     **Bernie Thomas**  
**By**     The Bernie Thomas Family

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

**For** **John Tardiff**  
**By** Bernice Tardiff

### **Altar Bread and Wine:**

**For**     **Mary B Maroon**  
**By**     Paul & Steve Maroon

**Think you might have a calling to be a Maronite Priest?** There will be a Discernment Weekend April, 4-5 to explore the call to become a Maronite Priest at the Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC.

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

### **Famous Church Bulletin Bloopers**

- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- **Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.**

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday of the Righteous and the Just**

Hebrews 12:18-24     Mathew 25:31-46  
4 p.m. Feb     15 Lila Hallowell  
10 a.m.     16 Joe Rowden

### **Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

1Thessalonians :5:1-11     Luke 16:19-31  
4 p.m. Feb     22 Lenore Boles  
10 a.m.     23 Joe Rowden

### **EVENTS FOR MARCH**

Sat     1     Bean Supper  
Sun     2     Cana Sunday - Mjadra Dinner  
Mon     3     Ash Monday  
Wed     5     Parish Council  
Fri     7     Fish Chowder Supper  
Sun     9     Rosary Sodality  
Sun     16    St. Patrick's Dinner (Corned Beef, Ham,)  
Wed     19    26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood  
22-23   Weekend Lenten Retreat (More info to come)

**There is coffee and donuts** served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Feb 16: Cindy Elias & Kelly Elias

Feb 23: Nancy Elias & Elizabeth Wilson

Mar 2   Mary Hawes & Emily Fournier

Mar 9   Larry Mitchell & April Mitchell (Muffins)

Mar 16 Jane Lee & Laya Joseph

### **Religious Education Schedule**

3/2 – 4/6 - 5/4

### **MYO Schedule**

3/2 M'jadra dinner, 4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

### **Food Pantry - February**

Canned ravioli   Jelly   Cake mix     Soup  
Thank you for caring!

### **Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection     \$2,305.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

**CATCHING FIRE BECOMING 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.